

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(31)

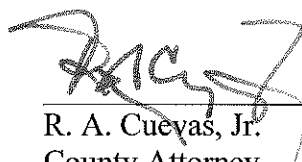
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 4, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving 2014
federal legislative priorities

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's _____, 3/5's _____, unanimous _____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-4-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2014 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the second session of the 113th United States Congress was convened on January 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal legislative agenda to the Board, to include all “urging” resolutions related to federal legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directed that the federal and State legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten (10) priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that, upon the priorities being approved and effective, incorporating any amendments by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal delegation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2014 federal legislative priorities are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Approves the 2014 federal legislative priorities as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the 2014 federal legislative priorities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

Please select ten priorities from the resolutions passed by the Board of County Commissioners and other possible priorities included below to be identified as critical priorities:

Board of County Commissioners Resolutions:

- R-180-14: Resolution URGING Congress to pass the Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2014, S. 1993, or similar legislation that would protect elderly veterans from financial scams and predatory financial advisers
- R-177-14: Resolution URGING the United States Congress to enact "The Strengthening the Child Welfare Response to Human Trafficking Act of 2013" or similar legislation
- R-70-14: Resolution URGING Congress to enact legislation known as Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act or similar legislation to provide paid family and medical leave
- R-869-13: Resolution URGING Congress to enact legislation to prevent flood insurance premium rate increases on homeowners mandated by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012; URGING Congress to enact the Flood Insurance Implementation Reform Act of 2013, H.R. 2199 or similar legislation delaying the pending premium rate increases on homeowners under the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012
- R-861-13: Resolution supporting Mayors Against Illegal Guns in URGING the United States Congress to extend comprehensive and enforceable background checks to cover private firearms sales, including gun shows and over the internet
- R-819-13: Resolution URGING Congress and the Florida legislature to enact legislation requiring online retailers to collect sales tax on internet sales transactions
- R-818-13: Resolution URGING the United States Congress to enact legislation raising the federal minimum wage for tipped employees
- R-817-13: Resolution URGING Congress to enact legislation making it illegal to profile an individual based on race or gender; URGING Congress to enact the End Racial Profiling Act, S. 1038, H.R. 2851 or similar legislation prohibiting law enforcement agencies from engaging in racial profiling and mandating training for federal law enforcement officials on racial profiling issues
- R-772-13: Resolution URGING Congress, the Florida Legislature, the Florida Secretary of State and other applicable federal and state agencies to provide funding for the restoration of Naval Air Station Richmond Building No. 25 as the Miami Military Museum

- R-756-13: Resolution URGING the United States Coast Guard to revise the regulations pertaining to the Venetian Causeway drawbridges so as to restrict the on signal openings of said drawbridges; directing the mayor or designee to file a request with the United States Coast Guard District Commander for a permanent change to the Venetian Causeway drawbridges operating requirements consistent with this resolution
- R-714-13: Resolution opposing legislation before Congress that reduces or eliminates the tax-exemption on interest for state and local government bonds
- R-713-13: Resolution URGING President Barack Obama and the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to immediately establish a Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program, similar to the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program
- R-637-13: Resolution URGING the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Education to reform the current student loan system; URGING the U.S. Congress to restore the 3.4 percent interest rate on subsidized Federal Student Loans
- R-479-13: Resolution URGING the United States Congress to enact legislation to allow Miami-Dade County to use Fiscal Year 2013-14 Head Start grant funds for program operations rather than for Head Start training and technical assistance
- R-466-13: Resolution URGING president Barack Obama, who is scheduled to visit the Republic of Senegal in the near future, to have his administration work with Miami-Dade County and the Republic of Senegal to facilitate and establish an Aviation Gateway between Miami International Airport and airports in the Republic of Senegal, so as to link these airports to promote economic development and increase passenger and cargo traffic
- R-462-13: Resolution URGING Congress to pass the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2013, S. 601 or similar legislation; URGING Congress to enact legislation to make the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act permanent; URGING Congress to enact legislation to protect water infrastructure bonds
- R-380-13: Resolution URGING the United States Congress to enact H.R. 1318, the Youth Promise Act, or similar legislation
- R-259-13: Resolution URGING the United States Congress to enact House of Representatives bill 974, the Move Freight Act of 2013, enacting amendments to existing law to legislate the further promotion of infrastructure improvements and require state planning to enable Florida and the United States and to remain, and become more, competitive in the movement of freight in the world market

- R-184-13: Resolution adding to and expanding on the elements of comprehensive immigration reform that this board supported in R-1084-12; URGING the United States Congress to enact legislation modernizing the immigration system during the 113th Congress based on specified principles; supporting the agreement on a framework for comprehensive immigration reform recently proposed by a bipartisan group of United States Senators
- R-1084-12: Resolution URGING President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to support and enact comprehensive immigration reform during the 113th Congress

Other possible priorities for the Board's consideration:

- **U.S. CBP and CBP-Ag Staffing at MIA** – *ADVOCATE* for adequate CBP and CBP-Ag staffing at MIA. CBP passenger and cargo perishables inspections for international arrivals are a critical component of operations at MIA. As the federal government continues to increase security measures and inspections of inbound international passengers and cargo, maintaining sufficient CBP and CBP-Ag staffing at MIA is critical for operational efficiency.
- **Beach Corridor Transit Connection** – *ADVOCATE* for Federal funding through the Department of Transportation that would allow the development of a Beach Corridor Transit Connection (formally known as Bay Link). The Beach Corridor Transit Connection could provide a rapid-transit connection between the cities of Miami and Miami Beach, and also serve as an essential transportation link to important upcoming economic-engine projects.
- **Federal Funding of the Deep Dredge** – The Seaport Department recommends the federal government allocate a nominal amount, between \$50,000 to \$75,000, for the -50ft Deep Dredge Project in the President's FY2015 Budget for reimbursement of the federal share of the project advanced by the State of Florida. The Deep Dredge has been designated a project of Regional and National Significance and is one of the most important infrastructure projects on the drawing board in the U.S. The Deep Dredge will create over 30,000 new, high paying jobs and double cargo throughput.
- **Municipal Waste Combustor (MWC) MACT Standards** – *OPPOSE* any Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued MWC MACT rule that imposes standards using the "pollutant-by-pollutant" methodology. The EPA should set standards by selecting facilities that have the best overall pollutant levels, in addition to considering waste content and emissions variability. Setting standards by the best individual pollutant levels would result in unrealistic and unachievable emission standards, some of which may not be met by the PWWM's Waste-to-Energy facility. Imposing a MWC MACT standard measurement using a "pollutant-by-pollutant" approach could result in increased operational and capital costs as well as costly fines and the potential closing of the facility.

- **Infrastructure & Bridge Funding** – *SUPPORT* funding for needed repairs to county owned and maintained bridges