



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (21)

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

DATE: May 6, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging President Barack Obama to suspend deportations of undocumented Venezuelans with no criminal history and urging the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to immediately designate Venezuelan immigrants for temporary protected status

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RAC", written over a horizontal line.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

RAC/cp



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: May 6, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)
5-6-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO
SUSPEND DEPORTATIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED
VENEZUELAN WITH NO CRIMINAL HISTORY AND
URGING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF
HOMELAND SECURITY TO IMMEDIATELY DESIGNATE
VENEZUELAN IMMIGRANTS FOR TEMPORARY
PROTECTED STATUS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has a significant and growing Venezuelan population,
some of whom are undocumented Venezuelan immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Venezuelans have greatly contributed to the progress of Miami-Dade
County, and the United States at large; and

WHEREAS, there are severe humanitarian consequences of deporting undocumented
Venezuelans due to the ongoing armed conflict and extraordinary conditions in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, deportation of undocumented Venezuelan parents harms young children,
who are often left without parental guidance or care and in a highly unstable financial situation;
and

WHEREAS, in 2012 there were 11.7 million undocumented immigrants living in the
United States, according to the PEW Hispanic Center; and

WHEREAS, there were 368,644 deportations from the United States in 2013, according
to United States Immigrations and Customs Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, America's immigration system is broken; and

WHEREAS, legislation to reform immigration policy was passed by the United States
Senate on June 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Homeland Security has the power to grant Temporary Protected Status to nationals of certain countries for humanitarian causes; and

WHEREAS, currently, immigrants from countries granted Temporary Protected Status include immigrants from El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua,

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

Section 1. Urges President Barack Obama to suspend deportations of undocumented Venezuelans with no criminal history.

Section 2. Urges the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to immediately designate Venezuelan immigrants for Temporary Protected Status.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, and the United States Secretary of Homeland Security.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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		Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz		Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman		Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime		Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto		Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 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.

MP

Matthew Papkin