

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

**DATE:** December 2, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution waiving by a  
two-thirds vote of members  
present term limit restriction  
for County board members;  
and reappointing Ricardo  
Gonzalez to the Fire  
Prevention and Safety  
Appeals Board

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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(Revised)

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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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12-2-14

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION WAIVING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE  
OF MEMBERS PRESENT TERM LIMIT RESTRICTION  
FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS; AND  
REAPPOINTING RICARDO GONZALEZ TO THE FIRE  
PREVENTION AND SAFETY APPEALS BOARD

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 10-06, amending Chapter 2, Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida to permit the waiver of term limits for members of County boards; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code, no board member shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years on a board unless the Board of County Commissioners, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, votes to waive the eight (8) year term limit; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Section 14-46(B) of the Code, members on the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board serve for three (3) year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, Ricardo Gonzalez has served on the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board for more than eight (8) years; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to waive the applicable term limit and reappoint Ricardo Gonzalez to the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board for another three (3) year term; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of Ricardo Gonzalez's resumé is attached,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, waives the restriction that a particular member of a board

may not serve more than eight (8) consecutive years on that board, and reappoints Ricardo Gonzalez to an additional three (3) year term as a member of the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. 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

Bruno A. Barreiro	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Daniella Levine Cava	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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 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.

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Daniel Frastai

## Resume for Ricardo Gonzalez

8611 Dundee Terrace Miami Lakes, Florida 33016

Home Phone: 305-821-1239 Cell Phone: 305-467-8069

E-Mail: rgonza@comcast

### Objective:

**RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY APPEALS BOARD**

### Experience:

(Fire Dept, Related)

**2004 - PRESENT (2014)**

**MIAMI DADE COUNTY FIRE DEPT**

Miami, Fl.

**FIRE PLANS EXAMINER**

Fire Plans Processing of all Commercial Properties: Life Safety Review, Site Plan Review, and Fire Suppression Review.

Special Assignments - Office Work - Complete Computer Skills

**1985 - 2004**

**HIALEAH FIRE DEPT**

Hialeah, Fl.

**FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR**

Performed duties related to Fire Prevention and Life Safety such as:

Fire Plans Review

ALF Inspections

Code Enforcement work

Fire Investigations

Day Care & HRS Inspections

Hazardous Materials Inspections

Public Education

Life Safety Systems Inspections

Certificate of Occupancy Inspections

Complaint Inspections

Apartment Building Inspections

Occupational License Inspections

Special Assignments

Job Interviews

**1999 - 2004**

**HIALEAH FIRE DEPT**

Hialeah, Fl.

**1990 - 1997**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE HIALEAH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Specialized in the field of Code Enforcement - Performed all Code Enforcement for the Fire Department - Sent out Notices of Violation and Citations - Followed up case until compliance and fine reduction - Presented cases before the Code Enforcement Board and before a Special Master.

**1985 - 2004**

**HIALEAH FIRE DEPT**

Hialeah, Fl.

**FIRE PLANS EXAMINER**

Reviewed Plans uninterruptedly during all this time - Reviewed plans for the construction of New Buildings, Alterations, Repairs, and Life Safety Systems - Reviewed Site Plans, Plot Plans, & Concurrency Reviews - Served as a Liaison between the City of Hialeah Fire Department, the Building Department, and the Business Community.

**2002 - 2004**

**HIALEAH FIRE DEPT**

Hialeah, Fl.

**1997, 1995 - 1986**

**FIRE INVESTIGATOR**

Specialized in this field and performed over 350 structure and vehicle fire investigations - Have testified twice in court as an expert witness and have had several depositions through the years.

## Ricardo Gonzalez

**Education  
(Fire Related)**

1985 - PRESENT (2014)                      SEMINARS ATTENDED                      Florida  
 Have attended numerous seminars through the years dealing with all aspects of Fire Prevention, Code Enforcement, Building Construction, Plans Review, and Arson Investigation in order to maintain my certifications up to date every 3 years.

2002                      FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC.                      Orlando, Fl.  
 Obtained required re-certification in Level II

2000                      FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC.                      Orlando, Fl.  
 Obtained Code Enforcement Level II Certification

1998                      FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC.                      Orlando, Fl.  
 Obtained Code Enforcement Level I Certification

1991 - 1993                      MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE                      Miami, Fl.  
 Obtained Associates Degree in Fire Science

1989                      ALCOHOL, TABACCO, & FIREARMS SCHOOL                      Glynco, Ga.  
 Attended Arson for Profit Investigation classes provided by the U.S. Department Of the Treasury.

1985                      MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE                      Miami, Fl.  
 Obtained the Life Safety Inspector Certification

**Education  
(Non Fire Related)**

1978                      STAN FRIEDMAN REAL ESTATE SCHOOL                      North Miami, Fl.  
 Obtained Florida Real Estate Broker's License - Presently active as a part time Broker Salesman

1977                      STAN FRIEDMAN REAL ESTATE SCHOOL                      North Miami, Fl.  
 Obtained Florida Real Estate Salesman's License - Currently active

1966 - 1969                      BURNSIDE-OTT FLIGHT TRAINING SCHOOL                      Opa-locka, Fl.  
 Obtained Private and Commercial Single Engine Land Flying license - Performed some Instrument and Simulator Training

1966 - 1968                      MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE                      Miami, Fl.  
 Attended for 2 years - Aeronautical Studies

**Committees  
(Fire Dept. Related)**

1999 - PRESENT (2014)  
MIAMI DADE COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY APPEALS BOARD  
 Co-Chair - Meets every other month to hear and resolve Life Safety issues throughout all of the municipalities in Miami Dade County.

1998 - 2004  
FIRE LIFE SAFETY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
 Committee member - met monthly to resolve Life Safety issues that deal with the construction of any structure within the envelope of the Metro Rail Transit System.

1996 - 1997  
SOUTH FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE REWRITE COMMITTEE  
 Co-Chair - Met weekly to revise the South Florida Fire Prevention Code.

## Ricardo Gonzalez

### Organizations (Fire Related)

1985 – PRESENT (2014)

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION – (NFPA)

Receive Literature on all up to date fire related issues and code interpretations. Provide annual on going seminars on Life Safety related issues in order to maintain current with the new codes.

2004 – PRESENT (2014)

FLORIDA FIRE MARSHAL'S AND INSPECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

Provide seminars on all fire related items

1998 – 2004

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC.

Receive literature on all up to date Code Enforcement related issues on cases throughout the State of Florida. Provide annual meetings and continuing education seminars. Have received 2 levels of certification.

1995 – 2004

FLORIDA FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Monthly meetings of Inspectors throughout the County – Discussed current Life Safety and Code Enforcement issues throughout South Florida. Provided guest speakers on fire related issues.

2003 – 2004

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Provide seminars dealing with fire investigations

1987 – 1991

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS

Was an active member of the organization. Attended several seminars and received annual fire investigation literature

### Active Licenses & Certifications (Fire Related)

LIFE SAFETY INSPECTOR

Obtained State License in 1985 and have maintained active by way of attending seminars for re-certification renewals.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC

Have attained both Level I and Level II certifications

### References

FIRE CHIEF HERMINIO LORENZO

Past Fire Chief of the following Cities and Counties: Miami Dade County, Broward County, City Of Hollywood Florida, and City of Hialeah, Florida.

CAPTAIN TONY TOLA

In charge of Fire Engineering in Miami Dade County

LT. DANIEL GAINES

Supervisor in the Fire Engineering Department in Miami Dade County

LT. RAY PEREZ

Current Fire Marshal for the City of Hialeah

LT. MARK RAMIREZ

Past Fire Marshal for the City of Hialeah

LT. BRUCE WARD

Past Fire Marshal for the City of Hialeah. Currently the Deputy Fire Chief & Fire Marshal for the City of Oakland Park, Florida

## Ricardo Gonzalez

Civic  
Organizations

1998 - 2010

HIALEAH PAN AMERICAN LIONS CLUB

Charter member of the club. Have served in the following capacities: Zone Chairman, Director, President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. The goal of the organization is to provide assistance to those individuals less fortunate than ourselves, such as: The Blind, Diabetic Children, Hearing Impaired, Etc.