

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

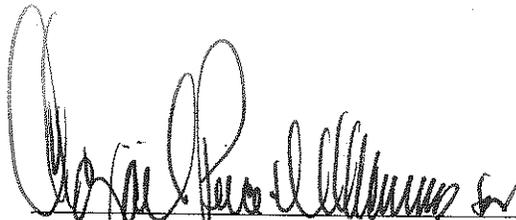
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 17, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress,
President Obama's
Administration and United States
Department of Housing and
Urban Development to expand
the Moving to Work program to
permit more public housing
agencies, including Miami-Dade
County, to participate in the
program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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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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3-17-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS, PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ADMINISTRATION AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO EXPAND THE MOVING TO WORK PROGRAM TO PERMIT MORE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES, INCLUDING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (the "County") is a "public housing agency" as defined in the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. § 1437 et seq., as amended), and is the owner and operator of 12 public housing asset management projects, which include a total of 9,314 units; and

WHEREAS, the County also administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program ("Section 8"), which includes a total of 15,291 vouchers and other federal housing programs subsidized by United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("Housing and Urban Development"); and

WHEREAS, the demand for housing assistance in the County is higher than the assistance that the County can offer; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to provide housing opportunities to more families, the elderly and disabled; and

WHEREAS, unlike other welfare programs, public housing, Section 8 and other housing programs do not have work requirements or limits on the length of time each participant can receive rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the aim of the County's housing programs should be to move able participants towards economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, this Board also believes that public housing, Section 8 and the other housing programs should be temporary rather than permanent; and

WHEREAS, Housing and Urban Development has established a demonstration program known as the Moving to Work program (“Moving to Work”); and

WHEREAS, Moving to Work provides public housing agencies with the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally-designed strategies that use federal dollars more efficiently, help residents find employment and become self-sufficient, and increase housing choices for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, Moving to Work serves as a laboratory for efforts to alter or streamline how public housing and Section 8 assistance is distributed nationally, regionally, and locally; and

WHEREAS, Moving to Work gives public housing agencies exemptions from many existing public housing and voucher rules and more flexibility with how they use their federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Moving to Work public housing agencies are expected to use the opportunities presented by Moving to Work to inform Housing and Urban Development and the housing industry about better ways to address local community needs; and

WHEREAS, only 39 of over 3,200 public housing agencies nationally participate in Moving to Work; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to urge Congress, President Obama’s Administration and Housing and Urban Development to expand Moving to Work to permit more public housing agencies, including Miami-Dade County, to participate in the program,

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

Section 1. Incorporates and approves the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Urges Congress, President Obama’s Administration and Housing and Urban Development to expand the Moving to Work program to permit more public housing agencies, including Miami-Dade County, to participate in the program.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, the remaining members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 4. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

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:

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| Jean Monestime, Chairman | |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman | |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Daniella Levine Cava |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Dennis C. Moss | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | Xavier L. Suarez |
| Juan C. Zapata | |



The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of March, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.



Terrence A. Smith