MEMORANDUM

EPC
Agenda Item No. 2(H)

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

DATE: July 9, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution establishing County Policy to set aside no less than $2,500,000.00 in documentary stamp surtax funds on an annual basis for elderly housing developments; directing the County Mayor to award the Documentary Surtax Funds that are set aside for the Elderly to County Commission Districts with the greatest need for elderly housing as set forth in the County Mayor's March 31, 2015 "Report on the feasibility of increasing affordable housing for the elderly"; and directing the County Mayor to update the "report on the feasibility of increasing affordable housing for the elderly" every five years

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

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: September 1, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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.
9-1-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY POLICY TO SET ASIDE NO LESS THAN $2,500,000.00 IN DOCUMENTARY STAMP SURTAX FUNDS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR ELDERLY HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AWARD THE DOCUMENTARY SURTAX FUNDS THAT ARE SET ASIDE FOR THE ELDERLY TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS WITH THE GREATEST NEED FOR ELDERLY HOUSING AS SET FORTH IN THE COUNTY MAYOR'S MARCH 31, 2015 "REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY"; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO UPDATE THE "REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY" EVERY FIVE YEARS

WHEREAS, the Florida Alliance for Retired Americans, Inc., a non-profit organization, which actively pursues and promotes legislation and public policies that are in the best interest of current and future retired Floridians, found that during the last century, the senior population increased from 3.1 million to 33.2 million and that by 2030 it is estimated that the senior population will increase to 80 million; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that half the people 65 years and older live in nine (9) states with California, Florida and New York leading the way; and

WHEREAS, as the senior population continues to grow, the need for affordable, safe housing also grows; and

WHEREAS, in a 2002 United States congressional report written by the Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Facility Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century it was estimated

that the demand for rental housing for the elderly, for instance, would be upwards to 2.3 million additional units by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, for senior Floridians to live self-sufficiently, one of their basic needs is suitable and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, secure, affordable housing for seniors can mean the difference between anxiety and peace of mind, poverty and well-being and even illness and health; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County provides funding, including Documentary Surtax funds, for affordable housing activities throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that through the County's partnership with private affordable housing developers, the County can, through its Documentary Surtax funds, increase the supply of affordable housing units for elderly households by creating incentives for these developers who receive such public funds; and

WHEREAS, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-143-15 directing the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to submit a report on the feasibility of increasing affordable housing for the elderly through the utilization of County affordable housing funds; and

WHEREAS, that report was completed on March 31, 2015 and found that more needs to be done to address affordable housing for the aging population, especially in Commission Districts with the highest needs--Districts 10, 6, 11, and 4, in that order,

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 recital in this resolution.

Section 2. Establishes County policy to set aside no less than $2,500,000.00 in

documentary stamp surtax funds on an annual basis for elderly housing developments. For purposes of this Resolution, "elderly" shall mean those persons that are fifty-five years old and older;

Section 3. Subject to the requirements of Section 29-7(G) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, which requires that all Documentary Surtax funds be competitively awarded, directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to recommend award of the documentary surtax funds that are set aside for the elderly to County commission districts with the greatest need for elderly housing, which include Districts 10, 6, 11, and 4, in that order, as set forth in the County Mayor's March 31, 2015 "Report on the Feasibility of Increasing Affordable Housing for the Elderly."

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to update the "Report on the Feasibility of Increasing Affordable Housing for the Elderly" every five years, and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner 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:

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 1st day of September, 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.

Shannon D. Summerset-Williams