

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

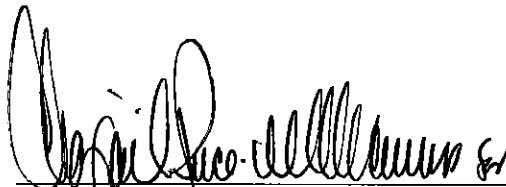
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 16, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to replace the Florida Enterprise Zone Program with a new financial incentive program that would encourage private sector businesses to locate or expand in areas identified as economically disadvantaged and in need of economic revitalization; preliminarily identifying this issue as a critical County priority for the 2016 state legislative session

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jean Monestime.



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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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9-16-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO REPLACE THE FLORIDA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM WITH A NEW FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES TO LOCATE OR EXPAND IN AREAS IDENTIFIED AS ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AND IN NEED OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION; PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Florida offers private sector businesses many financial incentive programs, some of which are designed to help revitalize economically distressed areas throughout the state by encouraging businesses to invest in, locate and expand to, and hire new employees in such areas; and

WHEREAS, these financial incentive programs have proven effective in:

- creating new jobs for residents of economically distressed areas and increasing consumer buying power within such areas;
- improving several fundamental socioeconomic indicators within economically distressed areas, including poverty rate, unemployment rate, job growth, median family income, and homeownership rate; and
- spurring industrial and commercial investment and development within economically distressed areas; and

WHEREAS, one such financial incentive program is the Florida Enterprise Zone Program, which was created in 1982 but will stand repealed effective December 31, 2015 pursuant to section 290.016, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2014, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-914-14, which urged the Florida Legislature to reauthorize the Florida Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, this Board identified the reauthorization of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program as one of its priorities for the 2015 state legislative session; and

WHEREAS, nevertheless, the Florida Legislature failed to reauthorize the Florida Enterprise Zone Program during the 2015 session, and as a result, there is no longer an opportunity to reauthorize the program before its repeal on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the positive impact the Florida Enterprise Zone Program has had on economic development, particularly in Miami-Dade County, and supports the broader goal of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program in creating tax incentives for private sector businesses that invest and create jobs in economically distressed areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to replace the Florida Enterprise Zone Program with a new financial incentive program that would encourage private sector businesses to locate or expand in areas identified as economically disadvantaged and in need of economic revitalization; and

WHEREAS, this Board further would like to preliminarily identify the passage of such legislation as one of Miami-Dade County's critical priorities for the 2016 state legislative session,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to replace the Florida Enterprise Zone Program with a new financial incentive program that would encourage private

sector businesses to locate or expand in areas identified as economically disadvantaged and in need of economic revitalization.

Section 2. Preliminarily identifies the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above as a critical County priority for the 2016 state legislative session.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2016 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board and to preliminarily identify this item as a critical priority when the Board determines priorities for the 2016 session as provided in Resolution No. R-764-13.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jean Monestime. 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 16th 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.

MJM

Michael J. Mastrucci