

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

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


**DATE:** January 20, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging President  
Obama's administration to  
refrain from establishing a  
Cuban consulate in Miami-Dade  
County

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

  
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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
- Statement of social equity 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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1-20-16

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

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S  
ADMINISTRATION TO REFRAIN FROM ESTABLISHING A  
CUBAN CONSULATE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has the largest Cuban-American population in the United States by a significant margin; and

**WHEREAS**, many Cuban-Americans came to Miami-Dade County fleeing oppression and injustice at the hands of the Cuban government; and

**WHEREAS**, in December of 2014, President Obama announced an initiative to begin to normalize relations with Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Embassy in Havana were officially reopened for the first time in more than a half-century on July 20, 2015 and August 14, 2015, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, less than half of the Cuban-Americans living in Florida support the establishment of a Cuban consulate in Miami, according to a *Miami Herald* poll; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of a Cuban consulate in the County could inflame passions and create security risks; and

**WHEREAS**, around the world, foreign consulates are a recurring location for protests, which are sometimes violent; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more viable options for the location of a Cuban consulate in this country, including Tampa and New Orleans; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to urge President Obama's administration to refrain from establishing a Cuban consulate in Miami-Dade County,

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

**Section 1.** Urges President Obama's administration to refrain from establishing a Cuban consulate in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 2.** 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 State.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate against the action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2016 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairman 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:

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. 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.

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Matthew Papkin

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