MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

March 7, 2017

FROM:

Abigail Price-Williams

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution waiving by a two-thirds vote of members

present term limit restrictions for Miami-Dade County Asian American Advisory Board member Mehmet Ulutas; and reappointing Mehmet Ulutas to the Miami-Dade County Asian American Advisory Board for an

additional term

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

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•	P	lease 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 deta			detailed County	Mayor's			
		No committee review					
	<u>/</u>	Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's, 3/5's, unanimous) to approve					
		Current information regarding funding so					

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Veto		3-7-17	
Override			

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION WAIVING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT TERM LIMIT RESTRICTIONS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ASIAN AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER MEHMET ULUTAS; AND REAPPOINTING MEHMET ULUTAS TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ASIAN AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM

WHEREAS, on July 22, 1997, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") adopted Ordinance No. 97-128, establishing the Miami-Dade County Asian American Advisory Board ("Asian American Advisory Board"), which is codified in Article LXXIX of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, members of the Asian American Advisory Board have knowledge of and interest in the County's Asian community and advises this Board on such matters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-1087 of the Code, membership of the Asian American Advisory Board shall consist of 26 members, with each County Commissioner appointing two members; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2010, the Board enacted Ordinance No. 10-06, amending Chapter 2, Section 2-11-38.2 of the Code to permit the waiver of term limits for members of County boards; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 2-11.38.2 and 2-1087 of the Code, no board member shall serve more than eight consecutive years on a board unless this Board, by a two-thirds vote of members present, votes to waive the eight year term limit; and

WHEREAS, Mehmet Ulutas was first appointed to the Asian American Advisory Board on June 26, 2009 and has served as a dutiful member for nearly eight years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Asian American Advisory Board, Mr. Ulutas has served as the 2nd Vice Chair, chaired various committees, promoted cultural heritage of Asian Americans and worked to eliminate ignorance and bigotry towards Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ulutas currently serves as the 3rd Vice Chair and is the Chair-elect for Asian American Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Mr. Ulutas' resume is attached hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ulutas has demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to the Asian American Advisory Board and this Board desires to waive the applicable term limits and reappoint Mr. Ulutas to serve an additional term on the Asian American Advisory Board,

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

Section 1. Ratifies and adopts the matters set forth in the foregoing recitals.

Section 2. By a two-thirds vote of the members present, pursuant to Sections 2-11.38.2 and 2-1087 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, waives term limit restrictions applicable to Asian American Advisory Board member Mehmet Ulutas, and reappoints Mehmet Ulutas to serve as a member of the Asian American Advisory Board for another term of office expiring when the appointing commissioner's term expires, the appointing commissioner leaves office or as otherwise set forth in Article LXXIX of the Code.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. 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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Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro Jose "Pepe" Diaz Barbara J. Jordan Jean Monestime Rebeca Sosa Daniella Levine Cava Sally A. Heyman Joe A. Martinez Dennis C. Moss Sen. Javier D. Souto

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of March, 2017. 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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Shanika A. Graves



December 19, 2016

Joshua Ho Program Director Asian American Advisory Board Office of the Chair Board of County Commissioners

Re: Request for reappointment as a Miami-Dade County Asian American Advisory Board Member

Dear Joshua,

I am hereby requesting to be reappointed as a Miami-Dade County Asian American Advisory Board member. Please forward my request to Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava's staff with my resume attached.

It will be an honor to meet with Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava should she wishes.

Thanks and regards,

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Bio:

I was born in 1973 in Iskenderun, Turkey as the first child of middle class family. I had my elementary, middle and high school education in Turkey. I received by Bachelor of Science degree from Istanbul Technical University in mechanical engineering.

After graduation, I came to Miami for a graduate degree in 1995 and I have been living in Miami ever since. I received two masters' degrees from University of Miami, one in Business and another in Mechanical Engineering.

In 1999, I started as an entry level engineer for T.Y. Lin International Group (TYLI). TYLI, founded in 1954, is a global, multi-disciplinary engineering services firm recognized for solving some of the most significant infrastructure challenges of our age. TYLI projects have garnered hundreds of prestigious awards from respected organizations around the world. TYLI has more than 50 offices and 3000 employees worldwide. In 2012, I became an Associate Vice President for TYLI.

I am a professional engineer licensed in 3 states in the U.S. and authorized to sign and seal projects. I specialize in aviation and fueling systems. I have designed major airports and fueling systems all over the world, including U.S.A., Panama, Bahamas, Antigua, Aruba, Colombia, Ecuador, St. Lucia, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, and others.

Community Services:

Current Chair-Elect of Miami-Dade County Asian American Advisory Board (AAAB)

The AAAB routinely assists people with their grievances and intervene with the appropriate parties to seek a resolution and assists in programs and services, and coordinates the activities of governmental entities and nongovernmental agencies pertaining to the Asian community. AAAB also recommend solutions to the social, economic, cultural and political problems in the Asian Community. Serves as a liaison between the Asian Community and the Dade County community. Fosters relationships with the public officials and maintain formal channels of communication so that Asian concerns are effectively transmitted and heard.

Current President of TARF, Turkish-American Religious Foundation, Florida Chapter

TARF is a an organization dedicated to providing religious and social services to Turkish people and all Muslims living in the United States. TARF Florida is planning to open up a center for providing religious and social services to not only Turkish-American but every Muslim in South Florida.

Current Board Member of COSMOS, Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations

A group of Muslim Community leaders created COSMOS in 2011 to address the growing challenge of Muslim outreach and media relations and establish the Muslim presence in the local community

instead of always reacting to events occurring in other parts of the world. COSMOS organizes and/or sponsors numerous community event including community appreciation awards, scholarships for Muslim students, free SAT classes, free community seminars, and most importantly free healthcare for uninsured citizens of South Florida under UHI Clinic.

Current Executive Committee Member of South Florida Chapter of EMERGE USA

Emerge USA is a nonprofit organization that seeks to engage, educate and empower Muslim, South Asian and Arab American (MASA) communities through educational events, voter initiatives, and leadership development for the purpose of creating a community of equitable, knowledgeable and motivated citizens. Emerge USA also politically empowers and trains its constituents to be engaged and active citizens. The foundation has three programs that help fulfill this mission: Emerging Leaders, Emerging Voters, and Emerging Data.

- Former Executive Board Member of Crescent Chamber of Commerce
- Former South Florida District Representative of Florida Turkish Student Association
- Former Vice President of University of Miami Turkish Student Association
- Recipient of Certificate of Appreciation from VA Hospital
- Participant in various TV programs on CNN, NBC and TV Asia
- Author of several OPEDs in local, international, social and cultural issues in Miami Herald

Languages Spoken:

- English
- Turkish
- Spanish
- German

Academic Achievements:

- Guest Lecturer, INR 3703 (U05) International Political Economy, Florida International University, 2015
- Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering, University of Miami, 2001
- Master of Business Administration, University of Miami, 1998
- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Istanbul Technical University, 1995