

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

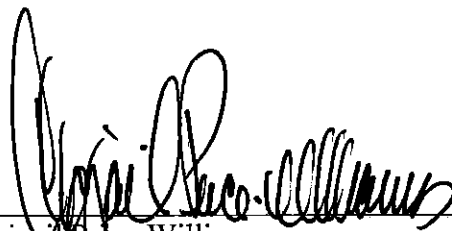
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 19, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact S. 2856, H.R. 5987, the Liberty City Rising Act, or similar legislation that will reform the requirements regarding the safety and security of families living in public and other federally assisted housing in high-crime areas, and to allocate additional funding to adequately implement and maintain security provisions required in S. 2856, H.R. 5987, the Liberty City Rising Act or similar legislation; and preliminarily identifying this issue as a critical County federal priority for 2018

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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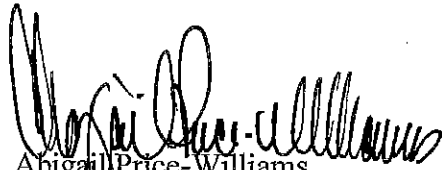
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Please note any items checked.

- "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

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Veto _____

6-19-18

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 2856, H.R. 5987, THE LIBERTY CITY RISING ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WILL REFORM THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF FAMILIES LIVING IN PUBLIC AND OTHER FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING IN HIGH-CRIME AREAS, AND TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ADEQUATELY IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN SECURITY PROVISIONS REQUIRED IN S. 2856, H.R. 5987, THE LIBERTY CITY RISING ACT OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION; AND PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY FEDERAL PRIORITY FOR 2018

WHEREAS, Liberty Square public housing project, known as Liberty Square, opened in 1937 as part of the New Deal; and

WHEREAS, recent shootings in Liberty Square Projects that occurred less than one week apart in March and April, 2018 and that resulted in the deaths of three minors and two wounded minors brought one of the country's oldest public housing complexes national media attention; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade State Attorney advised that the April incident involving the death of 18-year old Rickey Dixon and 17-year old Kimson Green took place directly beneath a security camera that was not recording; and

WHEREAS, students at Northwestern Senior High, the high school of two of the slain minors, participated in a walk out to bring awareness to gun violence in low income, minority communities; and

WHEREAS, public housing authorities, such as Miami-Dade County, have a duty to provide for the safety of residents and should implement measures to reduce violence and increase safety and security of families living in public and other federally assisted housing in high-crime areas; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2018, United States Senator Marco Rubio (R-Florida) introduced S. 2856, the Liberty City Rising Act, to reform the requirements regarding the safety and security of families living in public and other federally assisted housing in high-crime areas; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2018, United States Representative Frederica Wilson (D-Florida) introduced H.R. 5987, a bill related to S. 2856; and

WHEREAS, S. 2856 and H.R. 5987 may require public housing authorities owning properties located in high-crime areas to have functioning covered security cameras in designated areas, smoke detectors and dead-bolt locks; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the enhanced security measures, the bills would also create an anonymous public housing authority operated crime-reporting hot-line and would require the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to give priority to high-crime public housing authorities when awarding emergency safety and security grants; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports legislation that would increase the safety and security of families in public housing and would increase the funding needed to implement such safety and security measures,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to enact S. 2856, H.R. 5987, the Liberty City Rising Act, or similar legislation that would reform the requirements regarding the safety and security of families living in public and other federally assisted housing in high crime areas.

Section 2. Urges the United States Congress to increase the amount of grants and allocate additional funding to adequately implement and maintain security provisions required in S. 2856, H.R. 5987, the Liberty City Rising Act, or similar legislation.

Section 3. Preliminarily identifies the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above as a critical County federal priority for 2018.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to United States Senator Marco Rubio, United States Representative Frederica Wilson, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 5. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2018 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Chairman Esteban L. Bovo and the Co-Sponsor 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:

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Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman
Daniella Levine Cava
Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime
Rebeca Sosa
Xavier L. Suarez
District 5 – Vacant

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of June, 2018. 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.



Suzanne Villano-Charif