

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(4)

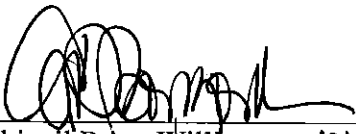
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: July 10, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution reappointing
Mr. Erik Tietig and Mr. Tommy
Vick to the Agricultural Practices
Advisory Board

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney 

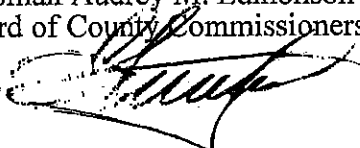
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Date: July 10, 2019

To: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez 
Mayor

Subject: Reappointment of Two Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Members

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) reappoint the following nominees to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board:

- Erik Tietig as the Nursery Industry representative recommended by the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association; and
- Tommy Vick as the Vegetable Industry representative as recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau.

Section 2-934 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides that Agricultural Practices Advisory Board members serve for terms of four years each without term limits, and may serve until his or her successor has been duly appointed and qualified. The term for these reappointments begins on January 1, 2019 and expires on December 31, 2023.

Scope

The recommendations and actions of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board have a countywide impact.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Track Record/Monitor

The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Planning Division, monitors the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Background

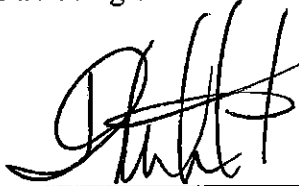
The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) consists of 13 members representing a variety of agricultural industries. Section 2-935, of the Miami-Dade County Code, requires that the Board fill vacancies occurring on the APAB. Pursuant to Section 2-933 of the Code, each designated organization shall submit, for Board review, at least one nominee for their vacant position(s), including the nominee's resume and the minutes of the organization's meeting at which the nominee was selected. The required documentation for the nominees is attached to this memorandum as Attachment A.

Nursery Industry No. 1 Representative

Erik Tietig was nominated by the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association as its nominee for reappointment. Mr. Tietig is Vice President of Pine Island Nursery & Tree Farm, Inc. and is a former president of Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association. He has also served on various agricultural boards including the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, the Dade County Farm Bureau, and the University of Florida Tropical Research and Education Center Advisory Committee. Mr. Tietig has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Florida and has also been awarded the Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association Young Nursery Professional of the Year (2006-07) and the Southern Nursery Association Young Professional of the Year (2006-07).

Vegetable Industry No. 2 Representative

Tommy Vick was nominated by the Dade County Farm Bureau as its nominee for reappointment. Mr. Vick is the owner of V&B Farms, and is the previous owner of Tom Vick Farms. Mr. Vick began farming as a four-year old with Vick Farms Palms, and over the years worked for Daigle Farms, Super-Six Farms and Richard Borek Farms prior to owning Tom Vick Farms from 1994 to 2009. He has participated in the Homestead Florida City Chamber of Commerce's "Green Committee" event, the Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show, and the Homestead Centennial Celebration, and has been a member of the Dade County Farm Bureau, Dade County Agri-Council, and Future Farmers of America. Mr. Vick is a 2001 graduate of South Dade Senior High School.



Jack Osterholt
Deputy Mayor

Attachment A



To Whom it May Concern,

On Aug 21, 2018 the Miami-Dade FNGLA Board of Directors voted in favor to recommend the reappointment of Erik Tietig to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Paul Wiggins Jr.

President

Florida, Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association

Miami-Dade Chapter

Miami-Dade Chapter FNGLA

August 21, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER: 12:50

-THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Wiggins, Anna Uzquiano, Ivonne Alexander, Sylvia Portundo, Vicky Rodriguez, Romina Grazis, Joe Vendetta, Michael Hitchcock, Wagner Verndrame

-ABSENT: Barney Rutzke, Mick Gnaegy, Peggy Machin (excused)

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: N/A

3. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

-NAFTA was a point of discussion. FNGLA will join other agricultural entities to explain the difficulties associated with NAFTA. A letter of support will be written to explain these difficulties to politicians.

-Discussion was made about Soursop being imported into US without proper examination.

-A motion was made by Ivonne, seconded by Sylvia and was passed unanimously.

4. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: No report

5. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES:

-Motion to approve minutes by Joe Vendetta, seconded by Ivonne Alexander. Unanimous

6. TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul

-Discussed and accepted

-July Financials read and accepted by the board

7. COMMITTEES:

-Committees list was passed around and various board members signed up for committees.

8. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

-FNGLA will host the Christmas party for FNGLA and Farm Bureau

Committee members are Vicky, Peggy, Anna, Mary, Kathryn

-Planned for either Dec. 6th or Dec 13th

- Decided not to have Plant Market due to poor revenue and decided to do a Golf Tournament at Redland Golf and Country club.

Erik Tietig
16300 SW 184th Street
Miami, Fl 33187

PH: (305)233-5501
FX: (305)233-5610
etietig@gmail.com

Education:

1994-1998 University of Florida
I graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science with an emphasis on international relations, U.S. government, western European politics, Sub-Saharan African politics, and hegemony and culture.

Work Experience:

1995-1998 W.T. Riley Construction Company
Working as a laborer I gained experience in residential and commercial building construction, building materials, and heavy equipment operation.

1998-1999 Law Offices of Edward C. Tietig P.A.
Working as a paralegal I gained experience in constitutional property law with emphasis on government takings, Harris Act claims, and civil rights litigation.

1999-present Pine Island Nursery, Inc.
I currently act as the Vice President of the company which specializes in the production of tropical fruit, nut, and spice trees.

2012-present Miracle Fruit Farm, LLC
I act as the owner and CEO of the farm which specializes in miracle fruit and it's biomedical applications.

Trade Associations and Civic Organizations:

Florida Nursery Grower's and Landscape Association
Dade Chapter FNGLA Director 2000-2002
State FNGLA Director and Chapter State Representative 2002-2006
Dade Chapter FNGLA First Vice President 2005-2006
Dade Chapter FNGLA President 2006-2007
Dade Chapter FNGLA Tournament Committee Chair 2001-present

Dade County Farm Bureau
Director 2002-2009; 2011-present
Secretary 2003-2004
Treasurer 2004-2005

Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida
Treasurer 2004-2007

Rotary Club of Homestead
President 2005-2006
Assistant Governor 2008-2010
Member 2000-present

2002-2006 Miami-Dade County Agriculture and Rural Areas Study
Citizens Advisory Committee Member- County Commission Appointment

2006-present Community Bank of Florida
Executive Advisory Committee Member- Board of Directors Appointment

2006-present University of Florida Tropical Research and Education Center Advisory Committee
Committee Chairman- Center Director Appointment

2006-present Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board
Nursery Industry Representative- County Commission Appointment

Awards
2005-2006 Presidential Citation awarded by Rotary International
2006-2007 FNGLA Young Nursery Professional of the Year
2006-2007 Southern Nursery Association Young Nursery Professional of the Year
2010 Miami-Dade Chapter FNGLA Babe Greer Award
2013 National Outstanding Young Farmer



DADE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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December 4, 2018

Mr. Mark R. Woerner, AICP
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Planning Division, Metropolitan Planning Section
111 NW 1 Street, Suite 1250
Miami, FL 33128


SUBJ: Thomas Vick reappointment letter

Dear Mark:

The Dade County Farm Bureau would like to recommend Thomas (Tommy) Vick for reappointment to the Ag Practices Advisory Board. Mr. Vick has served on the APAB and brings a wealth of knowledge of row crop farming to the table.

Please contact our Executive Director, Jorge Abreu at (305) 246-5514 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Erik Tietig
President

Water Updates. Harris highlighted the Edible South Florida Magazine that features Redland raised produce and asked to please buy local. Harris thanked Marraccini for going out with Ag Patrol and Machesic for their articles on NAFTA, AG Patrol and Illegal Dumping, articles in the South Dade News Leader paper. Passed articles on events and local issues in the South Dade News Leader paper.

FFB District Rep: Webb congratulated DCFB for getting all 5 categories on County Recognition Program. We are currently working on membership so that DCFB gets recognized again this year. Youth Speech Contest is tonight and the winner will go to the State Annual Meeting and compete against all other districts. Webb left the County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship, or CARES Program brochures for all to obtain, it is an on-going program. AFBF Offers Ag Entrepreneurs \$145,000 The American Farm Bureau Federation is accepting applications for its 2019 Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge. Entrepreneurs can compete for \$145,000 in startup funds. This competition showcases business innovations in agriculture. The Challenge is a revised program of the national business competition the AFBF launched five years ago. Competitors are invited to submit for-profit business ideas related to food and agriculture by Sept. 24. The deadline for the Teachers Mini Grants is October 1st and September 4th was the deadline for Innovation Challenge for entrepreneurs to compete for \$145,000.00 for ideas to enhance agriculture, it is promoted on the American Farm Bureau website. Webb informed that a state wide survey showed that the number one way that our directors and membership prefer to get information is electronically through Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, e-mails and text messages. Tietig asked if she can set up a power point with survey results. Webb announced that Florida Farm Bureau now has a podcast with NAFTA and Farmville subjects.

Abreu passed out the updated approved slate ballot for Board Elections. Abreu announced that Phil Marraccini won Reporter of the Year at FFB. Annual Meeting October 2nd, at Women's Club Honoring the DiMare Family. Please RSVP.

Wilson probably will call a meeting in 2 weeks and call all state borders in this area to talk about the Krome Avenue Expansion and depending on how the meeting goes, they will fight it if they have to.

Tietig informed all that much of the District Meeting had to do with NAFTA. The Executive of our federal government handles all Trade relations. We obviously want to lobby congress but focus the attention on writing letters to the president in the White House. Tietig sent his emails and asked everyone to do so too.

Wilson gave a Sales Tax advice on charging sales tax on whole food ticket and not partial.

Tietig mentioned that there are lots of complaints on dog dumping.

Tommy Vick is up for re-election for the Miami-Dade Ag Practices Board. Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tommy Vick, V & B Farms

Education/Certifications

- 1998-2001 High School Diploma- South Dade Sr. HS
4/17/2012 Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Food Safety Program (V&B Farms, LLC)

Awards/Accomplishments

- 1998-2001 Member of Future Farmers of America (FFA)
1998-2001 Agriculture Ambassadors for Dade County Fair & Expo
1999-2001 Junior Board Member of Dade County Agri-Counsel
2001-2007 Board Member of Dade County Agri-Counsel
2010 Dade County Farm Bureau Agriculture Advocate Award
2010-present Director of Dade County Farm Bureau
2011-present Dade County Board of County Commissioners Ag Practices Committee Member

Community Involvement

- 2001 –present Donate time and materials to promote FFA at South Dade Sr. HS
2001 –present Various donations to Not-For-Profit Organizations such as Agape Women’s Center,
Redlands Community Church Pantry & First United Methodist Christian School
2013-February Homestead Centennial Celebration agricultural display
2011- 2013 Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show agricultural display
2013- August Homestead Florida City Chamber Green Committee event “Meet the Grower”

Experience

- 1987-1996 Vick Farms Palms (4-yrs old) – pulled weeds in the nursery
1994-1996 Daigle farms (potatoes)
1996-2000 Super Six Farms – tractor driver (corn, beans, tomatoes)
2001-2008 Richard Borek Farms – General Manager (corn, beans, tomatoes)
1994-2009 Tom Vick Farms, Owner
2009-present V&B Farms, Owner

Crops Grown

- Sweet Corn
Green Beans
Wax Beans
Cranberry Beans
Zucchini squash
Crookneck squash
Straight-neck squash
Sunburst squash

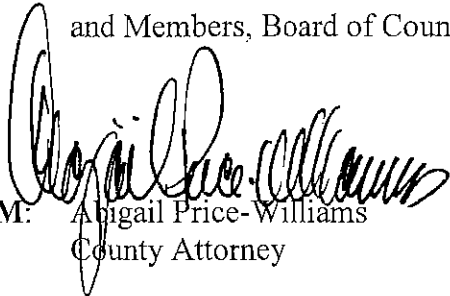
Mango
Palm trees



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(Revised)

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FROM: 
Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(4)

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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) 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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7-10-19

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MR. ERIK TIETIG AND MR.
TOMMY VICK TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES
ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, sections 2-931 through 2-936 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provide for the creation, composition, terms, purpose and duties of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County specifically provides for the designated organizations to recommend at least one nominee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Erik Tietig completed his third term as the Nursery Industry Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is eligible for reappointment for a fourth term; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association has recommended Mr. Erik Tietig to a fourth term as the Nursery Industry Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tommy Vick completed his second term as the Vegetable Industry Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is eligible for reappointment for a third term; and

WHEREAS, the Dade County Farm Bureau has recommended Mr. Tommy Vick to a third term as the Vegetable Industry Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners,

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

Section 1. Mr. Erik Tietig is hereby reappointed for a fourth term to the Nursery Industry Representative seat of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for one four-year term beginning on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2022.

Section 2. Mr. Tommy Vick is hereby reappointed for a third term to the Vegetable Industry Representative seat of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for one four-year term beginning on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2022.

The foregoing resolution 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of July, 2019. 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.

Dennis A. Kerbel

