

Memorandum



Date: October 20, 2020

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Social Equity Statement for Ordinance relating to the Overtown Community Benefits Program Amending Article CLI.V of Chapter 2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida Relating to Overtown Community Benefits Advisory Board and Nominating Council

Supplement No. 2
Agenda Item No. 5(A)

The proposed ordinance amends Article CLI.V of Chapter 2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, which is related to the County's Overtown Community Benefits Program. In October 2015, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted Ordinance No. 15-109 creating the Overtown Community Benefits Advisory Board. The Advisory Board was to: administer the program; make recommendations to the Board of potential projects in the Overtown community to be allocated funding; monitor proceeds received; provide status reports to the Board on projects that received funding; and to promote redevelopment in the Overtown area.

In accordance with the settlement agreement, between the City of Miami, the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency and the County related to Block 36, 45 and 56 in Overtown requires future developers to make payments into a community benefits program for the purpose of development and redevelopment projects in the Overtown area.

Although efforts were made by staff and the nominating council to fill the positions of the Advisory Board no responses were received, and the positions have not been filled. The proposed changes to the existing ordinance will replace the Advisory Board with the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee as administrator of the program to facilitate the disbursement of the program funds for the intended purpose. The administration of the Program will benefit Projects within the Overtown area with the development and redevelopment of community businesses.

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