

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

---

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 16, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging United States  
President Joseph R. Biden Jr. to  
reconsider his revocation of the  
presidential permit previously  
issued for the Keystone XL  
Pipeline

---

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



---

Gerí Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

GBK/uw



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 16, 2021

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)  
3-16-21

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

RESOLUTION URGING UNITED STATES PRESIDENT  
JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR. TO RECONSIDER HIS REVOCATION  
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR  
THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

**WHEREAS**, despite the advent of renewable energy, oil continues to be a critically important energy source in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is the largest consumer of petroleum in the world and must continue to rely on oil to remain economically competitive; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States currently imports more than half of its petroleum from foreign countries, which can contribute to difficult geopolitical relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, greater energy independence can therefore strengthen our economy and protect our national security; and

**WHEREAS**, the Keystone Pipeline is an oil pipeline system in the United States and Canada, running from Alberta, Canada, to locations as far as Illinois and Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, three phases of the Keystone Pipeline have been constructed, but the fourth phase, known as “Keystone XL,” has not yet been completed; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Keystone XL pipeline would start in Alberta, Canada, run through Montana and South Dakota, and end in Nebraska, where it would join an existing Keystone pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, the Keystone XL pipeline would facilitate the transportation of American-produced crude oil and support energy independence; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2015, United States President Barack Obama denied a regulatory approval necessary for construction of the Keystone XL pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2017, United States President Donald J. Trump issued a presidential permit that allowed the project to continue; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2021, United States President Joseph R. Biden Jr. signed an executive order revoking the previously issued presidential permit, citing environmental concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of the Keystone XL pipeline would create over 10,000 jobs and support more than 42,000 direct and indirect jobs nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, indeed, due to the substantial number of jobs that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has eliminated, the creation of new jobs is critical; and

**WHEREAS**, the pipeline would be a major economic contributor to the U.S. economy, estimated at \$3 billion, and generate significant property tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the Keystone XL pipeline would increase United States energy security and help stabilize fuel prices; and

**WHEREAS**, at the same time, the pipeline would have a minimal impact on the environment, as documented by five separate environmental impact statements that contain more than 20,000 pages of scientific research; and

**WHEREAS**, it is well-established that pipelines are the safest way to transport crude oil, and the Keystone XL pipeline's environment impact statements have found that the pipeline would be safer than any other crude-oil pipeline in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, to create jobs, stimulate the economy, and promote energy independence, this Board wishes to urge President Biden to reconsider his revocation of the presidential permit previously issued for the Keystone XL pipeline,

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

**Section 1.** Urges United States President Joseph R. Biden Jr. to reconsider his revocation of the presidential permit previously issued for the Keystone XL pipeline.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the action in section 1, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2021 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. 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:

- |                      |                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                      | Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman            |
|                      | Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman |
| Sen. René García     | Keon Hardemon                         |
| Sally A. Heyman      | Danielle Cohen Higgins                |
| Eileen Higgins       | Joe A. Martinez                       |
| Kionne L. McGhee     | Jean Monestime                        |
| Raquel A. Regalado   | Rebeca Sosa                           |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto |                                       |

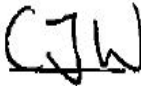
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon 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.



Christopher J. Wahl