

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 18, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for the Miami-Beach
Community Health Center
Critical Renovation Project

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez.



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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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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2-18-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI BEACH
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER CRITICAL RENOVATION
PROJECT

WHEREAS, Miami Beach Community Health Center, Inc. (MBCHC) is a full-service outpatient medical clinic that has been serving patients in Miami-Dade County since 1977; and

WHEREAS, MBCHC is a federally qualified health center (FQHC), meaning it is a community-based health care organization that provides comprehensive primary care and support services to underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, FQHCs are a key component of the United States' health care safety net; and

WHEREAS, MBCHC operates under a "sliding scale" billing model, charging patients based on their income; and

WHEREAS, MBCHC is a major health care institution in South Florida, providing 162,901 visits for 51,561 patients in 2024; and

WHEREAS, MBCHC is currently undergoing a substantial renovation and expansion project at its 710-720 Alton Road location; and

WHEREAS, state funding is critically needed for the renovation and expansion of Miami Beach Community Health Center's 710-720 Alton Road location; and

WHEREAS, the renovation will ensure that MBCHC, a critical safety net provider on Miami Beach, will continue to provide high quality, affordable primary health care and specialty services, as well as chronic disease management and support services to underserved patient populations; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2025, Senator Ileana García (R – Miami) submitted Local Funding Initiative Request No. 1379 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, which requested \$2,000,000.00 for the MBCHC renovation project; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2025, Representative Alex Rizo (R – Hialeah) submitted Appropriations Project Request No. 2812 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, which likewise requested \$2,000,000.00 for the MBCHC renovation project; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project aligns with the state’s goals by ensuring the continuity of quality, affordable health care to Floridians in and around the Miami Beach area; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that the state fund this critical project,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the Miami Beach Community Health Center Critical Renovation project.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Florida House Speaker, and the Chair and remaining members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2026 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman
Marleine Bastien
Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez
Danielle Cohen Higgins
Natalie Milian Orbis
Micky Steinberg
Juan Carlos Bermudez
Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Keon Hardemon
Vicki L. Lopez
Raquel A. Regalado

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of February, 2026. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Christian J. Fernandez-Andes