

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 5, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Florida
Legislature to include in the
"Florida Opportunity Fund"
venture capital firms that are
developing alternative and
renewable energy sources

Resolution R-136-08

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

RAC/bw




MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 5, 2008

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("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
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)
2-5-08

RESOLUTION NO. R-136-08

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EXPRESSLY INCLUDE IN THE "FLORIDA OPPORTUNITY FUND" VENTURE CAPITAL FIRMS THAT ARE DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION FUELS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade has established programs and policies designed to assist in the rapid development of a local alternative energy industry; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida encourages the research and development of alternative and renewable energy through grants, tax exemptions, rebates, and other incentives; and

WHEREAS, during the 2007 regular session, the Florida Legislature passed HB 83, the "Florida Capital Formation Act," which created the "Florida Opportunity Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the "Florida Opportunity Fund" is a matching fund to encourage venture capital investment in firms working in areas including but not limited to life sciences, information technology, advanced manufacturing processes, aviation, aerospace, homeland security and defense; and

WHEREAS, Governor Crist has called for the State of Florida to rapidly employ renewable energy and has called for renewable fuels to comprise twenty percent (20%) of our energy mix; and

WHEREAS, this Board applauds the Governor's response to climate change and the emphasis by his administration and the Legislature on alternative energy opportunities in Florida; and

WHEREAS, expressly including in the “Florida Opportunity Fund” venture capital firms that are developing alternative and renewable energy, such as solar, ocean current, and wind energy, and alternative and renewable transportation fuels, such as biodiesel, ethanol, and butanol made from Florida crops and byproducts, would serve both the environmental and economic development interests of the State of Florida,

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 expressly include in the “Florida Opportunity Fund” venture capital firms that are developing alternative and renewable energy sources and transportation fuels.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified in section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye	
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	absent	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	absent
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of February, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY ITS BOARD OF
 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Kay Sullivan**
 Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
 to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty