

MEMORANDUM

Resolution R-1059-08
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

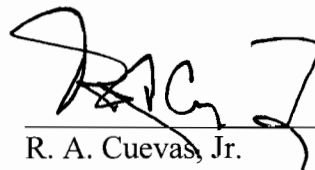
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 7, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution encouraging
local bar associations to
request their members to
provide pro bono legal
assistance to persons in
foreclosure

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Commissioner Katy Sorenson, and Senator Javier D. Souto.



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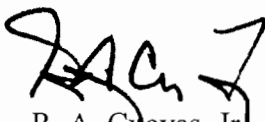


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Please note any items checked.

- "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

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Veto _____

10-7-08

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. R-1059-08

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATIONS TO REQUEST OF THEIR MEMBERS THAT THEY PROVIDE PRO BONO LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS FACING FORECLOSURE OR WHO ARE IN FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, as the result of the current state of the economy the number of foreclosures filed and being threatened in Miami-Dade County has substantially increased over the last two years; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents facing foreclosure do not have the financial means to pay for legal defense or legal advice to either prevent or defend the foreclosure action; and

WHEREAS, various local bar associations have direct contact with and influence with their members in terms of encouraging those members to provide pro bono representation of persons facing foreclosure actions; and

WHEREAS, providing adequate legal representation to people facing foreclosure is in the best interest of the health and welfare of the residents of Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. This Board requests that the local bar associations in Miami-Dade County, Florida request and encourage their members to provide pro bono legal representation to residents of Miami-Dade County who are either facing foreclosure or are involved in foreclosure actions in order to help prevent those foreclosures.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to each of the local bar associations in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Commissioner Katy Sorenson, and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by

Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 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 RIVIN CLERK

By: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Thomas H. Robertson