



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)


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

**DATE:** November 20, 2008

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution regarding the  
creation of the Magic City  
Children's Zone Pilot Project  
**Resolution No. R-1277-08**

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

  
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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  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION NO. R-1277-08

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 409.147 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR A TEN YEAR PILOT PROJECT ZONE WHICH LIES PARTLY WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF ALLAPATTAH, LIBERTY CITY, LITTLE HAITI AND WYNWOOD; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM; SUPPORTING THE STATE IN THE CREATION OF A NOT-FOR-PROFIT FOR THIS PILOT PROJECT; URGING FOR INCLUSION OF THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MIAMI JACKSON SENIOR HIGH ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT; AND DESIGNATING THE PILOT PROJECT THE "MAGIC CITY ZONE"

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2007 this Board adopted Resolution No. 355-07 designating the Magic City Children's Zone and urging the Florida Legislature to provide for creation of the Magic City Children's Zone Pilot Project; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2008 regular session, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 3, Chapter 2008-96, Laws of Florida, effective July 1, 2008, creating the Magic City Children's Zone, a 10-year pilot project zone in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 3 was sponsored by Representative Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall and the companion bill, S.B. 500, was sponsored by Senator Larcenia Bullard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature also appropriated \$3.6 million to the Magic City Children's Zone Pilot Project as part of the State Fiscal Year 2008-09 Appropriations Act; and

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 3, which was codified in section 409.147, Florida Statutes, and R-355-07 set the geographic boundaries of the pilot project zone as: Northwest 79<sup>th</sup> Street to the north; Northwest 36<sup>th</sup> Street to the south; North Miami Avenue to the east; and Northwest 27<sup>th</sup>

Avenue to the west, which lies partly within the City of Miami and includes the communities of Allapattah, Liberty City, Little Haiti and Wynwood; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board finds that this area, which lies within the borders of Miami-Dade County, chronically exhibits extreme and unacceptable levels of poverty, unemployment, physical deterioration, as well as limited access to quality educational, health care, and social services; and

**WHEREAS**, rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment, of the area is necessary in the interest of improving the health, wellness, education, living conditions, and livelihoods of the children and families who live there; and

**WHEREAS**, revitalization of the area can occur only if the State and the private sector invest resources to improve infrastructure and the provision of services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State appropriated the \$3.6 million for the Magic City Children's Zone Pilot Project through the Department of Children and Families ("DCF") for the creation and implementation of the pilot project in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, DCF has contracted with the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida ("Ounce") to provide fiscal oversight for the pilot project, technical assistance for development and implementation of the strategic community plan, and evaluation and management information services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State delegated to Ounce the task of establishing the not-for-profit entity for the pilot project as well as providing staff support for the Community Planning Team that will be created by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Planning Team shall consist of residents and representatives from community-based organizations and other community institutions, of which

at least half must reside within the area designated as the Zone pursuant to section 409.147, Fla. Stat.; and

**WHEREAS**, section 409.147, Fla. Stat. requires the Community Planning team to:

1. develop a planning process that sets the direction for, builds a commitment to, and develops the capacity to realize the Magic City Zone's concept;
2. develop a vision of what the zone will look like when the challenges, problems, and opportunities in the zone are successfully addressed; identify important opportunities, strengths, challenges, and problems in the zone;
3. develop a strategic community plan consisting of goals, objectives, tasks, the designation of responsible parties, the identification of resources needed, timelines for implementation of the plan, and procedures for monitoring outcomes; and designate working groups; and

**WHEREAS**, section 409.147, Fla. Stat. requires eight (8) working groups of the Community Planning Team:

1. Early Development and Care of Children,
2. Education of Children and Youth,
3. Health and Wellness,
4. Youth Support,
5. Parent and Guardian Support,
6. Adult Education, Training, and Jobs,
7. Community Safety, and
8. Housing and Community Development; and

**WHEREAS**, section 409.147, Fla. Stat. does not prohibit the Community Planning Team from creating additional working groups; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of preliminary meetings concerning the Zone the following working groups shall be added:

1. Arts and Culture; and

2. Elder Affairs,

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

**Section 1.** Authorizes the Mayor or Designee to establish within sixty (60) days from the date of the passage of this Resolution a Community Planning Team, consisting of residents and representatives from community-based organizations and other community institutions, of which at least half will reside within the area designated as the Magic City Zone, and having at a minimum; the following ten working groups for the Magic City Zone Pilot Project:

1. Early Development and Care of Children,
2. Education of Children and Youth,
3. Health and Wellness,
4. Youth Support,
5. Parent and Guardian Support,
6. Adult Education, Training, and Jobs,
7. Community Safety,
8. Housing and Community Development,
9. Arts and Culture, and
10. Elder Affairs.

**Section 2.** Supports and directs the Mayor or Designee to provide all necessary support for the Community Planning Team and Working Groups in their development and adoption of a strategic community plan to address the ten (10) working group areas set forth in Section 1 above. The plan is to outline the goals, objectives, and tasks required to implement the Magic City Zone Pilot Project, designate parties responsible for each task, identify needed resources, and set a timeline for implementation as well as procedures for monitoring outcomes.

**Section 3.** Supports and encourages Ounce to create a not-for-profit corporation registered, incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with chapter 617, Florida Statutes, which will facilitate fundraising, secure broad community ownership of the Magic City Zone, take over planning responsibilities from the planning team and oversee implementation of the Magic City Zone strategic community plan.

**Section 4.** Urges Ounce to include two additional seats on the Magic City Zone’s not-for-profit corporation Board of Directors; one for the Mayor or Designee and another for a representative of Miami Jackson Senior High.

**Section 5.** Designates and identifies the pilot project created by the State legislature as the “Magic City Zone”.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and the Co-Sponsors are Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Commissioner Katy Sorenson, and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Katy Sorenson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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.

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