



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(29)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

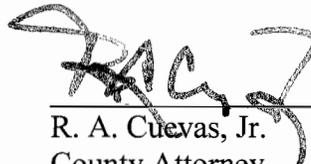
DATE: September 1, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the U.S. Air
Force to reconsider its decision not
to support the Miami International
Aerospace Show at Homestead Air
Reserve Base

Resolution No. R-713-11

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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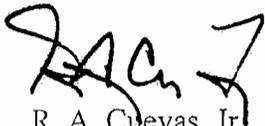


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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous____) 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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9-1-11

RESOLUTION NO. R-713-11

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. AIR FORCE TO
RECONSIDER ITS DECISION NOT TO SUPPORT THE
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE SHOW AT
HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County and the Beacon Council have been working on an initiative for the last several years to bring an event similar to the Paris Air Show to Miami-Dade County, believing that Miami-Dade County has the necessary community resources to host a major international aerospace show that would have a significant economic impact for county businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2009, this Board adopted Resolution No. 1289-09 supporting the concept of having a major international commercial air show in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1289-09 also directed the Mayor or designee to take all actions necessary to support the Beacon Council's efforts to establish a commercial air show in Miami-Dade County, including seeking agreements from the U.S. Department of Defense to use Homestead Air Reserve Base as the primary location of the show; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the concept of the Miami International Aerospace Show has received strong and bipartisan support from elected officials at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, both Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio have indicated their support for the Miami International Aerospace Show; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen initiated a bipartisan letter to Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley dated June 8, 2011 expressing support for the Miami International Aerospace Show that included all 25 members of Congress from Florida; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Scott also has indicated his support for the Miami International Aerospace Show; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2011, this Board adopted Resolution No. 286-11 committing up to \$7.5 million in funding for public infrastructure improvements from Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond proceeds for the Miami International Aerospace Show in 2012 upon the satisfaction of certain conditions by the Beacon Council; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2011, Secretary Donley wrote to Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen indicating that the Air Force was not in a position to support the Miami International Aerospace Show at Homestead Air Reserve Base in November, 2012, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, while Secretary Donley's letter does not entirely foreclose Air Force support for the show, it does set forth a framework of requirements and expectations that Miami-Dade County and the Beacon Council would need to address in order for the Air Force to proceed with the Miami International Aerospace Show at Homestead Air Reserve Base; and

WHEREAS, the Miami International Air Show could not only provide another venue to showcase Miami Dade County, but also provide economic development and jobs during these challenging economic times; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to reaffirm its strong support for the Miami International Aerospace Show at Homestead Air Reserve Base; commend Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen and the other members of the Florida Congressional Delegation for their efforts on this issue; and

urge the U.S. Air Force to reconsider its decision not to support the Miami International Aerospace at Homestead Air Reserve Base,

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

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Air Force to reconsider its decision not to support the Miami International Aerospace show at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Members of the Florida Delegation, Governor Rick Scott and the Secretary of the Department of the Air Force.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2011 and 2012 Federal Legislative Packages.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	aye
	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	absent	Lynda Bell aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Jose "Pepe" Diaz aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto absent
Xavier L. Suarez	absent	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2011. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMM", is written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON DC 20330-1000

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Washington, DC 20330-1160

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ros-Lehtinen:

Thank you for your June 8, 2011 letter to the Secretary of the Air Force regarding the proposed Miami International Aerospace Show and the use of Homestead Air Reserve Base (ARB), Florida.

After careful consideration of the information provided to date by the Miami-Dade County Commission and the Beacon Council, the Air Force is not in a position to support the Commission's request to host the Miami International Air Show (MIAS) at Homestead ARB in November 2012.

In accordance with Department of Defense policies, the Air Force has historically played a limited role in air trade events (almost exclusively overseas). Further, we have not previously committed to the recurring use of one of our installations by a single non-Federal entity for a commercial venture. Miami-Dade County's request to use the runway and flight line ramps at Homestead ARB to "host" an event comparable to the Paris and Farnborough Air Shows would require both a substantial change in policy and a commitment to significant involvement and support from various levels and offices within the Air Force.

Since we lack clear statutory authority to provide the scope of support we assess may be required, and are mindful of the need to appropriately husband declining resources, we must proceed with due deliberation. To that end, any future consideration of such a proposal must be accompanied by a business plan and concept of operations that would address the specific types and level of support requested from the Air Force. This level of detail is the responsibility of, and should be developed and provided by, the Miami-Dade Commission, the Beacon Council, and the aerospace companies who would potentially underwrite this event, not the Air Force.

Specific factors of concern to the Air Force include the potential mission impacts, security and force protection requirements, potential infrastructure improvements, the general availability of funding, recoverable and unrecoverable costs, and risk and liability issues. Overall, we are concerned about the propriety and precedential impact of Federal support in this

manner for a commercial venture, and the future obligations for similar support that this event could impose on the Air Force.

In summary, based on what we know today we are unable to support this proposal. Nonetheless, please be assured that Homestead ARB continues to be an engaged and supportive partner in the local community and the Air Force appreciates the strong relationship the base maintains with local civic and business leaders. The "Wings Over Homestead" Air Show remains scheduled for early November, 2012; we understand the Thunderbirds were requested to perform and look forward to their 2012 schedule, which will be released this December (2011).

Thank you for your continued support of Homestead ARB and its Airmen. A similar letter has been sent to the other signatories of your letter.

Very respectfully,


LORI J. ROBINSON
Major General, USAF
Director, Legislative Liaison