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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

DATE March 6, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Resolution waiving the residency requirements of Section 2-11.38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County for and appointing Lis-Marie Alvarado to the Commission for Women

Resolution No. R-233-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

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County Attorney

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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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-233-12

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-11.38 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR AND APPOINTING LIS-MARIE ALVARADO TO THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

WHEREAS, Lis-Marie Alvarado, a native of Nicaragua, has resided in the United States and in Miami-Dade County since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alvarado, whose resume is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, has a list of accomplishments related to women's issues, including but not limited to being awarded the Certificate of Outstanding Service to the FIU Women's Studies Program, serving as a panelist on the Wayuu Women Leaders Conference in Columbia, and being awarded the Excellence in Civic Engagement Medallion of Distinction from FIU's Center for Leadership and Service, which is given to graduating undergraduate and graduate students who have excelled in the classroom, community, and as campus leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alvarado desires to serve as member of the County's Commission for Women, which is responsible, in part, for serving in an advisory capacity to the County Commission, the County administration, the community, and all agencies and persons in Miami-Dade County with respect to all matters pertaining to the status of women, including but not limited to discrimination against women, employment of women, education of women, establishment of day care centers in the community, and attitudes towards women in the community, and to make periodic reports and recommendations to these bodies in respect to such matters; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-11.38 of the Code requires that "all members of County boards shall be permanent residents and electors of Miami-Dade County unless the Board of County Commissioners, by a two-thirds vote of its membership, waives this requirement, and should have reputations for integrity and community service;" and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alvarado does not meet the "elector of Miami-Dade County" requirement since she is not eligible to register to vote because she is a lawful permanent resident rather than a United States Citizen; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding her immigration status and inability to register to vote, Ms. Alvarado would be an ideal candidate to serve on the Commission for Women,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 2-11.38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its membership, hereby waives the elector of Miami-Dade County requirement for Lis-Marie Alvarado.

Section 3. The Board appoints Lis-Marie Alvarado to the Commission for Women for a four (4) year term.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of March, 2012. 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.

Terrence A. Smith

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Homestead, FL 33033
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Education

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY — Miami, FL 2005-2010
Bachelors of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology - Cum Laude
Bachelors of Arts in Women's Studies - Cum Laude

MINORS: International Relations & Mass Media Communications

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE — Miami, FL 2002-2005
Associates of Arts in Liberal Studies

Certificate & Awards

Certificate of Outstanding Academic Achievement in Women's Studies 2011

Certificate of Outstanding Service to the Women's Studies Program 2011

LAAC Latin American &Caribbean Undergraduate Certificate 2010

AADF African & African Diaspora Undergraduate Certificate 2010

Excellence in Civic Engagement Medallion 2010

200 Scholarship: A Society of Professional Women, INC. 2009

Honor Societies

Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Delta, Sigma Iota Rho, Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key Honor Society, Delta Epsilon Iota, Lambda Alpha, and the National Scholars Honor Society.

Academic Engagement

UNESCO — FIU 2010-present
President

LAMBDA ALPHA— FIU 2010-present
Vice President

WOMEN'S STUDIES STUDENT ASSOCIATION — FIU 2008-2010
Vice President

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA — FIU 2008-2010
Vice President

GLOBAL & SOCIOCULTURAL CLUB — FIU 2008-2010
Vice President

STUDENT FARMWORKER ALLIANCE—FIU 2006-2008
Campus Representative

UNITED STUDENTS AGAISNT SWEATSHOPS —FIU 2006-2007
President

Civic Engagement

FARMWORKER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA—Homestead, FL 2009-present
Member/Volunteer

M.U.J.E.R—Homestead, FL 2009-present
Member/Volunteer

SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM—Miami, FL 2009-present
Internship Supervisor

SOUTH FLORIDA WAGE THEFT TASK FORCE—Homestead, FL 2009-present
Activist

SEED305 POLITICAL EDUCATION PROJECT —Miami, FL 2007-present
Facilitator &Organizer

FARMWORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE —Miami, FL 2007-present
Activist

POWER U CENTER FOR SOCIAL CHANGE—Miami, FL 2007-present
Allie/Collaborator/Member

STUDENTS WORKING FOR EQUAL RIGHTS—Miami, FL 2007-present
Allie/Collaborator/Member

HOMESTEAD SENIOR HIGH—Homestead, FL 2007-present
Volunteer

SOUTH DADE SENIOR HIGH—Homestead, FL 2007-present
Volunteer

ENFAMILIA INC—Miami, FL 2009-2010
Board of Directors Member

INSTITUTE FOR GRASSROOTS RESEARCH AND ACTION—Oakland, CA Summer 2008
Organizer

DANTE B. FACELL ELEMENTARY—Miami, FL 2001-2002
Volunteer

Leadership & Service Programs

National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice 2011— Participant

Wayuu Women Leaders Conference in Colombia 2010— Panelist

Global Forum on Migration and Development 2010— Speaker & Participant

Social Justice Leadership 2010— Graduate

LeaderShape 2010— Graduate

FIU Academy of Leaders Graduate 2009 — Graduate

Movement Activist Apprenticeship Program (MAAP) 2008 — Graduate

Peer Education Program FIU Victim Advocacy Center 2008 — Participant

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Entrepreneurship

Creator and host of show *Madre Tierra.* A musical/talk radio show that prides itself in airing music "from cultures that respect the earth", as well as in providing a space for social, cultural, political...commentaries, with special guests and interviews reflecting South Florida's dynamic activist community. The show is aired on FIU student radio, RadiateFM.

Community Work

WECOUNT! INC—Homestead, FL 2007-2010
Youth and Schools Organizer

WECOUNT! INC—Homestead, FL 2007-present
Membership & Education Coordinator /Women Organizer