



MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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


DATE: July 17, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Resolution placing a non-binding
straw ballot question on the general
election ballot in Miami-Dade
County whether they support the
County Commission increasing the
countywide general fund millage by
0.1079 mills to fund improved animal
services programs in the County

Resolution No. R-647-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Lynda Bell and Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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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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RESOLUTION NO. R-647-12

RESOLUTION PLACING A NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT QUESTION ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WHETHER THEY SUPPORT THE COUNTY COMMISSION INCREASING THE COUNTYWIDE GENERAL FUND MILLAGE BY 0.1079 MILLS TO FUND IMPROVED ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, this board desires to decrease dog and cat overpopulation, decrease public shelter euthanasia of adoptable dogs and cats, and fund veterinary care and responsible pet ownership educational programs for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to determine whether the residents of Miami-Dade County support an increase in the ad valorem tax levy of 0.1079 mills for the purposes delineated above,

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

Section 1. A non-binding straw ballot question shall be placed on the Tuesday, November 6, 2012 general election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County the non-binding straw ballot question as set forth below.

Section 2. Notice of such election shall be published in accordance with Section 100.342, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The result of such election shall be determined by a majority of the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County voting upon the proposal. The polls at such election

shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the day of such election. All qualified electors of Miami-Dade County, Florida shall be entitled to vote at said election. The County registration books shall remain open at the Office of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections until twenty-nine (29) days prior to the date of such election, at which time the registration books will close in accordance with the provisions of general election laws. The question shall appear on the ballot in substantially the following form:

NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT ON FUNDING IMPROVED ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

Would you be in favor of the County Commission increasing the countywide general fund millage by 0.1079 mills and applying the additional ad valorem tax revenues generated thereby to fund improved animal services, including:

- decreasing the killing of adoptable dogs and cats (historically approximately 20,000 annually);
- reducing stray cat populations (currently approximately 400,000 cats); and
- funding free and low-cost spay/neuter programs, low-cost veterinary care programs, and responsible pet ownership educational programs?

YES

NO

Section 4. The form of the ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

Section 5. Early voting shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

Section 6. Absentee paper ballots may be used by qualified electors of Miami-Dade County for voting on this question. The form of such absentee ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements prescribed by general election laws.

Section 7. A sample ballot showing the manner in which the question or proposal aforesaid will appear at this election shall be published and provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of general election laws.

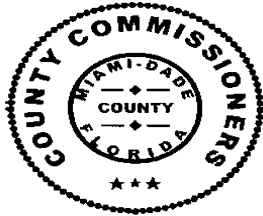
Section 8. This election on the proposal aforesaid shall be held and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the general laws relating to elections and the provisions of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter. The County Mayor or his or her designee, the Finance Director, and the Clerk of the County Commission are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this resolution. This election shall be a nonpartisan election. Election officials in connection with this election shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of general election laws.

Section 9. This election shall be canvassed by the County Canvassing Board, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.07 of the Home Rule Charter.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Lynda Bell, and Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** 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	aye	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	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of July, 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.

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

Dennis A. Kerbel