

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Members, Board of County Commissioners **DATE:** December 4, 2012

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney **SUBJECT:** Resolution appointing Ronda A. Vangates, Esq. and Rasha Soray-Cameau as Commissioners for N.W. 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency; and designating Oliver Gross as Chairman and Ronda A. Vangates, Esq. as Vice-Chairwoman of the N.W. 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency
Resolution No. R-1052-12

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



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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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-4-12

RESOLUTION NO. R-1052-12

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RONDA A. VANGATES, ESQ. AND RASHA SORAY-CAMEAU AS COMMISSIONERS FOR N.W. 79TH STREET CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; AND DESIGNATING OLIVER GROSS AS CHAIRMAN AND RONDA A. VANGATES, ESQ. AS VICE-CHAIRWOMAN OF THE N.W. 79TH STREET CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted Ordinance No. 11-55, which established the N.W. 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") and appointed an initial Board of Commissioners ("Agency's Board") pursuant to Section 163.356, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board, as governing body of the Agency, makes appointments to the Agency's Board, when necessary, after the initial Agency's Board is established; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.356(2), Florida Statutes and Section 3 of Ordinance, the Agency's Board "shall consist of not fewer than five or more than nine commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to appoint Ronda A. Vangates, Esq. and Rasha Soray-Cameau, whose resumes are attached hereto as Exhibit A, to serve as commissioners of the Agency's Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.356(3)(c) of the Florida Statute and Section 8 (c) of Ordinance No. 11-55, the Board, as the governing body of Miami-Dade County, is also required to designate a chair and vice chair from amongst the Agency's commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board further desires to designate Oliver Gross as Chairman and Ronda A. Vangates, Esq. as Vice-Chairwoman of the Agency,

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. The Board appoints Ronda A. Vangates, Esq. and Rasha Soray-Cameau to the Board of Commissioners for the Agency for a term of four (4) years each.

Section 3. The Board further designates Oliver Gross as Chairman and Ronda A. Vangates, Esq. as Vice-Chairwoman of the Agency as required by Section 163.356(3)(c) of the Florida Statute and Section 8 (c) of Ordinance No. 11-55.

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

	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman		aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Lynda Bell	absent
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	absent	Juan C. Zapata	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of December, 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

Professional Biography

Ronda A. Vangates, Esquire

Ronda A. Vangates, a licensed attorney, currently serves as District Director for Performance Improvement and Chairperson of the Americans with Disabilities District Consultative Committee, Office of Human Resources, for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). She holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Political Science and Public Administration from Florida A&M University and a Juris Doctorate degree from Nova Southeastern University. Ronda has served as a senior-level administrator on virtually every level of government including: The Florida Senate, Florida House of Representatives, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and City of Miami.

Ronda began her career of public service by serving as **Chief of Staff** to the late Florida Senator William "Bill" Turner, where she framed and analyzed both legislative and fiscal issues concerning growth management, environmental equity, juvenile justice, education and economic development. She went on to build upon her legislative and administrative experience by signing on to serve as a member of the Executive Staff for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. While serving as an **Operations and Management Consultant**, Ronda was charged with working cooperatively with members of Florida's congressional and state delegations, by providing fiscal and programmatic analyses of legislation designed to reduce the incidence of juvenile crime and develop budget proposals to support effective statewide programming.

Having an affinity for the law and an admiration for the changes it can exact, Ronda obtained her Juris Doctorate degree from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center. While pursuing her law degree, Ronda was recruited to serve as **Chief Legislative Assistant** to then, Rep. Frederica S. Wilson, member of the Florida House of Representatives (now a U.S. Representative – Florida's 17th Congressional District), to provide leadership and assistance in drafting legislation and budget allocation requests. After finishing her law studies, Ronda accepted the position of **Intergovernmental Affairs Director** for the Office of the Mayor -- City of Miami. After only four months of dedicated service to the Office of the Mayor, Ronda was promoted to the position of **Chief of Staff** to the Mayor. This appointment was not only a significant milestone in her career but also added to the pages of municipal history, when she became the first African-American to hold such a pivotal leadership position – a position that required a unique ability to effectively communicate, develop and implement municipal priorities.

Ronda went on to serve as **Special Assistant to the City Manager** where she coordinated the development and implementation of the City of Miami's Legislative Agenda pursued on federal, state and local levels of government and provided leadership and counsel on key municipal issues: economic development, community redevelopment and citizen services. She went on to expand her sphere of administrative experience by accepting the position of **Chief of Policy and Legislative Affairs** for the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners. In this position, she was responsible for the management of the commission docket as well as providing keen analysis of local issues pertaining to regional transportation, annexation, budget and economic development. This position allowed Ronda to further develop her ability to clearly communicate organizational priorities to key stakeholders and build the structural capacity to implement Board policies and priorities.

As a senior-level administrator with Miami-Dade County Public School System, Ronda has served as **Assistant Special Counsel to the Superintendent of Schools**, where she provided candid, professional and ethical legal advice around cabinet-level issues. She managed the Office(s) of Professional Standards, Civil Rights Compliance, Diversity Compliance (EEOC), and the Civilian Investigative Unit.

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Now serving as **District Director for Performance Improvement**, she provides administrative oversight to the District's Americans with Disabilities Office where she works to ensure that M-DCPS is in complete compliance with state and federal laws regarding access and accommodations for persons with recognized disabilities. She is also the Assistant Superintendent of Schools appointee to the Charter School Contract Review Committee where she reviews proposed charter school contracts through the lens of equity and access.

Ronda who earnestly believes that she has a responsibility to "give back" to those who have provided her with encouragement and support, has served on the Board of Directors for the Belafonte Tacolcy Center located in her childhood neighborhood of Liberty City; the Overtown Youth Center, the brain child of former Miami Heat star, Alonzo Mourning and philanthropist Martin "Marty" Margulies; former Chairperson of the Black Business Initiative for the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and third Vice-President of the Miami-Dade Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

She has served on the City of Miami's Charter Reform and Review and Neighborhood Improvement and Bond Oversight Committees. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Miami-Dade Historic Preservation Board, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce South Florida Progress Foundation, Girl Power and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Incorporated.

Ronda, a member of the Florida Bar, has been recognized as one the most influential African-Americans by Who's Who in Black South Florida and one of South Florida's *50 Most Influential Black Business Professionals* by Success magazine. She was recently presented with the Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award by Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education.

She is the extremely proud mother of one daughter – **Ashley Crystal Renee**, a recent graduate of the University of Florida, earning a Masters Degree in Elementary Education and now a public school teacher in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Professional References

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Strategic Objectives; coordinated training programs for the department; coordinated public safety issues through Neighborhood Resource Officers; coordinated with other City departments to obtain services needed in neighborhoods; requested changes in established patterns of service delivery, when needed; expedited and resolved neighborhood issues and concerns related to a broad range of services; directed a system of receiving and resolving complaints and requests-for-service from citizens; acted as the primary liaison between the community and the City administration; established a working relationship with all neighborhood organizations (resident and business); attended organizational meetings to provide information and guidance when requested; developed strategic plan in partnership with neighborhood leaders; identifying the service area's strengths, weaknesses, problems and priorities; developed realistic strategies and timetables for implementing various actions; ensured equal access and equitable treatment of all individuals and community organizations; worked closely with community-based organizations funded through Community Development Block Grant Program to encourage those organizations to provide meaningful service to the community and to comply with federal regulations; provided guidance to organizations in developing policies, projects and priorities; supervised temporary employees, volunteers and persons doing community service work; identified neighborhood cleanup tasks, beautification projects and other services; and performing related work as required

Lead Administrator for NET on the Mayor's Anti-Poverty Initiative and Abandoned Properties Registration and Maintenance Program. Coordinated special events and special initiatives, such as Home Beautification Painting/Landscaping project, erection of the Toussaint Louverture statue and renovation of the Freedom Garden.

1997 – 2004 Human Services Coalition of Dade County
Deputy Director

Responsible for fiscal management, budget preparation and financial reporting, contract management and compliance, human resources, fundraising and development, facilities' management, oversight of communications department, which handled database management, marketing and membership development. Additional responsibilities included providing fiscal and organizational training and oversight to grassroots organizations, to facilitate incorporation and own financial stability.

Created and implemented Agency operating systems. Drafted and continuously updated Agency's Standard Operating Procedures. Handled day-to-day operations, and all Agency negotiations with federal/state/county/private fund providers, and independent auditors. Supervised at least eight employees in various departments. Drafted contracts and leases as needed.

Aug-96 to Jan-97 City of Miami Mayor's Office
Mayor's Aide (*Special Assignment*)

On behalf of Mayor's office, initiated contact with community leaders in the Haitian-American and African-American communities, and homeowners associations. Represented Mayor at community functions. Met with residents with regard to zoning, code enforcement, community development, and various complaints.

1995-1997 Haitian American Foundation, Inc.
Programs Director

Implemented simultaneous social service programs -- job placement, elderly and youth projects. Monitored program performance to ensure attainment of corporate objectives and compliance with program requirements. Developed and coordinated fund raising activities. Represented Executive

Director and Director of Operations at fund provider and community meetings. Provided assistance in Finance – preparation of budget for proposals, bank reconciliations, reimbursement packages.

EDUCATION

Masters in Business Administration Florida International University	Apr -2007
Bachelors in Public Administration Florida International University	2000

AFFILIATIONS

Chair person of SAVE 509	2010- Present
Member of the Haiti Relief Task Force in Miami	2010- Present

Past Board Member of Miami Dade County Community Action Agency, Neighborhood Housing Services, Human Services Coalition, Haitian American Foundation, Dade County League of Women Voters, City of Miami Affirmative Action Board.

REFERENCES

Available upon request