

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 2, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution creating and
establishing the Homeowners
Insurance Task Force
Resolution No. R-252-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Vice Chair Lynda Bell, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. and Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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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 Mayor'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-252-13

RESOLUTION CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE
HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Citizens Property Insurance Corporation (“Citizens”) is the state-run corporation whose public purpose is to provide insurance protection to property owners throughout Florida. Citizens operates according to statutory requirements created by the Florida Legislature and a Plan of Operation approved by the Florida Financial Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, residents of Miami-Dade County, many of whom have no other option but Citizens for available homeowners insurance coverage, have expressed significant dissatisfaction with the property insurance program administered by Citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to create a task force to assist in evaluating and recommending measures to improve issues relating to local property insurance programs, namely Citizens, including but not limited to unauthorized rate increases, unfair practices leading to the removal of credits, and other issues impacting the affordability of homeowners insurance for the residents of Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. There is hereby created the Homeowners Insurance Task Force.

Section 2. The purpose of the Homeowners Insurance Task Force is to discuss, evaluate and advise the Board of County Commissioners on issues relating to local property insurance programs, namely Citizens, including but not limited to unauthorized rate increases, unfair practices leading to the removal of credits, and other issues impacting the affordability of homeowners insurance for the residents of Miami-Dade County.

Section 3.

The Homeowners Insurance Task Force shall consist of seventeen (17) members. The members shall be knowledgeable of and have demonstrated an expertise in the insurance market, shall comply with the requirements of Section 2-11.38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (“Code”), and shall serve without compensation. Notwithstanding any provision in the Code to the contrary, the members shall be appointed in the following manner:

- (a) One (1) appointment from each member of the Board of County Commissioners, which may include County Commissioners or designees;
- (b) Three (3) appointment by the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, which may include the Mayor or designee;
- (c) The Property Appraiser or designee.

Any member who ceases to meet the membership requirements set forth above shall immediately forfeit his or her office.

Section 4. *Chairperson.* A member of the Homeowners Insurance Task Force, chosen by a majority of the members, shall serve as Chairperson.

Section 5. **Duties and Reports.**

(a). *Functions.* The Homeowners Insurance Task Force shall evaluate, explore, consider and recommend improvements to local property insurance programs, namely Citizens.

(b). *Report.* The Homeowners Insurance Task Force shall provide a preliminary report to the Board of County Commissioners within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this resolution, and shall submit a final written report on the status of property insurance and recommendations on improvements within three hundred and sixty-four (364) days from the effective date.

Section 6. The Homeowners Insurance Task Force shall be provided adequate staff and support services to enable it to carry out its purposes and duties.

Section 7. This resolution shall stand repealed three hundred and sixty-four (364) days from its effective date.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Vice Chair Lynda Bell, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. and Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Lynda Bell** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows.

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

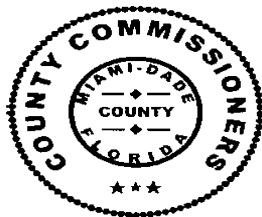
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of April, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Christopher Agrippa

By: _____
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Cynji A. Lee