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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: October 22, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to commit state funding in support of Florida International University's (FIU) request for funding for costs associated with the relocation of The Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. and FIU's desired expansion onto Tamiami Park, subject to a countywide Referendum, and to identify this Legislative priority as a critical County priority for the 2014 session

Resolution No. R-867-13

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

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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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10-22-13

RESOLUTION NO. R-867-13

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO COMMIT STATE FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S (FIU) REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR AND EXPOSITION, INC. AND FIU'S DESIRED EXPANSION ONTO TAMIAMI PARK, SUBJECT TO A COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM, AND TO IDENTIFY THIS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2014 SESSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 95-143 dated August 1, 1995 Miami-Dade County ("County") and Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition Inc. ("The Fair") entered into an Amended and Restated Lease Agreement ("Lease") to authorize access, improvement and use of certain lands within Tamiami Park, a County park; and

WHEREAS, the Lease grants the County a right to terminate the Lease should the County require the leased premises for a County purpose in the public interest and provided that certain other conditions are met, including providing a replacement site for The Fair and providing funding for the replacement of The Fair improvements; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2010, representatives from the County's administration participated in, along with Florida International University (FIU) and The Fair, a Joint Relocation Task Force whose main purpose was to assess the viability of relocating The Fair so as to enable FIU to expand onto County land now leased to The Fair and to allow The Fair to continue its established mission at a new location; and

WHEREAS, all parties recognize that many steps need to be taken in order to effectuate any potential relocation and expansion by FIU onto Tamiami Park, including but not limited to, a countywide referendum to allow such expansion by FIU onto County park land; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Relocation Task Force studied the issue of a new site for The Fair carefully, examining 24 sites for the potential relocation of The Fair, and the group agreed to complete an in-depth analysis of 3 sites; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2013, FIU, the Fair and representatives from the County's administration all agreed to continue the efforts to relocate The Fair; and

WHEREAS, relocation will allow FIU to expand onto County land now leased to The Fair and, in turn, relocating The Fair to another site will allow The Fair to develop a new, world-class facility; and

WHEREAS, any mutually beneficial option being considered must be economically feasible and respectful of the other parties' respective legal rights, operational structure and mission of service to our community; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to move the process forward in a productive and realistic manner, FIU will need to secure state funding for the relocation of The Fair and its expansion onto Tamiami Park; and

WHEREAS, both The Fair and the County desire to jointly support FIU's advocacy for State funding of the project,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to commit funding to Florida International University for the relocation and the replacement costs associated with the relocation of The Fair to another site. This Board further urges the Florida Legislature to commit funding to FIU for its desired expansion of FIU onto County park land currently leased to The Fair, subject to the voters approving such expansion in a countywide referendum.

Section 2. Identifies the issue set forth in Section 1 above as a critical County priority for the 2014 state legislative session.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of State legislation and State funding as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item as a critical County priority in the 2014 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner **Juan C. Zapata**, 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of October, 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

By: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MR

Monica Rizo