

MEMORANDUM

Amended

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

DATE: January 29, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving 2014
State Legislative Priorities

Resolution No. R-86-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor 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-86-14

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the 2014 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on March 4, 2014;
and

WHEREAS, committee meetings leading up to the 2014 session are already underway;
and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative agenda respectively to the Board, to include all “urging” resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directed that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten (10) priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that, upon the priorities being approved and effective, incorporating any amendments by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2014 state legislative priorities are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

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

Section 1. Waives Resolution No. R-764-13 and approves the state legislative priorities for the 2014 session as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the state legislative priorities for the 2014 session.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 29th day of January, 2014. 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 be "JMM", written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

1. **County Share of Medicaid Costs:** *OPPOSE* any further state cost shifts to Miami-Dade County re: the county's share of Medicaid costs; *OPPOSE* any delay or elimination of the transition to a Medicaid enrollee formula under the seven-year transition period pursuant to SB 1520 enacted during the 2013 session.
2. **Film and Entertainment Tax Credit Incentive Program:** *SUPPORT* a long-term commitment to fund the current film, television and entertainment production tax credit incentive program that fosters economic development and creates jobs.
3. **Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter:** *OPPOSE* any bill or joint resolution filed for consideration by the Florida Legislature that would adversely affect the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter or preempts local Home Rule.
4. **Citizen's Property Insurance:** *SUPPORT* the Florida Legislature and Governor finding solutions to control Citizens Property Insurance Corporation's expenses and attorneys' fees, and to address Citizens' reserves in light of the fact that Florida has not experienced a major storm since 2005.
5. **FIU's Expansion onto Youth Fair area of Tamiami Park:** *SUPPORT* providing state funding of Florida International University's (FIU's) costs associated with the relocation of the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. and FIU's desired expansion onto the Youth Fair area of Tamiami Park, subject to a countywide referendum.
6. **Leaving the Scene of a Crash / Bicycles and Pedestrians:** *SUPPORT* the Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act, SB 102; HB 183 or similar legislation, imposing mandatory minimum sentences on drivers who are found guilty of leaving the scene of an accident involving serious bodily injury or death.
7. **Medicaid Expansion** *SUPPORT* Medicaid Expansion in Florida pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation expanding Medicaid in Florida.
8. **Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund** *SUPPORT* using Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund revenues solely for affordable housing programs, *OPPOSE* any further sweeps of such Documentary Stamp Tax/Affordable Housing Trust Fund revenues to the state general revenue fund.
9. **Skyrise Miami Tower:** *SUPPORT* providing state funding for the Skyrise Miami project, a project to create an iconic landmark in downtown Miami.
10. **Florida Enterprise Zone Program:** *SUPPORT* reauthorization of the Florida Enterprise Zone program currently set to sunset on December 31, 2015.
11. **Florida Retirement System (FRS)** – *OPPOSE* changes to FRS that would require new employees to participate in a 401(k)-style plan and potentially result in reduced benefits for retirees and higher contribution rates for county taxpayers.