

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(31)

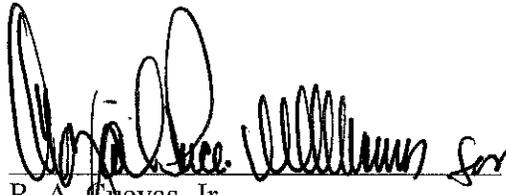
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 18, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving 2014
federal legislative priorities
Resolution No. R-259-14

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-259-14

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2014 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the second session of the 113th United States Congress was convened on January 3, 2014; 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 legislative agenda to the Board, to include all “urging” resolutions related to federal 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 delegation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2014 federal 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 2014 federal legislative priorities as set forth in the attached.

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

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Lynda Bell**, 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	aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	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 aye
Juan C. Zapata	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of March, 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.

MJM

Michael J. Mastrucci

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

1. **Veterans' Financial Protection:** *SUPPORT* the Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2014, S. 1993, or similar legislation protecting elderly veterans from financial scams and predatory financial advisers.
2. **Flood Insurance Premium Rate Increases:** *OPPOSE* the flood insurance premium rate increases on homeowners mandated by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, *SUPPORT* the Flood Insurance Implementation Reform Act of 2013, H.R. 2199, or similar legislation delaying the pending premium rate increases on homeowners under the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.
3. **Response to Human Trafficking:** *SUPPORT* the Strengthening the Child Welfare Response to Human Trafficking Act of 2013, S. 1823, H.R. 1732, or similar legislation serving children who have become or are at-risk of becoming victims of trafficking.
4. **End Racial Profiling:** *SUPPORT* the End Racial Profiling Act of 2013, S. 1038, H.R. 2851, or similar legislation prohibiting law enforcement agencies from engaging in racial profiling and mandating training for federal law enforcement officials on racial profiling issues.
5. **Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program:** *SUPPORT* President Barack Obama and the United States Secretary of Homeland Security establishing a Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program, similar to the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program.
6. **Student Loans:** *SUPPORT* the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Education reforming the current student loan system and restoring the 3.4 percent interest rate on subsidized Federal Student Loans.
7. **Elements of Comprehensive Immigration Reform:** *SUPPORT* adding to and expanding on the elements of Comprehensive Immigration Reform that this Board supported in R-1084-12, *SUPPORT* modernizing the immigration system during the 113th Congress based on specified principles, *SUPPORT* the framework for Comprehensive Immigration Reform recently proposed by a bipartisan group of United States Senators, *SUPPORT* immigration reform proposals that facilitate family reunification and end the separation of families.
8. **Comprehensive Immigration Reform:** *SUPPORT* President Barack Obama and the United States Congress enacting comprehensive immigration reform during the 113th Congress that includes strengthening border security, imposing

penalties for employers that hire undocumented workers and providing a pathway for illegal immigrants already in the United States to gain citizenship.

9. **State and Local Government Bonds**: **OPPOSE** any legislation that would result in the reduction or elimination of the tax exemption on interest earned from state and local government bonds.
10. **Financing Water Infrastructure**: **SUPPORT** the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2013, S. 601, or similar legislation establishing a pilot program through which the federal government may provide financial assistance to local governments for large water and wastewater infrastructure projects, **SUPPORT** making the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2013 permanent, **SUPPORT** protecting the federal tax exemption of municipal bond interest.
11. **Venezuela's Political Unrest**: **OPPOSE** the Venezuelan government's use of violence and intimidation against its political opposition, **SUPPORT** those Venezuelans who are valiantly fighting to restore their nation to a peaceful and democratic state, **SUPPORT** the Federal Government taking immediate diplomatic action.