

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: September 3, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing Mayor to
develop a plan to establish a
Chinese Consulate-General in
Miami
Resolution No. R-781-14

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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9-3-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-781-14

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S
DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A
CHINESE CONSULATE-GENERAL IN MIAMI

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China is the world's second-largest economy by both nominal total gross domestic product and purchasing power parity, and is also the world's largest exporter and importer of goods; and

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China maintains an embassy in Washington, D.C., and five (5) consulates-general in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Houston; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Consulate-General in Houston covers a consular jurisdiction that includes the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, due to the growth and improvement in China-US relations and increased interactions between the Chinese and American business communities, Miami-Dade County residents have shown heightened interest in travel to China; and

WHEREAS, it places a significant burden and hardship on Miami-Dade County residents to obtain a visa from the Chinese Consulate-General in Houston, as visas are necessary to visit China's mainland and must be applied for and obtained in person, or entrusted to someone else; and

WHEREAS, establishing a consulate-general in Miami is in the best interest of Miami-Dade County as it will bring Chinese investments to Miami-Dade County, expand and promote China-US trade relationships, and encourage greater tourism; and

WHEREAS, establishing a consulate-general in Miami could assist in establishing direct flight routes to/from Miami International Airport, which will increase passenger and cargo traffic and enhance international trade and commerce,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board requests the Mayor or Mayor's designee to develop a plan to establish a Chinese Consulate-General in Miami.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Lynda Bell** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows: follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman	aye
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair	aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	absent	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	absent	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 3rd day of September, 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.

Handwritten signature: JAL for CAL

Cynji A. Lee