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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 1, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution waiving by a two-thirds vote of the County Commission's full membership term limit restrictions for Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight board member the Honorable Rosa Figarola

Resolution No. R-1102-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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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**

_____ **Statement of social equity 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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12-1-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-1102-15

RESOLUTION WAIVING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION'S FULL MEMBERSHIP TERM LIMIT RESTRICTIONS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD MEMBER THE HONORABLE ROSA FIGAROLA; AND AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE ROSA FIGAROLA TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR ANOTHER TERM

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-892(d) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, no Domestic Violence Oversight Board ("DVOB") member shall serve more than two consecutive and complete terms of three years unless the Board of County Commissioners, by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board of County Commissioners, votes to waive that term limit; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, no board member shall serve more than eight consecutive years on a County board unless the Board of County Commissioners, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, votes to waive the eight year term limit; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Rosa Figarola has served as a member of the DVOB since February 2008, which is approximately seven years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Figarola has demonstrated a commitment to victims of domestic violence, the residents of Miami-Dade County, and the goals of the DVOB; and

WHEREAS, Judge Figarola desires to continue to serve as a member of the DVOB; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to waive the applicable term limits and authorize the reappointment of Judge Figarola to the DVOB for another three-year term; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Judge Figarola's resume is attached,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board, by a two-thirds vote of this Board's full membership, waives the term limit restrictions applicable to DVOB member the Honorable Rosa Figarola, and authorizes the appointment of the Honorable Rosa Figarola to another term as a member of the DVOB.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, 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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman **aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman **absent**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of December, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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. BKN

Brenda Kuhns Neuman

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 2011 to Present	**Circuit Court Judge – Family Division** Preside over all aspects of family court matters
September 2011 to January 2015	**Circuit Court Judge – Dependency Division** Presided over all aspects of cases dealing with child maltreatment and Unified Family Court within the dependency division.
January 2005 to September 2011	**County Court Judge - Domestic Violence Division** Preside over criminal and civil domestic violence cases. Implemented the Enhanced Judicial Review Calendar for offenders diagnosed in need of drug rehabilitation as well as domestic violence batterer's classes. The Enhanced Judicial Review Calendar ensures close monitoring and accountability.
December 1999 to January 2005	**County Court Judge - Criminal Division** Presided over all aspects of voluminous criminal court docket involving criminal misdemeanor and criminal traffic offenses.
1997-2000	**Faculty Member National Legal Aid and Defender Association**
1987- 2000	**Office of the Public Defender, Eleventh Judicial Circuit** Appellate Attorney- Handled all aspects of appellate practice. Prepared approximately 400 appellate briefs
1982-1987	**Office of the Public Defender, Eleventh Judicial Circuit** Trial Attorney - Represented criminal defendants charged with offenses ranging from misdemeanor to first degree murder. Handled approximately 50 jury trials.

ASSOCIATIONS:

Domestic Violence Oversight Board
-appointed in February 2008 by County Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Miami-Dade Community Based Care Alliance, Chair
-appointed 2013

St. Thomas University School of Law
Served as Faculty Advisor for the Mock Trial team – 2010 - 2014
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Committee
-Former Domestic Violence Oversight Board representative

Appointed to the Miami Beach Commission for Women in April 2009
- Miami Beach City Advisory Board
-former Commission co-chair

Former Appointed to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Diversity Team for the Florida Supreme Court's Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity
– Appointed January 2009

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
-past faculty member Enhancing Judicial Skills, an educational program enhancing judicial skills when dealing with domestic violence cases

Caribbean Dialogue on Rule of Law and Gender-Based Violence - January 2013
-Received recognition for helping facilitate State Department program held at Florida International University

EDUCATION:

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida
Juris Doctor May 1982

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida
Bachelor in Arts, Economics, August 1979

PRIOR AFFILIATIONS:

Cuban-American Bar Association
-Secretary 1998
-Board of Directors 1999-2000

Florida Association of Women Lawyers
-Board member 2000

Transition, Inc. – a job development program for ex-offenders
-Board member 1998-2009
-President 1999-2000

Educational Excellence School Advisory Commission
-Carver Middle School 1999-2000
-Chair 2000