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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(1)

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

DATE: May 17, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution to appoint Mr. Arturo Lopez as a member of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for a term of four years

Resolution No. R-392-16

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Unincorporated Municipal Service Area Committee and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/cp

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: May 17, 2016

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Appointment of Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Member

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Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) appoint Arturo Lopez to be the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board's Farm Labor Representative as recommended by the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations, Inc.

Scope
The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board has a countywide impact.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source
There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Track Record/Monitor
Mark Woerner, Chief of the Planning Division in the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, monitors the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Background
The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board consists of 13 members representing a variety of agricultural industries. In the event of a vacancy on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, at least one (1) nominee must be submitted to the Board by the appropriate organization in accordance with Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code). The Board considers the nominee(s) and appoints the successor pursuant to Section 2-935 of the Code.

On October 27, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations, Inc. nominated Mr. Arturo Lopez to be the Farm Labor Representative to replace Advisory Board Member Robert Thompson, who passed away in August 2015. For the Board's reference, attached is Mr. Arturo Lopez's resume and the minutes of the meeting at which he was selected.

Mr. Lopez is currently the Executive Director of the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations, a position he has held since 1985, and is responsible for the solicitation, negotiation, compliance, and monitoring of agency contracts and grants. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Lopez was a member of the State of Florida Governor's Advisory Council on Farmworker Affairs. Mr. Lopez worked for the Illinois Migrant Council from 1969 to 1985, and served as its Executive Director from 1977 to 1985. Mr. Lopez served in the US Air Force and attended Northern Michigan University and Western New Mexico University.

The term of this appointment begins upon the effective date of this approval and ends four (4) years from such date.

Jack Osterholt
Deputy Mayor

Arturo Lopez
14970 S.W. 296 Street
Leisure City, Florida 33033

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Thirty years experience in operating federal, state and county sponsored programs under the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, the Community Services Administration, Community Services Block Grants and Community Development Block Grants.

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Executive Director
Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations
778 West Palm Drive
Florida City, Florida 33034
(305)246-0357

Responsible for the administration of a statewide Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Organization. Duties include the solicitation and negotiating of contracts and grants for the agency and the grantees with whom it contracts with. Other duties include establishing compliance and monitoring procedures for each grant, insuring that each is audited as required, representing the agency on various issues and committees concerned about farmworkers, recommending policy to the Board and the hiring and supervising of key staff.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Executive Director
Illinois Migrant Council
1977 - 1985
202 South state Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Administered a statewide migrant program and reported to a statewide twenty-seven member Board of Directors. Grants administered were Department of Labor, CETA and JTPA grants; Health and Human Services (formerly HEW) grants; Community Service Block Grants; Women, Infant and Children (WIC) grants; a Joyce Foundation Pesticide Program and several employment and training contracts from Service Delivery Agencies and Private Industry Councils.
Responsibilities included negotiating of the aforementioned grants, recommending policy to the boards of funding sources, responding to and resolving audit differences, reviewing and approving budget and expenditures. Spokesperson for the agency on public relations matters and representing the agency on various advisory committees. Position supervised included: Agency controller, Personnel/EEO Officer, Director of Health Services, Associate Director of Planning and Program Development, Associate Director of Program Operations and an Administrative Assistant.

PERSONAL DATA

Mexican American, born in Silver City New Mexico. Graduated from Silver High School , served in the Air Force Armed Services in Michigan and attended Northern Michigan University and Western New Mexico University. Left New Mexico in 1969 to work for the Illinois Migrant Council (1969 – 1985) and to Florida in 1985 to assume the position of Executive Director for the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations, a position that I presently hold.

AFFILIATIONS

Public Health & Human Services Advisory Council
Miami Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Council
Chairman of the Migrant Service Providers in Miami Dade County
Treasurer of the Everglades Housing Group, Inc., Florida City
Treasurer of the Rural Neighborhood Housing Inc., Florida City
Secretary/Treasurer of the Cypress Housing Corporation, Collier County
Secretary/Treasurer of Little Manatee Housing Corp., Hillsborough County
President of the Housing Assistance Council, Washington, D.C.
Secretary of MAFO a National Organization of Farmworker Organizations
Member of the National Farmworker Alliance

Was also a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Farmworker Affairs
State of Florida, Governor's Office. 1993 – 1998 (dissolved)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD MINUTES
October 27, 2015
Conference Call
4:00 pm

INTRODUCTIONS:
Pedro Narezo informed the members of the purpose for the Executive Committee meeting which was 1) to appoint a member to represent COFFO on the Miami Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Council and 2) appoint a Bylaws committee to review and respond to the monitoring recommendations.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Pedro Narezo, Chairperson
Sinclaire Williams, Vice Chairperson
Victor Larger, Treasurer
Beatriz Coronado, Secretary

STAFF:
Arturo Lopez, Executive Director

ESTABLISHING A QUORUM:
Having determined that there was a quorum, the Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to accept the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
The motion to accept the agenda was made by Victor Larger, seconded by Sinclair Williams, motion passed.

The Chairperson asked the Executive Director to proceed with the agenda items.

The Executive Director informed the members that several years ago he had attended the Miami Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Council meeting and that after the meeting he had commented to, then, Commissioner Katy Sorenson why there was not a person representing farmworkers since they were detrimental to agriculture. She agreed and a few days later informed the Advisory Council that she was appointing the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations (COFFO) to represent the interest of farmworkers on the Council.

The Executive Director informed the Committee that the first representative on the Council was Santiago Gonzalez, a COFFO staff member. When Santiago resigned due to illness, the Board appointed Fernando (Chappy) Pro Jr. and when Chappy retired, the Board appointed Bob Thompson who had been representing COFFO for the last 5 years.

The Executive Director attended the last Council meeting and informed the members of Bob's death. The members gave their condolences and he informed them that COFFO would be appointing a replacement. The appointee should be a resident of Miami Dade, which limited the selection to Beatriz Coronado, Joseph Dorsinvil (who said he could not attend the meetings because of his work schedule. The committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm) and the Executive Director.

The Chairperson commented that because of the history, known by the Executive Director, he should be the representative and opened it up for other recommendations. Victor Larger asked if Beatriz Coronado would be interested in being the representative. She responded by saying that she was new to her position and didn't feel comfortable in being the representative. Victor suggested that the Executive Director be the representative and that Beatriz attend the meetings with him. Beatriz commented that she may not be able to attend all the meetings but would attend some. The Executive Director suggested that he be the representative and that Beatriz Coronado could be the alternate and attend the meetings when possible. Victor Larger moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, seconded by Sinclair Williams, motion passed.

The Executive Director said that the next item on the agenda was the formation of a Bylaws committee to review bylaws and DEO requirements and address the recommendations of the DEO. The Chairperson reviewed the membership and asked Victor Larger, Sinclair Williams and Beatriz if they would serve on the committee. All accepted the appointment.

The Chairman asked the Executive Director to cover what was expected of the committee. The Executive Director inform the members that DEO wanted a timeline on when the Board would review the Board Work Sheet, make changes if needed to the bylaws and have them reviewed by an attorney. The Executive Director reviewed the Draft timeline with the members and said that dates could be changed as needed. The Chairman asked for a motion to accept the Draft timeline. The motion was made by Sinclair Williams, seconded by Victor Larger, motion passed.

The Chairman asked if there were any other business and being none, adjourned the meeting.

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C O F F O

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING Arturo Lopez to represent the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations on the Ag Practices Advisory Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF **THE COALITION OF FLORIDA FARMWORKER ORGANIZATIONS, INC.,** that at an Executive Committee Meeting Arturo Lopez was appointed to represent the Organization on the Ag Practices Advisory Board.

The foregoing resolution was offered by: Victor Larger, who Moved its adoption, the motion was seconded by Sinclair Williams and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Pedro Narezo, yes; **Sinclair Williams**, yes; **Beatriz Coronado**, yes; **Victor Larger**, yes.

Thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 27th day of October, 2015.

By: _____
Board Secretary, Beatriz Coronado

(corporate seal)

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: May 17, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(1)

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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5-17-16

RESOLUTION NO. R-392-16

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MR. ARTURO LOPEZ AS A MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2-931 through 2-936 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provide for the creation, composition, terms, purpose and duties of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County specifically provides for the designated organizations to recommend at least one nominee; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners, and pursuant to Section 2-934, Agricultural Practices Advisory Board members serve for terms of four years each; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2015, the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations, Inc. nominated Mr. Arturo Lopez to replace Mr. Robert Thompson as the Farm Labor Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board due to the death of Mr. Robert Thompson,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Mr. Arturo Lopez is hereby appointed to the Farm Labor Representative seat of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for a term of four years from the effective date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, 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	**aye**		
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**absent**	Rebeca Sosa	**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 17th day of May, 2016. 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.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell