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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(C)(1)

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

DATE: September 7, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the re-appointment of Hemant Patel, Danielle Torres, Commissioner Keon Hardemon, Commissioner Micky Steinberg and Olga Ramudo, a total of five (5) members to the Tourist Development Council including waiving term limits where applicable by a 2/3 vote

Resolution No. R-780-16

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Cultural Affairs Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro.

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/cp

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: September 7, 2016

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Recommendation of Tourist Development Council Board Appointments

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the attached resolution approving the re-appointments of the following four (4) nominees to the Tourist Development Council: Hemant Patel, Danielle Torres, City of Miami Commissioner Keon Hardemon, and City of Miami Beach Commissioner Micky Steinberg. In addition, it is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners waive the term limits of Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, in order to reappoint the following nominee to the Tourist Development Council: Olga Ramudo.

Background

On April 4, 1978, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 78-28, pursuant to State Statute No. 125.0104, establishing the Tourist Development Council (TDC). The Ordinance and Statute specify that the TDC is a nine (9) member volunteer board that includes: a County Commissioner, who is appointed by the chair of the governing Board of the County; two (2) elected municipal officials, at least one (1) of whom must be from the most populous municipality in the County; three (3) owners or operators of motels, hotels, or other tourist accommodations in the County and subject to the tourist development tax; and three (3) persons involved in the tourist industry and that have verifiably demonstrated interest in the tourist development of Miami-Dade County, but who are not owners or operators of motels, hotels, or other tourist accommodations in the County and are subject to the tourist development tax.

Further, all members of the TDC must be electors of the County and shall serve staggered terms of four (4) years as determined in the appointing resolution. As a result of five (5) anticipated vacancies on the TDC Board due to the expiration of current terms, a public nominations process was implemented to fill these positions. These positions require: two (2) elected municipal officials, at least one (1) of whom shall be from the most populous municipality in the County; two (2) owners or operators of motels, hotels or other tourist accommodations in the County and subject to the tourist development tax; and one (1) person who is involved in the tourist industry and that has a demonstrated interest in tourist development, but is not an owner or operator of motels, hotels, or other tourist accommodations in the County and subject to the tourist development tax.

In response to the advertisement for nominations, credentials of eligible candidates for the TDC were submitted and reviewed by the Tourist Development Council Nominating Committee. Present at the meeting were: William Talbert, President and CEO, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau; Commissioner Bruno Barriero, Chairperson, Tourist Development Council; Stuart Blumberg, Vice-Chairperson, Tourist Development Council; and Michael Spring, Senior Advisor, Office of the Mayor. Based on a thorough review of qualifications, the Tourist Development Council Nominating Committee unanimously voted to recommend these candidates to fill the vacancies on the TDC Board:

Commissioner Keon Hardemon, Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Hemant Patel, Danielle Torres, and Olga Ramudo. On April 25, 2016, the Tourist Development Council met and voted unanimously to recommend these candidates to the Board of County Commissioners.

Attached are the biographies summarizing the extensive experience of these nominees in the tourism industry and a chart specifically identifying their professional or civic affiliations, and their designated terms.

Michael Spring
Senior Advisor

FY 2015-2016 Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council

MEMBERS	AFFILIATION	TITLE	Term
Chairperson			
Bruno Barriero	Miami-Dade County Commissioner	Chairman	03/15 – 02/17
Elected Municipal Officials			
Keon Hardemon*	City of Miami	Commissioner	03/16 – 03/20
Micky Steinberg*	City of Miami Beach	Commissioner	03/16 – 03/20
Owners/Operators of Hotels or other Tourist Accommodations			
T. Gene Prescott	Biltmore Coral Gables	President	03/14 – 03/18
Hemant Patel*	Kings Motel	General Manager	03/16 – 03/20
Danielle Torres*	Marriott Courtyard Hampton Inn – Homestead	Director of Sales	03/16 – 03/20
Involved in Tourist Industry			
Stuart Blumberg	Tourism Educator and Consultant	Educator/Consultant	03/14 – 03/18
William Perry, III	Airport Parking Associates	Partner/Owner	03/14 – 03/18
Olga Ramudo*	Express Travel of Miami, Inc.	President/CEO	03/16 – 03/20

Recommended

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Hemant "Henry" Patel

Email: aahoachairman@gmail.com

7150 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33138 (305) 757-2674 ~ Fax: (305) 756-7908 Mobile: (305) 992-9099

Education:

2012 CHO, (Certified Hotel Operator Certification & Training)
1986 Bhavans Hazarimal Somani College of Commerce. Bombay, INDIA

Business with Economics. Career polytechnic (Banking).

1983 Bharda New High School. Bombay, INDIA
1981 Vidya Kung English Medium School, Navsari, INDIA

Professional Qualifications:
1984 Special Training in Textile Technology Surat, INDIA
1989 Applications of Micro Computers Miami Dade Community College, Miami, FL

Areas of Acquired Knowledge and Professional Work Experience:

1981 - 1986 Import Export Management for Moon Diamonds Ltd. Bombay, INDIA
Chemical Processing for diamonds quality control.

1985 - 1987 Chiffon Crimpers, Ltd. Surat, INDIA
Managed and Operated Textile Business. Specializing in doing business with major garment manufacturers of India.

1988 - 1988 One Hour Martinizing - Atlanta GA
Performed various duties, including customer service, Managing cash flow, day-to-day operation for dry cleaning plant. Improved business by doing major advertising and marketing campaign. Acquired and handled Delta Airlines account.

1988 - 1989 DeKalb County Farmer Market. Atlanta GA
Cashiers, Supervisor. Handling of considerable amount of money in day-to-day operations.

1989 - Present King Motel, Miami, FL
Owner/Operator of independent motel in major metro Miami area. Conducted daily business activity of hospitality management in Metro Miami area. Achieved the name recognizations for running the "Best Running Businesses" by The Miami Herald, and operators at City and State Level. Also nominated as Best Independent Hotelier of year Award for 1994 by the USA hotel Owners' Conventions.

1996 - Present Midtown Inn (Former Super 8 Motel) Miami, FL
Acquired independent Motel in Miami, Completed renovations work in excess of half a million dollar. Supervised and managed Constructions and renovations project. Opened as a First Super 8 Franchise motel in greater Miami area. Heavily involved in daily business operations, including marketing, guest service, and maintenance. Achieved the revenue goal in first four months of operations.

2006 – Present Motel 6 – Downtown, Atlanta GA
Acquired in partnership in major convention and tourism district of Georgia World Congress Center a 75-unit hotel.

Regional Director for Florida region on Asian American Hotel Owners Association. (AAHOA) – The largest hotel owners association with 11,000 members, representing 22,000 properties with $128 Billion dollars worth of real estate assets and employing more than one million minimum wage employees around the country.

President of the "Greater Biscayne Boulevard Chamber of Commerce in Greater Miami, FLORIDA. Served in every position. The main goal of the chamber is to bring economic development to the area with the Federal government funds.

Served as 15 Indian delegates in June of 1995 to be invited to the "White House Conference for Small Business" hosted by President Clinton.

My Super 8 Motel was awarded "Conversion of the year award" for the year 1998 among the 1800 properties in the Super 8 chain.

Served as area chairperson for three precincts for Democratic National Party, Year 2000 Presidential Election.

Among 50 delegates on American India Foundation Earthquake Relief Mission Delegation with President Bill Clinton to Bhuj India representing AAHOA group.

Appointed in 1999 on the political action committee by AAHOA.

Served as a Florida regional director on AAHOA board (1996 – 1998).

Elected again on the AAHOA board in 2001 as Director-at-Large and executive committee member for second year in three-year term.

Committee served in AAHOA: (www.aahoa.com/boardmembers)

1996 – 1998	Governmental affairs/Political Action committees.
2001 – 2002	Community Service/Anti-Discrimination committees (co-chair) Audit Committee
2002 – 2007	Community Service/Anti-Discrimination committees (Chair) Governmental affairs and Political Action committee. Education Committee, Women's Committee
2008 – 2010	AAHOA - Treasurer
2010 – 2011	AAHOA – Vice Chairman
2011 – 2012	AAHOA – Chairman of The Board
2012 – 2013	AAHOA – Ex Officio

* PUBLIC SERVICE *

Following are some of Hemant Patel past and present activities.

- One of the Four AAHOA members to White House Conference on Small Business (WHCSB) in 1995, Appointed by Governor of Florida, Lawton Chiles.
- Served for Democratic Party as a Chair Person for poll watching. 2000 presidential election (Dade County, Miami, Florida)
- Past board of director of AAHOA 1995 to 1997, Florida Region.
- Active member of AAHOA since 1993.
- Active Member on AAHOA's Governmental affairs, including key coordinator in Washington for Fair Franchising Legislations, H.R. 3308.
- First Asian Indian to become President for Greater Biscayne Blvd Chamber of Commerce in Miami, Florida.
- First Asian Indian to serve on Miami's Coalition of Chamber of Commerce. (1995)
- Founding Board Member of Biscayne West Home Owners Associations & By-laws Committee
- Advisory Board Miami Country Day School.
- President of South Bombay, India Lions Club (1983-1984)
- Active Youth Member in the Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA (Indian Patel Community) (1994-1998)
- Member of Upper East Side (Miami) Crime Preventions Council.
- Appointee of Commissioner Winton on Upper East Side Task Force.

- Board Of Directors, Leuva Patidar Samaj of USA (LPS USA) South Florida Region
- Key Co-Coordinator with NABHOOD (National Association of Black Hotel Owners Operators and developers). First regional conference ever held in Miami, Florida.
- Member of Delegations with Ex. President Bill Clinton to India for Earthquake relief mission. (April 2001)
- Instrumental in bringing Native American Cultural Festival to City of Miami during my tenure as President of Biscayne Blvd Chamber of Commerce.
- Board Member of Upper East Side Miami Council
- President, Do the right thing, Miami Police Department (2005 – 2008)
- Board Member, Do the right thing, Miami Police Dept. (2009 – Current)

RECENT RECOGINITIONS:

- Sponsor reorganization City of Miami Police Department (1999 & 2003)
- Awarded Honor Guard Recognitions by City of Miami Police Department.
- Public Service Award by US Congresswoman Carrie Meek (1996) as an outgoing President of Greater Biscayne Blvd, Chamber of Commerce
- Best Conversion of the Year SUPER 8/Cendant Franchisee. (1998)
- Key Coordinator Recognition, Florida Governor Chiles appointed delegate to White House Conference on Small Business during President Clinton's Terms. (1995)
- Member of Super Bowl Host Committee for Greater Miami Visitors and Conventions Bureau and Chamber of Commerce. (1995)
- Recipient of a Leadership Awards from Prominent organizations like, GOPIO, NABHOOD (National Associations for Black Hotel Owners Operators & Developers), AACSA (Asian American Convenient Stores Association)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Always recognized by local politicians, Civic Leaders, Law Enforcement and homeowners associations in playing vital roles in the betterment of the neighborhood including bringing motel owners and community together.

Volunteered on GORE Lieberman Campaign as well as, Hilary Clinton for President Campaign in South Florida.

Testified in front of the Congress Judiciary Committee for the entire Lodging Industry to fight unfair legislations of Pool Lifts in hotels.

As a Chairman of AAHOA, took firm actions against Major Franchisor in mandating the ***"Good Faith and Fair Dealing"*** practices.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Training in Textile Technology, Surat INDIA (1984)
- Micro Computers Miami Dade Community College (1989)

Danielle M Torres

1981 SE 18th Street | Homestead, Florida 33035
305-972-5115 | dmtorres74@hotmail.com

To obtain a challenging position that I may utilize my experience in sales, food and beverage and operations to lead and direct a in a team environment to assist with achieving and exceeding budgeted revenue goals.

Experience

June 2012 – Current **Director of Sales & Marketing**
Courtyard by Marriott - Miami Homestead, Homestead, Florida
100 guest rooms, 1000 sq. ft. meeting space (2013 YTD 89.3% Occ., $147.47 ADR)

July 2009 – Current **Director of Sales & Marketing**
Hampton Inn & Suites – Miami South/ Homestead, Homestead, Florida
126 guest rooms, 2500 sq. ft. meeting space (2013 YTD 95.8% Occ., $141.39 ADR)

- Assisted General Managers to head up the opening operations for both hotels.
- Responsible for room/ catering budget creation and attainment
  Exceeded budgeted revenues by $422K
- Successfully directed the sales efforts to ramp up and open both hotels.
- Positioned the hotels with third party vendors and other similar channels.
- Attended trade shows to create awareness in the FIT markets.
- Created packages with local area attractions, dinning and shopping outlets.
- Solicited local area businesses for referrals of transient and group reservations.
- Solicited potential social and corporate clients through a range of different channels to capture meetings and social events.

2009 – Current	Greater Homestead/ Florida City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chairman of the Green Committee and Health and Wellness
2010 – Current	Greater Homestead/ Florida City Chamber of Commerce MAC - Military Affairs Committee - Secretary Exec. Board of Directors
2011 – Current	Key Largo Chamber of Commerce - Member
2012 – Current	Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce - Member
2009 – Current	TEVA – Tropical Everglades Visitor Association - Board of Directors
2009 – Current	Kiwanis of Homestead

June 2003 - June 2009 **Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel & Conference Center – Miami Airport/ Hialeah Gardens**
256 guest rooms, 10,000 sq. ft. meeting space

- Assisted Owners/ General Manager to rebrand and reposition the hotel through a multi-million dollar renovation.
- Responsible for room and catering budget creation and attainment.
- Created a destination for shopping clientele and promoted to the Bahamas and Western Caribbean, through international sales visits to travel agencies and trade show participation
- Contracted with many wholesale and receptive operators in the Latin America and the Caribbean to promote and successfully sell the hotel as a shopping destination. Hotelbeds #1 product west of the Miami International Airport .

- Obtained contract with Norwegian Cruise Lines for all crew lodging for port of Miami disembarking from 2005 – 2009.
- Positioned the hotel appropriately in domestic and international distribution channels to ensure maximization of rates and revenue.

2003 – 2009	GMCVB – Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau – Member
2004 – 2009	Hialeah Chamber of Commerce - Member
2006 – 2009	Doral Chamber of Commerce - Member
2007 – 2009	AMESA - Member

Additional information regarding similar industry positions may be provided upon request.

2000 – 2003	Homewood Suites by Hilton – Sunny Isles Beach, Miami, Florida – Director of Sales & Marketing
1998 – 2000	La Flora Hotel – South Miami Beach, Miami, Florida – Director of Sales & Marketing

Education

1992 – 1997	University of Massachusetts – Boston BS Biology

Skills & Abilities

Fluent in English & Spanish, Internationally Traveled and Hands on/ Team Management Style
Highly skilled in Microsoft Office Applications including Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook
Certified in Sales Pro Hotel and Catering System
Proficient in Hilton & Marriott Hotel and Revenue Systems including OnQ, OnQ Insider, FOSSE & MGS
Skilled in Adobe Creative Suite and graphic design to be able to create flyers and camera ready artwork

City of Miami

TODD B. HANNON
City Clerk

DANIEL J. ALFONSO
City Manager

December 21, 2015

Mr. Michael Spring, Director
Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council
111 NW First Street, Suite 625
Miami, FL 33128

Re: Appointment of Commissioner Hardemon as a member of the Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council

Dear Mr. Spring:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution No. R-15-0531, which was adopted by the City of Miami Commission at its meeting on December 10, 2015, appointing Commissioner Keon Hardemon to serve as a member of the Miami-Dade Tourist Development Council.

If you have any questions about this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 250-5361.

Sincerely,

Todd B. Hannon
City Clerk

TBH/ne

Enclosure

C: Commissioner Keon Hardemon, District 5

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City of Miami

Legislation

Resolution: R-15-0531

City Hall
3500 Pan American Drive
Miami, FL 33133
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File Number: 15-01540 **Final Action Date: 12/10/2015**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION AS CHAIRPERSONS, VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND/OR MEMBERS ON VARIOUS TRUSTS, AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND AGENCIES FOR TERMS AS DESIGNATED HEREIN.

APPOINTED AS CHAIRPERSON:

Commissioner Carollo of the Bayfront Park Management Trust

Commissioner Russell of the Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Suarez of the Midtown Community Redevelopment Agency

Commissioner Russell of the Omni Community Redevelopment Agency

Commissioner Hardemon of the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency

APPOINTED AS VICE CHAIRPERSON:

Commissioner Gort of the Midtown Community Redevelopment Agency

Commissioner Suarez of the Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority

Commissioner Suarez of the Omni Community Redevelopment Agency

Commissioner Gort of the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency

APPOINTED AS MEMBER:

Commissioner Hardemon of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau

Commissioner Suarez of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Commissioner Suarez of the Florida League of Cities

Commissioner Gort of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities

Commissioner Hardemon of the Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council

Commissioner Carollo of the Miami River Commission

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City of Miami elected officials, as listed above, are hereby appointed to serve on the designated City trusts, authorities, boards, committees or agencies for terms starting on December 11, 2015, and ending on June 14, 2016.

Footnotes:

Board appointments are administrative acts which do not require the Mayor's signature nor the City Attorney's review and approval.

Commissioner Micky Steinberg

Growing up in Miami Beach and having four generations of family currently living here, Micky Steinberg understands the value of having a strong quality of life for all residents and businesses. Elected in 2013 to the City Commission, Micky brought her teamwork approach to City Hall and has championed issues from strengthening the ethics ordinances to human rights and easing traffic congestion. She has also helped strengthen Miami Beach's local public schools and to improve the quality of life in Miami Beach.

Micky has a long record of community involvement. Her strong commitment to Miami beach included serving as a member of the Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority Committee and the Miami Beach Police Citizens Relations Committee. She has also been involved with various non profit organizations including the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami. She is also a lifetime member of Hadassah. Because of her efforts to better our community, Micky was recognized as a Woman of Valor by the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center.

Micky Steinberg started her career in the hospitality industry in Miami Beach, where she worked to improve the experience of residents and visitors by focusing on customer service. After several years in the hospitality industry, Micky shifted her career to real estate. As a licensed realtor, she put to work her knowledge of Miami Beach's diverse real estate market to work for her clients.

Micky's fondest moments have been the time spent with her grandmother, who played a central role in her upbringing. To this day Micky continues to share a special bond with her grandmother, a long time Miami Beach resident. Micky and her sisters were taught the values of hard work and determination by her parents. In July 2005, Micky married Richard Steinberg, a Miami Beach native whose family is dedicated to public service. They are the proud parents of two amazing children, Chloe and JD.

Olga M. Ramudo

Express Travel

President & CEO

After years of being a stay at home mother, Olga Ramudo decided to venture into the travel business by becoming an independent contractor for a small travel agency. Partnering with her sister and a best friend, that part time job took them further when they decided to start their own business in 1989.

Specializing in the Hispanic market and with a strong commitment to community involvement and customer service, Express Travel became one of the top ten travel agencies in Miami, later expanding its reach to the State of Florida as well as offering services all over the world.

Olga Ramudo has conspicuously pioneered and led the charge to not only promote and grow the South Florida tourism industry, but also has provided an outstanding public role model as a successful women owned business who has always found the time to serve the South Florida community and her industry through leadership appointments on numerous local, state and international organizations. She has been a prominent tourism community leader for over 20 years and has volunteered for leadership positions on hundreds of local events, which have resulted in millions of dollars of economic impact and new jobs for South Florida's local and State tourism. Additionally, Olga has donated her time and experience to many organizations serving on committees to promote bilingual education in order to maintain the "Gateway of the Americas" designation for South Florida.

Express Travel has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout the years, including one of the largest and fastest growing Hispanic companies in the nation, and one of the largest women owned business in the State of Florida

Olga Ramudo has also been recognized as one of the top influential women business leaders in Miami Dade County by Camacol (Latin Chamber of Commerce) and listed as one of "Best of Miami" by Miami Today in recognition for promoting international trade. The Organization of Women in International Trade of Florida bestowed her with the International Business Woman of the Year award and the American Society of Travel Agents paid tribute to Olga at their annual gala dinner by honoring her with the national advocacy award in recognition of her significant contribution on behalf of the travel agency community before federal, state and local governments. ASTA also recognized her with the "Travel Agent of the Year" award in 2011 . The World Trade Center Miami awarded Olga with the 2012 International Woman's Day Award for her contribution in promoting international trade in the Americas.

On January 2012, the Secretary of Commerce appointed Olga Ramudo to the U. S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board. This board advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the travel and tourism industry in the United States. She was reappointed to a second term of the board on April 2014.

Olga Ramudo sits on the Executive Board of Directors of the Beacon Council and the board of directors of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. She also sits on the Board of Camacol (Latin Chamber of Commerce) as their international representative. Miami's Board of County Commissioners appointed Olga to Dade County's Tourism Development Council. Olga also chairs the joint Hispanic initiatives committee for ASTA (American Society of Travel Agents) and NTA (National Tour Association). Olga has also been appointed to the International Women's Forum and was recognized with the Red Cross Spectrum Entrepreneurial award. The Coral Gables Board of County commissioners recently appointed Olga to their economic development board.

The Governor of Florida awarded Olga with the Governor's Business Award on August of 2013.

In 2015 the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce awarded Olga with the Executive of the Year Award. Express Travel has been the only United States travel agency to receive the Ambassador of Religious Tourism by Castilla and Leon in Spain.

Expresss Travel is comprised of corporate, leisure, groups, meeting and incentivess, cruise, study abroad and spa and wellness departments.

Olga studied in Puerto Rico and has two grown sons and a granddaughter.

www.expresstravelus.com

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: September 7, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(C)(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 _____

Agenda Item No. 8(C)(1)
9-7-16

RESOLUTION NO. R-780-16

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF HEMANT PATEL, DANIELLE TORRES, COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON, COMMISSIONER MICKY STEINBERG AND OLGA RAMUDO, A TOTAL OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL INCLUDING WAIVING TERM LIMITS WHERE APPLICABLE BY A 2/3 VOTE

WHEREAS, On April 4, 1978, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 78-28, establishing the Tourist Development Council; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance directs that each member shall be appointed by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance and Section 125.0104 of the Florida Statutes specify that the Tourist Development Council shall be composed of 9 members, including a County Commissioner, who is appointed by the chair of the governing Board of the County, two (2) elected municipal officials, three (3) owners or operators of motels, hotels, or other tourist accommodations in the county and subject to the tourist development tax and three (3) persons involved in the tourist industry but who are not owners or operators of motels, hotels or other tourist accommodations in the County subject to the tourist development tax; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance specifies that all members of the Council must be electors of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance specifies that Council members shall serve staggered terms of four years as determined in the appointing resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Statute specifies that there shall be two elected municipal officials where at least one official is from the most populous municipality in the county and the County Commission shall fill this seat thereby by appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Tourist Development Council board recommends that Hemant Patel, Danielle Torres, Commissioner Keon Hardemon, Commissioner Micky Steinberg and Olga Ramudo be reappointed to the Council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, no board member shall serve for more than eight (8) consecutive years on a board unless waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, because of the applicable term limits, in order to reappoint member Olga Ramudo to another term, the Board of County Commissioners needs to waive these term limits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board approves the reappointment of the following five members to the Tourism Development Council:

1) Hemant Patel, Owner/Operator of Hotels or other Tourist Accommodations, term 3/16 - 3/20;

2) Danielle Torres, Owner/Operator of Hotels or other Tourist Accommodations, term 3/16 - 3/20;

3) Commissioner Keon Hardemon, Elected Municipal Official from the most populous municipality in the County, term 3/16 - 3/20;

4) Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Elected Municipal Official, term 3/16 - 3/20; and

5) By a 2/3 vote, Olga Ramudo, Tourism Industry, term 03/16 - 03/20.

The foregoing resolution 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 **aye**

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 7th day of September, 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. MAG

Miguel A. Gonzalez