

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** December 12, 2023

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to (1) identify alternative locations and options within County Commission District 8 for the acquisition, construction, redevelopment, and/or rehabilitation of real property for homeless housing, and (2) prepare a written report within 60 days

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.

  
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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) 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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12-12-23

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO (1) IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS AND OPTIONS WITHIN COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 8 FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REDEVELOPMENT, AND/OR REHABILITATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR HOMELESS HOUSING, AND (2) PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT WITHIN 60 DAYS

**WHEREAS**, homelessness is a critical issue facing Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, as of February 2023, it was reported that there were an estimated 1,056 unsheltered homeless persons living in Miami-Dade County and another 2,400 homeless persons living in shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, between February and May of this year, it was reported that the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust received 42,626 calls for help; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board approved, as part of its fiscal year 2023-2024 County budget, capital project program #2000003116 within the Homeless Trust's capital programs in the amount of \$15,900,000.00 to purchase, renovate or construct a facility in County Commission District 8 to provide housing for homeless individuals and families, including funds from the City of Miami for such purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, originally, County staff was considering the acquisition of an existing La Quinta Hotel at 10821 Caribbean Blvd. ("Original Site") for the redevelopment of homeless housing, however, this Board would like to consider and be presented with all available sites- not only the Original Site- to consider for development of homeless housing in Commission District 8; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, this Board amended the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 County budget at its second budget hearing held on September 21, 2023 to remove all references to the Original Site from the capital project description; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board seeks to find alternative sites in County Commission District 8 other than the Original Site for the acquisition, renovation, or construction of housing for homeless individuals and families,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Approves the foregoing recitals and incorporates them into this resolution.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to: (a) identify alternative site in County Commission District 8 other than the Original Site for the acquisition, renovation or construction of housing for homeless individuals and families; and (b) prepare a written report to the Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure. The report shall, at a minimum, include (i) a listing of County-owned properties or privately-owned properties that would be appropriate for renovation or construction of housing for homeless individuals and families, and (ii) all estimated costs to effectuate such purposes, including but not limited to, the costs of acquisition, design, and construction, which costs shall not exceed the existing, identified budget allocation approved by the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman  
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman

Marleine Bastien

Juan Carlos Bermudez

Kevin Marino Cabrera

Sen. René García

Roberto J. Gonzalez

Keon Hardemon

Danielle Cohen Higgins

Eileen Higgins

Kionne L. McGhee

Raquel A. Regalado

Micky Steinberg

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as MRP  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Monica Rizo Perez  
Debra Herman