

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)

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

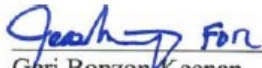
**DATE:** November 7, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding in an amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the purchase and improvement of real property in Miami-Dade County for the purpose of creating permanent affordable housing with supportive services; waiving requirements of Resolution No. R-764-13 limiting the number of state legislative priorities; amending Resolution No. R-811-23 to include this item as an additional state legislative priority for the 2024 session

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.

  
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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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11-7-23

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES; WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION NO. R-764-13 LIMITING THE NUMBER OF STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-811-23 TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM AS AN ADDITIONAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY FOR THE 2024 SESSION

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners created the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust (“Homeless Trust”) to address the issue of homelessness within Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, for nearly 30 years, the Homeless Trust has overseen, planned, operated and coordinated housing and services for people experiencing and at risk of homelessness in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, by successfully leveraging a first-in-the-nation dedicated source of funding, which has been effectively combined with local, state and federal resources, the Homeless Trust has created arguably the most dynamic and coordinated homeless system of care in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homeless Trust has effectively ended veteran homelessness, a designation recognized by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, created thousands of units of permanent and supportive housing exclusively for people

experiencing homelessness, in partnership with public housing authorities, affordable housing developers and landlords, and most recently secured federal grant awards in excess of \$29,000,000.00 to further combat unsheltered and youth homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Trust's leadership, unsheltered homelessness in Miami-Dade County has been reduced by nearly 90 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the tremendous progress and the best efforts of the Homeless Trust, Miami-Dade County continues to feel the impacts of the affordable housing crisis and the lack of affordable housing options; and

**WHEREAS**, first time homelessness in Miami-Dade County has skyrocketed and the continuing fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, increased inflation, the closing of unsafe structures following the Surfside collapse and increased migrant inflow have further strained available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, some of those hit hardest by the lack of affordable housing are seniors on fixed incomes and disabled individuals who cannot bear the unreasonable rent increases that are becoming all too common; and

**WHEREAS**, to address these needs, the Homeless Trust is now working aggressively to acquire and renovate properties to create new permanent housing opportunities with supportive services for persons within the continuum of care, with a particular emphasis on seniors and the disabled,

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

**Section 1.** Incorporates and approves the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the purchase and improvement of real property in Miami-Dade County for the purpose of creating permanent affordable housing with supportive services.

**Section 3.** Waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-764-13 limiting the number of state legislative priorities and amends Resolution No. R-811-23 to include this item as an additional state legislative priority for the 2024 session.

**Section 4.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 5.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item as a priority.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. 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 the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Shannon D. Summerset-Williams