

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(29)

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 honoring Yotuel,
Beatriz Luengo, Descemer
Bueno, Gente de Zona, Luis
Manuel Otero Alcántara, Maykel
Osorbo, and DJ El Funky for
their work on “Patria y Vida”

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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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 HONORING YOTUEL, BEATRIZ LUENGO, DESCEMER BUENO, GENTE DE ZONA, LUIS MANUEL OTERO ALCÁNTARA, MAYKEL OSORBO, AND DJ EL FUNKY FOR THEIR WORK ON “PATRIA Y VIDA”

WHEREAS, the 22nd Annual Latin Grammy Awards took place on November 18, 2021, to honor the best musical releases in Latin music between June 1, 2020, and May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, at that awards ceremony, the song “Patria y Vida” was named the “Song of the Year” from a pool of a dozen nominees; and

WHEREAS, “Patria y Vida” is a reggaeton song that was released in February 2021 by Yotuel Omar Manzanares Romero (popularly known as “Yotuel”), Beatriz Luengo, Descemer Bueno, Gente de Zona (a duo comprised of Alexander Delgado and Randy Malcom), Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara, Maykel Osorbo, and DJ El Funky; and

WHEREAS, the title of the hit song was devised by the San Isidro Movement—a group of Cuban artists, journalists, and academics that was formed in 2018 to protest the Cuban dictatorship’s censorship of artistic expression—which has been the target of arrests and retaliation by the Cuban government; and

WHEREAS, the title of the song is a play on a Cuban communist motto, “Patria o Muerte” (“Homeland or Death”), inverting the communist message to one of hope and expectation, “Homeland *and* Life”; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2021, fueled by the despair caused by decades of oppression, the Cuban people took to the streets, calling for an end to communism in Cuba and for access to the basic life-sustaining needs that they have lacked—food, medicine, water, and electricity—because of the failed communist policies of the Cuban regime; and

WHEREAS, “Patria y Vida” became a rallying cry and anthem for the Cuban people as they stood up to the 60-year-old oppressive regime; and

WHEREAS, the lyrics of the song encapsulate many of the grievances that the Cuban people hold against their despotic government, including the cruelty of the Cuban regime towards its citizens; its censorship of truth and artistic expression; the scarcity of food; and the years of failed policies that have led people to risk their lives to flee the country, leaving behind saddened mothers; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to honor the artists behind “Patria y Vida” not only for their accolade at the 2021 Latin Grammys, but also for inspiring those rising up against the Cuban government and giving music to the movement for freedom in Cuba,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby honors Yotuel, Beatriz Luengo, Descemer Bueno, Gente de Zona, Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara, Maykel Osorbo, and DJ El Funky for their work on “Patria y Vida.”

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. 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 12th 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
to form and legal sufficiency. MAG

Miguel A. Gonzalez