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To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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Mayor

Subject: Fiscal Impact and Social Equity Statement for Ordinance Creating the Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Advisory Board; Creating Article CLXXII of Chapter 2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida; Providing for the Board's Purpose, Composition, and Duties; and Providing Severability, Inclusion in the Code, and an Effective Date

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Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 1(G)1

The proposed ordinance establishes the Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Advisory Board (advisory board) in response to significant challenges facing the County's waste management system, particularly following the 2023 fire that rendered the Resources Recovery Facility inoperable. The loss of this key facility has reduced disposal capacity, accelerated the timeline for landfill closures, increased reliance on out-of-county waste disposal, and threatened compliance with state-mandated requirements for maintaining adequate waste capacity. The ordinance underscores the need for a comprehensive, long-term strategy to manage growing waste demands in a financially sustainable manner.

The ordinance creates Article CLXXII in Chapter 2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and outlines the advisory board's composition, responsibilities, and procedures. The 15-member advisory board, appointed by County officials and the League of Cities, is composed of individuals with expertise in areas such as finance, environmental compliance, and solid waste management. The advisory board is tasked with advising the County on long-term waste solutions, including new technologies, recycling and diversion strategies, and financial planning, while operating under public meeting and ethics laws. It may issue reports, form committees, and present recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, and will sunset after five years unless extended.

Social Equity

The proposed ordinance supports the County's commitment to social equity for solid waste services by ensuring reliable, accessible, and responsible service delivery for all residents. The advisory board's proposed action presents a social benefit by potentially reducing service disparities, enhancing recycling participation, and maintaining system sustainability while considering affordability impacts on low- to moderate-income households. The new advisory board could help guide the development of a long-term, comprehensive solid waste management strategy for Miami-Dade County.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed ordinance assigns duties traditionally performed by the Clerk of the Board, a division of Miami-Dade County's Clerk of Courts, and whose staff have the relevant expertise, to the administration advisory boards. These responsibilities include the management of advisory board membership, the preparation and provision of meeting minutes, and the

maintenance of advisory board records. The proposed ordinance requires the administration to perform these duties in addition to actions that are already typically performed by the administration, such as the fulfillment of reporting requirements, the provision of support staff for the management of the 15-member advisory board, and the provision of staff subject-matter experts and materials upon request of the advisory board.

The complexity of the advisory board could create additional fiscal impacts that cannot be determined at this time, due to the increased strain on staff time and the potential need for additional personnel to provide support. Additionally, the Miami-Dade Department of Solid Waste Management will provide access to information it maintains or creates, as well as access to solid waste facilities, and the County Attorney's Office will provide legal counsel.

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Roy Coley
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