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

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Mayor 

Subject: 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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In accordance with Section 2-11.37 of the Miami-Dade County Code, this report has been prepared for inclusion on the agenda and provides the required information regarding the establishment of the Solid Waste Advisory Board.

1. Whether the establishment of the board will create sufficient betterment to the community to justify the Board of County Commissioners' delegation of a portion of its authority.

The creation of the Solid Waste Advisory Board (advisory board) is anticipated to provide sufficient community benefit to justify the delegation of a portion of the Board of County Commissioners' authority. The advisory board is intended to address 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 facility has reduced disposal capacity, accelerated landfill closure timelines, and increased reliance on out-of-county waste disposal. The advisory board may help support the development of a comprehensive, long-term strategy to manage waste in a financially sustainable and environmentally responsible manner. Additionally, the advisory board is expected to help advance social equity by promoting reliable and accessible solid waste services, potentially reducing service disparities, and considering affordability impacts on low- to moderate-income households.

2. Whether another board or agency, either public or private, which is already in existence could serve the same purpose.

There is no existing board or agency that serves this specific purpose. The Solid Waste Advisory Board may help provide focused expertise and offer recommendations on complex solid waste management issues, including disposal capacity, recycling strategies, emerging technologies, and long-term financial planning, which are not comprehensively addressed by any current entity.

3. The costs, both direct and indirect, of establishing and maintaining the board.

The proposed ordinance may have fiscal impacts associated with staff support and administrative responsibilities. Duties traditionally performed by the Office of the Clerk of the Board will be assigned to the administration, including managing board membership, preparing meeting minutes, and maintaining records. Additional responsibilities include providing staff support, subject-matter

expertise, and fulfilling reporting requirements. This will create increased demands on staff time and the potential need for additional personnel, which is not currently budgeted; however, the exact fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. The Department of Solid Waste Management will provide access to relevant data and facilities, and the County Attorney's Office will provide legal counsel.

4. Whether the board is necessary to enable the County to obtain a State or federal grants or financing.

No. The creation of the Solid Waste Advisory Board is not required to obtain State or federal grants or financing. However, the advisory board's work in developing long-term strategies and recommendations may strengthen the County's position in pursuing future funding opportunities.

5. Whether the board should have bonding authority.

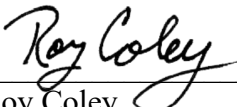
No. The Solid Waste Advisory Board will not have bonding authority.

6. Whether board should have final authority to enter into contracts and spend County funds, or whether its contracts and expenditures must be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Solid Waste Advisory Board will serve strictly in an advisory capacity. It will not have authority to enter into contracts, expend County funds, or take actions requiring ratification. Its role is limited to providing recommendations and reports to the Board of County Commissioners.

7. Whether the creation of the new board is the best method of achieving the benefit desired.

The creation of the Solid Waste Advisory Board represents an effective and appropriate method for achieving the desired outcomes. Given the complexity and urgency of the County's solid waste challenges, the establishment of a dedicated advisory body composed of subject-matter experts is anticipated to help provide informed, strategic guidance. The advisory board may offer a structured forum for evaluating long-term solutions, incorporating technical expertise, and ensuring that policy decisions are informed by comprehensive analysis and community considerations, but it may lead to additional expenses which are not currently budgeted for.



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