

MEMORANDUM

Substitute
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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


DATE: April 21, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution condemning the recent actions of the Code Pink organization, influencers sympathetic to the Castro regime, and others that seek to legitimize the communist party of Cuba, prop up the Castro regime, or encourage violations of federal law pertaining to commerce in and with Cuba

This substitute differs from the original version in that it removes references to the political affiliations of the persons whose actions are condemned therein, and it also deletes mentions of specific individuals.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez and Co-Sponsor Chairman Anthony Rodriguez.



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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
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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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4-21-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT ACTIONS OF THE CODE PINK ORGANIZATION, INFLUENCERS SYMPATHETIC TO THE CASTRO REGIME, AND OTHERS THAT SEEK TO LEGITIMIZE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA, PROP UP THE CASTRO REGIME, OR ENCOURAGE VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAW PERTAINING TO COMMERCE IN AND WITH CUBA

WHEREAS, for over half a century, the Cuban people have lived under a repressive communist regime that has failed to respect fundamental freedoms, crushed political opposition, and denied the people of their right to self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban government functions as a one-party political system, with all power wielded by the Communist Party of Cuba (“PCC”); and

WHEREAS, for the vast majority of Cuba’s time as a communist nation, the PCC has been under the control of brothers Fidel Alejandro Castro Ruz and Raúl Modesto Castro Ruz; and

WHEREAS, despite the death of Fidel Castro in 2016 and the retirement of Raúl Castro in 2021, the PCC has continued its repressive rule under the watch of the regime’s chosen successor, Miguel Díaz-Canel; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of Miami-Dade County residents are refugees from Cuba or the descendants of refugees who fled the Castro regime; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Cuba has faced increasingly serious shortages of food, fuel, and other resources; and

WHEREAS, the progressively dire situation has led to greater instability within the island nation; and

WHEREAS, there is now a substantial likelihood that, given the mismanagement by the Cuban regime and the rapidly deteriorating situation in the country, the Cuban people will successfully take back power from the PCC; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the alleged efforts by the Cuban government to limit the flow of information, the worsening conditions within the country have become evident to the global community; and

WHEREAS, as a result of foreign policy decisions by the Trump administration as well as recent global events, it is reported that Cuba is receiving substantially reduced support from oil-producing countries that had previously aided the regime; and

WHEREAS, in March of this year, ~~[[a far left]]~~^{>>an<<¹} activist organization known as ‘Code Pink’ traveled to Cuba to stage a demonstration in support of the Cuban government; and

~~[[**WHEREAS**, included in the participants were certain well known leftist influencers, including Hasan Piker, a popular Twitch streamer; and]]~~

WHEREAS, reports indicate that participants of the Code Pink trip stayed in luxury hotels powered by generators, in contrast to the widespread electricity shortages experienced by the Cuban population; and

WHEREAS, the participants used their platform to support the Castro regime and to suggest support for violation of federal laws pertaining to commerce in and with Cuba, including the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (Libertad) Act of 1996 (Helms-Burton Act); and

WHEREAS, the Board strongly disapproves of actions that appear to support or legitimize the Castro regime or support violation of federal restrictions on trade with Cuba; and

¹ The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ shall be deleted, words underscored and/or ^{>>double arrowed<<} are added.

WHEREAS, the Board reaffirms its unwavering support for the Cuban people in their pursuit of freedom, democracy, and respect for their basic liberties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board condemns the recent actions of the Code Pink organization, ~~[[leftist]]~~ influencers sympathetic to the Castro regime, and others that seek to legitimize the Communist Party of Cuba, prop up the Castro regime, or encourage violations of federal law pertaining to commerce in and with Cuba.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez and the Co-Sponsor is Chairman Anthony Rodriguez. 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:

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| Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman | |
| Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman | |
| Marleine Bastien | Juan Carlos Bermudez |
| Sen. René García | Oliver G. Gilbert, III |
| Roberto J. Gonzalez | Keon Hardemon |
| Danielle Cohen Higgins | Vicki L. Lopez |
| Natalie Milian Orbis | Raquel A. Regalado |
| Micky Steinberg | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 2026. 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.



Christian J. Fernandez-Andes