MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2(A)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	November 12, 2026
FROM:	Geri Bonzon-Keenan County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution waiving, by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board, the residency requirement set forth in sections 2-2381 and 2-11.38 of the Code, and appointing Ivonne Fernandez to the Miami-Dade County Elder Affairs Advisory Board

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

for
Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: January 20, 2027

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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 Agenda Item No.
Veto _____
Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION WAIVING, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD, THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 2-2381 AND 2-11.38 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND APPOINTING IVONNE FERNANDEZ TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ELDER AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2018, this Board adopted Ordinance No. 18-49 and created the Elder Affairs Advisory Board, which is codified in article CLX of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Elder Affairs Advisory Board is charged with:

1. advising this Board, the Chairperson of the Board, and the Mayor on policy matters pertaining to the older adult community in Miami-Dade County, as may be requested;
2. advising the Board and Mayor on issues related to Miami-Dade County's programming, public services, and facilities for older adults, including, but not limited to transportation/mobility services, health care services, parks programming, including silver services, and affordable housing;
3. serving as a liaison with the older adult community; and
4. recommending activities or programming that promote a healthy lifestyle and enhance quality of life for older adults; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2-2381 of the Code, the Elder Affairs Advisory Board is comprised of 19 members, one of such members is appointed by the Miami-Dade Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons ("AARP"); and

WHEREAS, the AARP named Ivonne Fernandez, a resident of Broward County, Florida, as its appointee to the Elder Affairs Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Ms. Fernandez's resume is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, sections 2-2381 and 2-11.38 of the Code, respectively, require members of the Elder Affairs Advisory Board and members of County boards generally to be permanent residents and electors of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, section 2-11.38 of the Code authorizes the Board, by a two-thirds vote of its membership, to waive said residency requirements; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to waive the residency requirement of sections 2-11.38 and 2-2381 and appoint Ms. Fernandez to serve on the Elder Affairs Advisory Board,

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

Section 1. Ratifies and adopts the matters set forth in the foregoing recitals.

Section 2. By a two-thirds vote of its full membership, waives the residency requirements set forth in sections 2-11.38 and 2-2381 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and appoints Ivonne Fernadez to the Miami-Dade County Elder Affairs Advisory Board.

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:

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 20th day of January, 2027. 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.



Shanika A. Graves

EXHIBIT A

IVONNE FERNANDEZ

Coral Springs, Florida
ifernandez@aarp.org 954-850-7262

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Bilingual advocacy leader, leadership trainer, and community organizer with over 19 years of experience driving high-impact initiatives. Expert in multicultural marketing, community mobilization, and strategic coalition building. Certified public speaker and media host recognized for translating complex issues into persuasive messaging that drives action and measurable change.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Associate State Director, AARP (Nov 2006 – Present)
- Lead statewide advocacy strategies focused on housing and general healthcare.
- Design and execute campaigns influencing public policy and civic engagement.
- Build alliances with community leaders and policymakers.
- Develop messaging that translates complex issues into compelling narratives.
- Train leaders and volunteers to expand impact.

Biotechnology- Oncology Unit, Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals (1994 – 1999)
- Managed oncology and biotechnology portfolio.
- Supported medical education initiatives.

Pharmaceutical Representative, GlaxoSmithKline (1989 – 1994)
- Executed outreach strategies in healthcare sector.
- Achieved performance goals and built client relationships.

EDUCATION

Certification in Biology, University of the Pacific (1998 – 1999)
Master's Degree in Marketing, Universidad Industrial de Santander (1987 – 1989)
Bachelor's Degree in Medical Microbiology, Universidad Colegio Mayor (1982 – 1987)

LEADERSHIP, CERTIFICATIONS & ORDINATION

John Maxwell Certified: Public Speaker, Coach & Leadership Trainer
Toastmasters: Competent Communicator
Certified Spanish Public Speaker
Christian Minister / Evangelical Pastor (NACM, United States)

MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

Host of "Café con Leche" con Ivonne Fernandez' FM Radio

BOARDS & AFFILIATIONS

Current: I AM Ministries International
Former: Miami-Dade Parks Foundation; Pathfinders of America

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

U.S. Congress Certificate of Special Recognition

AARP Maureen McKoy Award for Excellence in Outreach & Service

Hispanic Woman of Distinction

CORE COMPETENCIES

Advocacy Strategy; Multicultural Marketing; Community Mobilization; Leadership Development; Strategic Communication; Public Speaking; Coalition Building; Bilingual (English/Spanish)