

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 4, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to establish a plan to
reopen senior centers operated by
Miami-Dade County and provide
a report

Resolution No. R-466-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and Co-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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5-4-21

RESOLUTION NO. R-466-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH A PLAN TO
REOPEN SENIOR CENTERS OPERATED BY MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY AND PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, through the Community Action and Human Services Department ("County"), operates more than 20 senior centers countywide that provide services to individuals over the age of 60 and their spouses as well as certain individuals under the age of 60 (collectively, "seniors"); and

WHEREAS, specifically, the County operates 19 senior service centers where meals are served, five adult day care facilities, and one independent living program; and

WHEREAS, five of the senior service centers are located in County-owned housing developments that are managed by the Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department or privately managed; and

WHEREAS, although meal services at the senior centers are provided to seniors irrespective of income or assets, preference is given to those in greatest economic and social need; and

WHEREAS, prior to the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic, senior centers were open daily from 8:00 a.m. to at least 2:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, senior centers were closed in March 2020 due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since that time, seniors who once visited the senior centers, have received home delivered meals; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the County's efforts to protect seniors from COVID-19 also include a homebound vaccination program that is available to individuals who are 65 and older who reside in County-owned housing developments as well as those who receive certain County services, such as those offered by the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS, this Board understands the significant role that senior centers play in the lives of many of our residents; and

WHEREAS, senior centers are much more than meal sites for many seniors; and

WHEREAS, senior centers are homes away from home, and locations where seniors congregate, socialize, and enjoy a host of other activities and amenities with and amongst friends; and

WHEREAS, this Board realizes the importance of social interactions and other activities to the physical and emotional wellbeing of seniors and wants to identify measures that may be implemented to increase vaccinations of seniors as well as for the safe reopening of County operated senior centers,

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

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to establish a plan to reopen senior centers operated by Miami-Dade County ("County") through the Community Action and Human Services Department. At a minimum, the plan should identify:

(a) methods to expand the County's current coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") homebound vaccination program to offer vaccinations to every person over 60 residing in the County ("seniors"), particularly those who reside in County-owned housing developments or receive services offered by the County;

(b) a method to measure the number of seniors who receive services at County operated senior centers who have received the COVID-19 vaccination;

(c) methods to minimize exposure to COVID-19 while transporting seniors to senior centers;

(d) ways to configure senior centers to minimize seniors' exposure to COVID-19 when they are at said centers; and

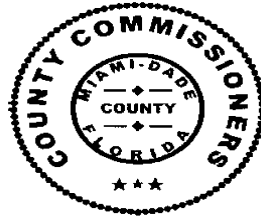
(e) benchmarks and parameters for reopening senior centers that comply with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 quarantine recommendations.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board on the plan referenced in section 2 above, within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and the Co-Sponsor is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye		
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day May of, 2021. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SG" followed by a horizontal line.

Shanika A. Graves