

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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

DATE: November 2, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to support funding in the amount of \$1,750,000.00 for the purchase and improvement of real property known as Mia Casa located at 12221 Harriet Tubman Highway in North Miami, Miami-Dade County, and other real property, for the purpose of housing seniors and other persons experiencing homelessness; waiving requirements of Resolution No. R-764-13 limiting the number of state legislative priorities; amending Resolution No. R-995-21 to include this item as an additional state legislative priority for the 2022 session

Resolution No. R-1070-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime and Co-Sponsors Senator René García and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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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	Amended Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)
Veto	_____		11-2-21
Override	_____		

RESOLUTION NO. R-1070-21

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,750,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS MIA CASA LOCATED AT 12221 HARRIET TUBMAN HIGHWAY IN NORTH MIAMI, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND OTHER REAL PROPERTY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING SENIORS AND OTHER PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION NO. R-764-13 LIMITING THE NUMBER OF STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-995-21 TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM AS AN ADDITIONAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY FOR THE 2022 SESSION

WHEREAS, many seniors in Miami-Dade County are experiencing homelessness and are living out their final years in shelters; and

WHEREAS, most of these individuals do not require full-time medical or custodial care and would thrive in a facility which offers a range of services that cater to the particular needs of seniors; and

WHEREAS, since the start of the pandemic, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust has been utilizing a building on a property located at 12221 Harriet Tubman Highway, in North Miami, commonly referred to as Mia Casa, to divert seniors from shelters and the street to a single location; and

WHEREAS, specialized care is provided at Mia Casa to ensure the safety of this group which is at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and other ailments; and

WHEREAS, the natural next step to care for these seniors would be to acquire and perform necessary capital improvements to the real property, including the Mia Casa building which includes 65 rooms and 118 beds, making it a permanent part of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust portfolio; and

WHEREAS, the property would serve as permanent housing for seniors in the County experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, at Mia Casa, seniors would not be subject to artificial time limits with regard to their length of stay, and many seniors would also be eligible to bridge from this property to other supportive and affordable housing inventions throughout the County as vacancies permit; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to acquire the property in order to provide housing to seniors that are experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the market value of the property as set forth in the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser's website is \$4,250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2021, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-685-21 which allocated up to \$5,000,000.00 in HOME American Rescue Plan funds ("HOME funds") for the acquisition of the property by the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust; and

WHEREAS, a recent appraisal valued the property near \$6,400,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional funds will be needed to complete the purchase of and capital improvements to the property; and

WHEREAS, the County's acquisition of Mia Casa will allow seniors experiencing or at heightened risk of homelessness within our community to age with dignity and grace in a safe and stable environment; and

WHEREAS, it is also in the best interests of the County to acquire and improve not only Mia Casa but other real property which the County may identify as suitable in order to provide housing to seniors and other persons that are experiencing homelessness,

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

Section 1. This Board incorporates and approves the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to support funding in the amount of \$1,750,000.00 for the purchase and improvement of real property known as Mia Casa located at 12221 Harriet Tubman Highway in North Miami, Miami-Dade County, and other real property, for the purpose of housing seniors and other persons experiencing homelessness.

Section 3. Waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-764-13 and amends Resolution No. R-995-21 to include this item as an additional state legislative priority for the 2022 session.

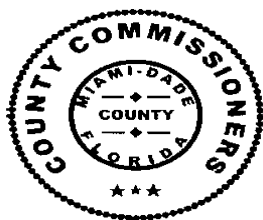
Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 5. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2022 State Legislative Package to include this item as a priority.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime and the Co-Sponsors are Senator René García and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, 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	absent
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of November, 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

By: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Shannon D. Summerset-Williams