

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

DATE: October 6, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution encouraging the
County Mayor to work with
JetBlue to expand JetBlue's route
network at Miami International
Airport to the greatest extent
possible and to include, at a
minimum, flights to Puerto Rico
and other Caribbean and Latin
American destinations; and
directing the County Mayor to
prepare a report

Resolution No. R-953-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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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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10-6-22

RESOLUTION NO. R-953-22

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH JETBLUE TO EXPAND JETBLUE'S ROUTE NETWORK AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE AND TO INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, FLIGHTS TO PUERTO RICO AND OTHER CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN DESTINATIONS; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO PREPARE A REPORT

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is the Gateway to the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport is the leading economic engine for Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, JetBlue Airways ("JetBlue"), one of the country's largest airlines, and one of the country's leading low-cost airlines, has established a significant presence at Miami International Airport; and

WHEREAS, approximately 70 percent of the residents of Miami-Dade County are of Latin American descent, and a significant portion of the population is of Puerto Rican descent; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has the largest share in the nation of residents of Caribbean descent; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the County's population is foreign-born, and, on a combined basis, more than 90 percent of the County's foreign-born population is from Latin America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, although JetBlue has a significant presence at Miami International Airport, with service to more than 30 cities, its route map reveals that it does not serve Puerto Rico or any other Latin American or Caribbean destinations from Miami International Airport; and

WHEREAS, instead, all of JetBlue's South Florida service to Puerto Rico and other Latin American or Caribbean destinations is from Fort Lauderdale International Airport; and

WHEREAS, not only is this lack of service potentially causing Miami-Dade County to lose revenue, but it also inconveniences the many residents of Miami-Dade County who seek to fly JetBlue to Puerto Rico or other Latin American or Caribbean destinations; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board encourages the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to work with JetBlue to expand its route network at Miami International Airport to the greatest extent possible and to include, at a minimum, service to Puerto Rico and other Caribbean and Latin American destinations,

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

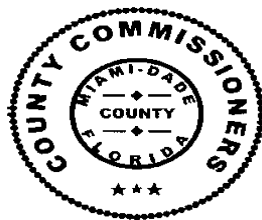
Section 1. Encourages the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to work with JetBlue to expand JetBlue's route network at Miami International Airport to the greatest extent possible and to include, at a minimum, flights between Miami International Airport and Puerto Rico and other Caribbean and Latin American destinations.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to the full Board regarding the foregoing within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Keon Hardemon** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 2022. 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: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "CL" or similar initials, written over a horizontal line.

Cynji A. Lee
Ryan C. Zagare