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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 2, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Mary K.
Waters to the Agricultural
Practices Advisory Board

Resolution No. R-407-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor PortMiami, Resiliency, and Sustainability Committee.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: May 2, 2023

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Appointment of Tropical Fruit Crops Industry Representative to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board

Recommendation

The Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, pursuant to Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), recommends Mary K. Waters, as one of two Tropical Fruit Crops Industry representatives to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB). Section 2-935 of the Code requires that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) fill vacancies occurring on the APAB. Pursuant to Section 2-934 of the Code, members of the APAB serve four-year terms commencing upon appointment by the Board.

Scope

The recommendations and actions of the APAB have a countywide impact.

Delegation of Authority

The proposed resolution does not delegate authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Track Record/Monitor

The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Planning Division, monitors the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Background

The APAB consists of thirteen (13) members representing a variety of agricultural industries:

- Two (2) representatives from the Tropical Fruit Crops Industry of Miami-Dade County, one (1) recommended by the Florida Avocado Committee, and one (1) recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.;
- Two (2) representatives from the nursery industry, recommended by the Miami-Dade County Chapter of the Florida Nursery Growers & Landscape Association;
- Two (2) representatives from the vegetable industry, recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau;
- One (1) representative of the aquaculture industry, recommended by the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida;

- One (1) representative of a citizens' association supportive of agriculture, recommended by the Redland Citizens' Association;
- One (1) representative of allied agribusiness recommended by the Dade Agri Council;
- One (1) representative of agri-banking, agri-financial consulting, or agri-lending recommended by the (South Dade) Chamber of Commerce;
- One (1) representative of Farm Labor, recommended by Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organizations;
- One (1) representative of the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District, recommended by the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District; and
- One (1) at large representative recommended by the Miami-Dade Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Pursuant to Section 2-933 of the Code, each designated organization shall submit, for Board review, at least one nominee for their vacant position(s), including the nominee's resume and the minutes of the organization's meeting at which the nominee was selected. The required documentation for Ms. Waters is attached as Exhibit A.

Tropical Fruit Crops Industry Representative

Ms. Mary K. Waters is the owner of Crown Branch Farms, Inc. (1988) a plant brokerage and ornamental tree farm, and Crown Branch, Inc. (1993) which serves as a contractor for lending institutions, realtors, local governments, and private individuals to prepare appraisals and determine real estate values for mortgage financing, IRS estate values and tax market values. Ms. Waters is also a State Certified Real Estate Appraiser. She was also the owner of Inverrary Landscape, Inc. (1974-1990), a landscape and plant brokerage in Fort Lauderdale. Ms. Waters received an Associate of Science from Polk Community College (1972) and has maintained continuing education coursework in real estate appraisals and Florida pesticides licensure. Ms. Waters served on Miami-Dade County Community Council 14, Subarea 144, between 2016 and 2020. She is currently the Director of the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida and has been a member of the Dade County Farm Bureau since 1988. The Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida recommended Ms. Waters' appointment at their November 3, 2022, meeting. Ms. Waters resume and the minutes of the meeting at which she was selected are attached as Exhibit A.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer

Exhibit A

Mary K. Waters

13600 SW 229 Street / P.O. Box 700045

Miami, FL 33170-0045

Phone: 305-801-9924

Email: 1fatcat@bellsouth.net

Experience 1993 - Present -- Self Employed -- Miami, FL Crown Branch, Inc. (owner)

- State Certified Real Estate Appraiser
Contracted by lending institutions, Realtors, attorneys, U.S. Marshal Service, county governments and private individuals to prepare an appraisal to determine market value of real estate for mortgage financing, estate value for the IRS, tax market value

1988 - Present -- Self Employed -- Miami, FL Crown Branch Farms, Inc. (owner)

- Plant Brokerage and ornamental tree farm growing specialty palms

1974 - 1990 -- Self Employed -- Fort Lauderdale, FL Inverrary Landscape, Inc. (owner)

- Landscape and Plant Brokerage

1972 - 1974 -- ValleyCrest Landscape, Inc. --Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- Purchasing Agent responsible for coordinating procurement of trees/plants and ancillary materials required for landscape projects

Education

- Associate of Science, Polk Community College / Agricultural Science/Horticulture 1972
- Seminars, including Continuing Education in real estate appraisal, 30 Hours per 2 year term
- Seminars, including Continuing Education in Florida pesticide licensure, 8 Hours per 6 year term

Licenses and Certificates

- State of Florida Pesticide License PV 29152 (expires 2/28/2026)
- State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser RD2905 (expires 11/30/2024)

Memberships

- Director, Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida 2021 to Present
- Member, Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida 2019 to Present
- Member, Dade County Farm Bureau 1988 to Present; Broward Cty 1972-1988

Miscellaneous

- 2016-2020 Elected official, Miami-Dade County Community Council 14, Subarea 144 (4 year term)
- 2004-2011 – President; Secretary Crown House Association, Inc., (Condo Association), Vero Beach, FL
- 1977-to Present – Owner/Grower of land, citrus in Polk County, FL



Exhibit A



Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.

a 501-c5 non-profit organization

18710 SW 288 St., Homestead, FL 33030

Website: tropicalfruitgrowers.com Email: tropicalfruitgrowers@gmail.com

TFGSF Directors meeting

November 3, 2022

Directors: Dewey Steele, Steve Green, Mary Waters, Selene Suarez, Carmen Tun, Louise King

On Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm an emergency meeting of the TFGSF Board of Directors was held at the Fruit & Spice Park. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a replacement for the Ag Practices Advisory Board representative for the tropical fruit industry as Matthew Porter, who held the tropical fruit industry seat, had passed away.

Motion: Steve Green: Move to nominate Mary Waters to represent the tropical fruit industry on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

2nd: Selene Suarez

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passes

Action: Mary will provide Louise with the required resume for the position. Louise will submit the necessary paperwork to Jerry Bell and Marc Dorsey.

Ag Patrol Contact number Non-emergency (786) 218-8344 Emergency- 911
MDPD Non-Emergency (305) 476- 5423 (4-POLICE)



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(Revised)

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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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5-2-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-407-23

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARY K. WATERS TO THE
AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, sections 2-931 through 2-936 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provide for the creation, composition, terms, purpose, and duties of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County specifically provides for the designated organizations to recommend at least one nominee; and

WHEREAS, the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida has recommended Ms. Mary K. Waters to serve as one of two Tropical Fruit Crop Industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

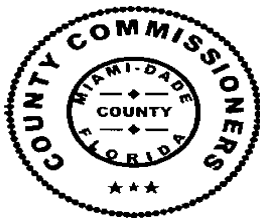
WHEREAS, section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Ms. Mary K. Waters is hereby appointed as one of two Tropical Fruit Crop Industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to serve a four-year term beginning on the effective date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

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By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CMR".

Cristina M. Rabionet