

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

DATE: May 21, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting the City of
Opa-locka site proposal for the
location of the Florida Museum
of Black History and urging the
Florida Museum of Black
History Task Force members to
recommend the City of Opa-
locka site

Resolution No. R-459-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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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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5-21-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-459-24

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
SITE PROPOSAL FOR THE LOCATION OF THE FLORIDA
MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY AND URGING THE
FLORIDA MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY TASK FORCE
MEMBERS TO RECOMMEND THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA
SITE

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law HB 1441 relating to the creation of a Florida Museum of Black History Task Force (“Task Force”); and

WHEREAS, the nine-member Task Force created by HB 1441 is responsible for providing recommendations for the planning, construction, operation, and administration of a state-sponsored Florida Museum of Black History (“museum”); and

WHEREAS, the Task Force must develop:

- (1) Plans for the location, design, and construction of the museum;
- (2) Recommendations for the operation and administration of the museum;
- (3) A marketing plan to promote the museum;
- (4) A transition plan for the museum to become financially self-sufficient; and
- (5) Recommendations for archival and artifact acquisition, preservation, and research; exhibits; and educational materials; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force must, by July 1, 2024, submit a report detailing its plans and recommendations to the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, several proposals have been submitted to the Task Force by advocacy groups across the state, including from Eatonville (Orange County), Jackson County, Nassau County, Panama City (Bay County), Sarasota (Sarasota/Manatee County), Seminole County, and St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these proposals, the City of Opa-locka has also submitted a proposal; and

WHEREAS, at the April 19, 2024 meeting of the Task Force, the City of Opa-locka site proposal was selected as one of three final site proposals for the prospective location of the museum; and

WHEREAS, there are no other Miami-Dade County municipalities or other South Florida contenders from among the remaining site proposals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-locka proposal provides an excellent choice for the location of the museum;

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-locka is centrally located and, like its neighbors to the north in Miami Gardens, and south to Little Haiti, Liberty City, and Overtown, is a densely populated Black community which helps support the more than 26.5 million visitors the County welcomes each year;

WHEREAS, Miami Dolphins games, the Miami Open, Formula 1 Racing, and the 2026 FIFA World Cup will take place just mere minutes from the City of Opa-locka, and the County's numerous other renowned cultural and sporting events are also highly accessible due to the City of Opa-locka's proximity to major highways, a rail system, and airports, including the Opa-locka Executive Airport; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-locka is also rich in Black history and is widely considered to be the first city in northern Miami-Dade County to integrate, boasts the first female Black mayor in Helen Miller, the youngest Black mayor and youngest state legislator in Willie Logan, and the first Black mayor in Miami-Dade County and the City of Opa-locka's first Black commissioner in Albert Trevasant; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the proposed site location is an existing state-managed and operated property which sits on 4.5 acres in the center of the downtown business district, features two expansive buildings with nearly 50,000 square feet in space, and is currently leased to the State of Florida on a long-term basis for \$1.00; and

WHEREAS, this property, together with the vacant land immediately surrounding it, presents a prime location for the development of the museum and an important symbol for those in our community from which to draw inspiration, foster togetherness, and appreciate the history of those who came before us; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opa-locka's location, historical and cultural legacy in Miami-Dade County, and the extraordinary opportunity to utilize and repurpose existing property make it the most ideal location for the site of the museum; and

WHEREAS, members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation have also announced their support for the proposed City of Opa-locka site, including Senator Shevrin D. "Shev" Jones and Representative Ashley V. Gantt; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the City of Opa-locka proposal for the location of the museum,

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

Section 1. Supports the City of Opa-locka site proposal for the location of the Florida Museum of Black History and urges the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force to recommend the City of Opa-locka site to the Governor and the Florida Legislature.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senator Shevrin D. “Shev” Jones, Representative Ashley V. Gantt, the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Members of the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** 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	absent	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	absent	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	absent	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of May, 2024. 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: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JZ", written over a horizontal line.

Javier Zapata