

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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

DATE: July 2, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to research and identify
gaps in services that are provided
to and needed by older adults in
Miami-Dade County and to
provide a report

Resolution No. R-623-24

This item was amended at the June 10, 2024 Housing, Recreation, Culture & Community Development Committee to require the report to include additional criteria related to individuals who have sought assistance from or are receiving services from the County and to direct how the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee should proceed if any of the information required for the report is unavailable.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.



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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)
7-2-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-623-24

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RESEARCH AND
IDENTIFY GAPS IN SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED TO
AND NEEDED BY OLDER ADULTS IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau ("Census Bureau"), as of July 1, 2023, Miami-Dade County's population was over 2.6 million, and 17.2 percent of which were 65 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, further, the Census Bureau estimates that 32.5 percent of the State's population will be 60 and older by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the number of County residents in said demographic is also projected to increase; and

WHEREAS, currently, many older adults residing in Miami-Dade County rely on social services provided or funded by the County that, among other benefits, (1) enable them to age at home, (2) provide meal services, recreation activities, adult day care, personal care assistance, chore services, health care and counseling services, home renovations, transportation services, training and education programs, and (3) provide respite care and other support for families; and

WHEREAS, as the County's senior population increases, demands for said services will likewise increase; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Elder Affairs Advisory Board ("EEAB") is charged with serving as a liaison between the older adult community, this Board and the County Mayor on matters that affect older adults in our community; and

WHEREAS, in an April 23, 2024 letter, the EEAB advised members of this Board of challenges it has encountered serving the older adult community due to a dearth of information concerning gaps in available services and requested that a study be conducted to identify such information; and

WHEREAS, this Board is concerned about the well-being of the older adult community and aims to provide meaningful access to necessary services and eliminate barriers that may make it difficult for older adults in Miami-Dade County to age with dignity, purpose, and independence; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the EEAB and believes that identifying the needs of the older adult community and identifying gaps in services or areas that require additional resources, as well as determining how to best close the gaps, would benefit said older adults as well as the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to research and identify the gaps in services provided to and needed by individuals in Miami-Dade County who are 50 and older. At a minimum, the report shall provide the following: (1) services funded or provided by the County and the reach or scope of such services; (2) challenges to providing these services, including, but not limited to: (i) access to services or programs offered or funded by the County, (ii) access to meals or food insecurity, (iii) housing insecurity or aging at home, (iv) transportation services, (v) access to counseling or medical care including caregivers, (vi) personal care, (vii) access to recreation activities, (viii) assistance with adult day care, and (ix) training and education services; (3) housing programs funded or operated, in whole or part, by the County, including (i) whether there are

waitlists for any of said programs, (ii) average time individuals remain on any waitlist, and (iii) demographics of individuals participating in or on a waitlist for a housing program; (4) locations of food deserts in the County; (5) whether any meal program offered or provided by the County have waitlists and demographics of individuals participating in such program or on a waitlist; (6) statistics regarding access to hospitalizations, access to providers, including behavioral health, and insurance coverage; >>(7) the number of individuals or households acquiring or requesting services from County departments; (8) the number of individuals who have requested assistance from the County because they were at risk of losing their homes due to increased costs of property taxes or insurance;<<¹ and [[(7)]] >>(9)<< recommended measures that can be taken to remedy or diminish the impact of any of the challenges identified in subsection (2) or access to any program or service. >>In the event that any information required herein is unavailable for certain ages, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall indicate same in the report, specify the ages for which the information is available, and provide the requested information.<< The completed report shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follow: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

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	absent
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 July, 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.

Shanika A. Graves