

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 3, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to review County purchases of fresh produce and examine the extent to which such produce is locally grown, and to analyze potential procurement strategies to facilitate the use of fresh, locally-grown produce in future County purchases and programs; further directing the County Mayor to develop strategies for increasing public access to fresh, locally-grown produce countywide, and to provide a report

Resolution No. R-561-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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6-3-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-561-25

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO REVIEW COUNTY PURCHASES OF FRESH PRODUCE AND EXAMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH PRODUCE IS LOCALLY GROWN, AND TO ANALYZE POTENTIAL PROCUREMENT STRATEGIES TO FACILITATE THE USE OF FRESH, LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE IN FUTURE COUNTY PURCHASES AND PROGRAMS; FURTHER DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING PUBLIC ACCESS TO FRESH, LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE COUNTYWIDE, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, chronic health conditions continue to be a problem nationwide, with six out of every ten adults in the United States having at least one chronic disease, and about four in ten adults having two or more chronic diseases, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, dietary factors contribute to the development of many chronic conditions, and a healthy diet rich in fruits and vegetables can help reduce the risk of developing certain chronic diseases, such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer, according to the National Institutes of Health; and

WHEREAS, there are a variety of reported benefits from consuming locally-grown produce, including increased nutritional value, better taste, and reduced environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, for example, locally-grown fruits and vegetables can be harvested closer to peak ripeness and nutrient density, and travel shorter distances to reach the consumer, which reduces spoilage and nutrient degradation; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (“the County”) has a vibrant agricultural industry, with the climate providing a year-round growing season, as well as the ability to produce an extremely wide range of crops; and

WHEREAS, the County makes purchases of produce for a variety of purposes, and, through its departments as well as relationships with regional partners, operates or funds programs that supply food through direct delivery or distribution at locations countywide; and

WHEREAS, such programs typically serve vulnerable adults, children, and underserved communities who might have limited or uncertain access to affordable food options; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Board that the County explore ways to increase the use of local produce in its food purchases and programs, as well as consider opportunities to expand community access to local produce,

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

Section 1. Directs the County mayor or County Mayor’s designee to: (i) review existing County purchases of fresh produce and examine the extent to which such produce is locally grown; (ii) analyze potential legally available procurement strategies to facilitate the use of fresh, locally-grown produce in future County purchases and programs; and (iii) develop strategies involving community stakeholders (including, but not limited to, the Miami-Dade Farm Bureau and local food producers and agricultural organizations) for increasing public access to fresh, locally-grown produce countywide.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee, within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution, to prepare a written report regarding the directive in section 1 and to place the completed report on an agenda of this Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board’s rules of procedure. The report should include discussion of the estimated fiscal impact of any proposed strategies and identify potential funding sources.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of June, 2025. 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.

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Kevin Marker