

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (27)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** January 10, 2008

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Confirming a  
Policy that all County  
Employees and Contract  
Lobbyists Limit Lobbying  
Efforts in Washington and  
Tallahassee

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.

  
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County Attorney

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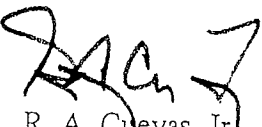


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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("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
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

1-10-08

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY THAT, WHILE REPRESENTING THE COUNTY OR ADVOCATING AS IF THEY ARE REPRESENTING THE COUNTY, ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND COUNTY CONTRACT LOBBYISTS SHALL LIMIT LOBBYING EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON AND TALLAHASSEE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION AND FUNDING REQUESTS TO THOSE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; RESCINDING PRIOR POLICIES TO THE EXTENT INCONSISTENT; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO REVIEW AND APPROVE ALL ADMINISTRATION TRAVEL REQUESTS TO WASHINGTON AND TALLAHASSEE CONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY

**WHEREAS**, prior to each legislative session of the Florida Legislature, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") adopts a legislative package which states Miami-Dade County's legislative priorities, including policy issues and funding requests; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, this Board approved Resolution No. 1236-99, which, among other things, provided that all County contract lobbyists and their subcontractors shall faithfully present and advocate for the County's best interests and policy positions as determined by the County's legislative package as approved by the Board and resolutions passed by the Board, as well as other County interests that may arise over the course of the legislative process; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, this Board approved Resolution No. 232-01, which instructed County staff, including the staff of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and County lobbyists to limit advocacy for legislative initiatives and funding requests to those that have been approved by the County Commission and/or are stated in the Legislative Package with certain exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board's policy of limiting legislative initiatives and funding requests to those stated in the Legislative Package increases the likelihood of having those legislative priorities adopted by decreasing confusion and allowing the Board to speak with one unified voice; and

**WHEREAS**, given the budgetary shortfall at the state level, it is particularly important this year to focus and limit lobbying efforts to those funding requests stated in the Legislative Package,

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

**Section 1.** It is the policy of this Board that, while representing the County or advocating as if they are representing the County, all County employees and County contract lobbyists shall limit lobbying efforts in Washington and Tallahassee and other communications related to federal and state legislation to issues and funding requests approved by the Board, provided however, that nothing contained herein shall limit County staff and, at the behest of County staff, County lobbyists from (i) responding to issues that arise over the course of the legislative process in the County's best interest and/or (ii) supporting, opposing, or amending legislation moving through the legislative process in the County's best interest, consistent with policy set by the Board.

**Section 2.** To the extent inconsistent with the policies set forth in this Resolution, the board rescinds the policies set forth in Resolution No. 1236-99 and Resolution No. 232-01.

**Section 3.** The Board directs the Mayor or his designee to review and sign off on all administration travel requests to Washington and Tallahassee to ensure consistency with this policy.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

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