

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-110

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITY ATTORNEY OPINION 2017-024 REGARDING USE OF THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU'S POPULATION ESTIMATE FOR PURPOSES OF VOTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ("TPO") AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REQUEST THAT (1) MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE TPO USE THE BUREAU'S POPULATION ESTIMATE PROGRAM TO DETERMINE THE CITY'S POPULATION FOR PURPOSES OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE TPO; (2) THAT ONE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTING THE CITY SPONSOR THE CITY'S REQUEST TO OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE TPO; AND (3) THAT THE CITY BE ADMITTED AS A VOTING MEMBER IN THE TPO.

WHEREAS, a municipality qualifies for voting membership in the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization ("TPO") (formerly known as the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization) under the Florida Transportation Code if its population is 50,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, the City is not a member of the TPO because membership is determined by Miami-Dade County (the "County") according to the decennial census and at the time of the 2010 census, the City's population was fewer than 50,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau's Population Estimating Program, the City has a population exceeding 50,000, which would qualify the City for a seat on the TPO; and

WHEREAS, the County previously indicated it would accept an interdecennial census for determination of membership, but the Commission determined an interdecennial census would be cost prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, the County has recently indicated an intent to use a population figure other than the decennial census or interdecennial census to determine voting membership in the TPO and inquired of the City which population estimate should be used; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has adopted a legal memorandum as CAO 2017-024, attached as **Exhibit A**, explaining why the Bureau's population estimate is the appropriate and best estimate to use to determine a municipality's population for purposes of TPO membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That CAO 2017-024 is supported by the Commission and the City Attorney is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and the TPO and to request (1) that the County adopt the Bureau’s population estimate as the number used to determine the City’s population for purposes of membership in the TPO; (2) that one of the County Commissioners representing the City sponsor the City’s request to obtain membership in the TPO; and (3) that the TPO admit the City as a voting member in the TPO.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTIETH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2017.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Keon)

(Voice Vote)

(Agenda Item: G-7)

APPROVED:


RAUL VALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:


WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

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CRAIG E. LEEN
CITY ATTORNEY