

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-211.1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING DISTRICT COURTHOUSES, INCLUDING CORAL GABLES DISTRICT COURT, AND SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CLERK'S REQUEST FOR BRIDGE FUNDING.

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is the third largest county, in terms of land area, in the State of Florida, with 1,946 square miles; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Miami-Dade County had a population of approximately 2,700,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, throughout Miami-Dade County there are five full-service District Courthouses and two additional limited-service offices, that render important government services to their respective areas, including marriage licenses, uncontested divorces, traffic tickets, domestic violence hearings and copies of court cases; and

WHEREAS, due to a significant funding deficit, starting on September 8th, all seven District Courts and offices will be forced to discontinue these important services; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuation of these services at the District Courts will force all individuals needing court services to travel to the Richard E. Gerstein Building, the Miami-Dade County Courthouse, the Marriage License Bureau and/or the Parking Violations Bureau, all located in or around downtown Miami; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the downtown area is difficult, can be expensive and is often a hardship, especially for underprivileged individuals and those that live in areas without easy access to public transportation and this significant reduction in staff will lead to longer wait times in the downtown locations, in order to receive the same services;

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

SECTION 1. 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 adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission supports District Courthouses, including the Coral Gables District Court, which provides a vital public service to the residents of Coral Gables and neighboring areas.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission supports the request made by the Miami-Dade County Clerk for bridge funding in the amount of \$4 million from the County and requests that the Board of County Commissioners provide expedited consideration of this request.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission supports the request by the Miami-Dade County Clerk for a long-term legislative solution to the funding problem, at the State level.

SECTION 5. That the City Commission directs that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Florida, the Miami-Dade legislative delegation, the Miami-Dade County Mayor, each member of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade League of Cities and all other municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2017.

(Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Mena)
(Yeas: Keon, Lago, Mena, Quesada, Valdes-Fauli)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:


WALTER L. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


CRAIG E. LEEN
CITY ATTORNEY