MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 6, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting solar purchasing co-ops in concept; directing the County Mayor to provide in-kind support for informational meetings on solar co-ops in each Commission District

Resolution No. R-619-17

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

[Signature]
Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/smm
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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FROM: Abigail Price-Whitman
County Attorney

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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 ___, 3/5's ___, unanimous ___) to approve

______ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required
RESOLUTION NO. R-619-17

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SOLAR PURCHASING CO-OPS IN CONCEPT; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE IN-KIND SUPPORT FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON SOLAR CO-OPS IN EACH COMMISSION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, there is growing interest from homeowners in Miami-Dade County in installing solar panels on their homes, to reduce their energy bills, generate pollution-free renewable energy, and to be resilient to storms; and

WHEREAS, elsewhere in Florida and in other parts of the country, neighborhood solar purchasing co-ops have been created through entities such as Florida Solar United Neighborhoods (FL SUN); and

WHEREAS, solar purchasing co-ops are voluntary groups that may buy solar panels or other solar infrastructure in bulk for their members as a way to make solar power more affordable and accessible to the members of solar co-ops; and

WHEREAS, solar purchasing co-ops may also offer technical expertise and individualized assistance to property owners who are interested in solar power; and

WHEREAS, FL SUN has established solar purchasing co-ops in Broward County, Sarasota County, Orange County, St. Petersburg, and the Space Coast region; and

WHEREAS, FL SUN is in the process of setting up several solar purchasing co-ops here in Miami-Dade County, and property owners in the County who are interested in solar power may benefit from being able to choose to be part of a solar co-op; and
WHEREAS, FL SUN has represented that its solar purchasing co-ops around the country include moderate income neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to support the creation of solar purchasing co-ops in concept and to provide venues and other in-kind support for informational meetings on solar co-ops for interested property owners in Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby expresses its support in concept for solar purchasing co-ops and directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to provide venues and other in-kind support for informational meetings on solar purchasing co-ops throughout the County, and encourages FL SUN to work with each County Commission Office to collaborate in hosting information sessions in each Commission District.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban I. Bovo, Jr., Chairman
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime
Rebeca Sosa
Xavier L. Suarez

aye
aye
aye
aye
aye
aye

absent
aye
absent
absent
aye

Daniella Levine Cava
Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto

aye
aye
aye
absent
aye

aye
aye
aye
aye
aye
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of June, 2017. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Christopher Agrippa

By: __________________________
   Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell