

# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

No. **355-2016**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: August 30, 2016

SUBJECT: **CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI RESOLUTION**

Attached for your information is Resolution No. 156-16-14711, adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of South Miami Resolution on August 16, 2016.

A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Commission Of The City Of South Miami, Florida In Support Of Lowering Energy Costs And Removing Barriers For Solar Power And Support For Amendment 4 On The August Thirtieth Primary Ballot.—

The City South Miami has requested that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Miami Beach Mayor and Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 305.673.7411.

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Attachment

**RESOLUTION NO. 156-16-14711**

**A Resolution of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of South Miami, Florida in support of lowering energy costs and removing barriers for solar power and support for amendment 4 on the August thirtieth primary ballot.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Miami (the "City") adopted Resolution No. 24-10-13058 dated January 26, 2010 supporting the Green Corridor District legislation, which is a PACE program expressly allowing local governments to finance improvements such as solar panels on properties; and

**WHEREAS**, as of May 1, 2016, the PACE program has finances over 1,437 projects, which includes several solar power projects, with an estimated cost of \$43,730,144 within the Green Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike conventional power generation, solar power generates electricity with zero air emissions and no water use, thereby moving the county, state, and nation to a cleaner and more sustainable energy future; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has the greatest potential for rooftop solar power of any state in the eastern United States. Yet, with 9 million electric utility customer accounts, Florida has only 8,500 customer-sited solar systems, in contrast with less sunny states such as New Jersey, which has over 40,000 customer-sited solar systems, but only half the population of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida tangible personal property tax is a tax on non-real estate property and has the effect of increasing the cost of solar power on many solar systems by 2 to 5 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh). Lowering the cost of solar power improves the economic benefit of solar power and can lead to significantly more solar development; and

**WHEREAS**, amendment 4 will appear on the August 30, 2016 primary ballot, which, if approved, would: (1) Exempt the assessed value of a renewable energy source device from ad valorem tax on tangible personal property; and (2) Prohibit a property appraiser from considering the installation of a renewable energy source device in the determination of assessed value of real property for the purpose of ad valorem taxation; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, the City Commission hereby supports Amendment 4 as it would lower the costs and remove barrier of solar power within the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** The City Commission hereby supports lowering energy costs and removing barriers for solar power and additionally supports Amendment 4 on the August 30, 2016 primary ballot.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and all elected municipal officials in Miami-Dade County.

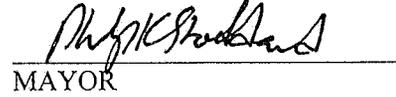
Section 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by vote of the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of August, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,  
LANGUAGE, LEGALITY AND  
EXECUTION THEREOF

  
CITY ATTORNEY

COMMISSION VOTE: 5-0  
Mayor Stoddard: Yea  
Vice Mayor Welsh: Yea  
Commissioner Edmond: Yea  
Commissioner Harris: Yea  
Commissioner Liebman: Yea