

RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 1893

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; OPPOSING THE ADOPTION OF THE NO CASH BAIL REFORM; AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO REMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE STATE ATTORNEYS OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (DIEGUEZ)

WHEREAS, late in 2022, the Miami Dade County State Attorney’s Office, the Miami-Dade County Public Defender’s Office, the Eleventh Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and in concert with various local civic groups convened to explore the implementation of a no cash bail reform (the “No Cash Bail Reform”); and

WHEREAS, the No Cash Bail Reform would allow persons arrested for crimes, and who conformed to certain metrics and algorithms provided by computer software, the opportunity to waive payment of bail and a bail sentencing hearing before a judge; and

WHEREAS, the No Cash Bail Reform system has been implemented in other communities throughout the nation with disastrous results; and

WHEREAS, the No Cash Bail Reform would place recently arrested criminals back on the street without any restraint; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the No Cash Bail Reform would negatively impact the crime rate in the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) and the broader Miami-Dade County community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council implores the Miami-Dade County State Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, Board of County Commissioners, and the office of the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida to reject the implementation of the No Cash Bail Reform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Town Council's Opposition to the Implementation of the No Cash Bail Reform. The Town Council opposes the No Cash Bail Reform program, and urges the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office, Public Defender, Board of County Commissioners and the office of the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Circuit Court in and for Miami Dade County, Florida to cancel any implementation of the No Cash Bail Reform program.

Section 3. Authorization of Town Clerk. The Town Clerk and/or her designee are authorized to submit a copy of this resolution to the Miami Dade County's State Attorney, Kathy Fernandez-Rundle; Public Defender, Carlos Martinez; the members of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners; and Chief Judge Nushin Sayfie, of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida


Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 7th day of February 2023.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Dieguez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlos O. Alvarez	Yes
Councilmember Luis E. Collazo	Yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	Yes
Councilmember Tony Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Ray Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	Yes



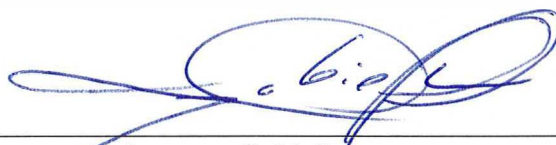
Manny Cid
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo / Victoria Martinez
TOWN CLERK / Deputy Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorenzo Cobiella
Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC
DEP. TOWN ATTORNEY