

RESOLUTION No. 16-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING CORRESPONDENCE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF THE FOUR-CITY AGREEMENT ANNEXATION EFFORT INVOLVING THE CITY OF DORAL, THE TOWN OF MEDLEY, THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, AND THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SUBJECT CORRESPONDENCE AND TRANSMIT THE SAME TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2016, the City of Doral (the “City”) passed and adopted a resolution reconfirming its intentions consistent with resolution 2013-19, resolution 2008-100 and Resolution 2004-99, and continuing its efforts, in initiating and requesting proposed boundary changes to the City by the annexation of property described as Sections 6, 16, and portions of 15, in Township 53 South, Range 40 East in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the City’s annexation efforts, that began in 2004, were done in concert with three (3) other municipalities: the Village of Virginia Gardens, the Town of Medley, and the City of Miami Springs (together with the City of Doral, the “4 Cities”); and

WHEREAS, each municipality hired consultants, engineers and other professionals to assist it in its discussions with the other municipalities as to boundary lines and with the county on all other annexation topics; and

WHEREAS, over the following several years, Miami-Dade County provided Assistant County Managers and other County administrative staff personnel to attend the joint meetings of the 4 Cities to assist in reaching an agreement as to the proper and

appropriate division of the available sections of unincorporated Miami-Dade County area;
and

WHEREAS, although there had been much discussion and debate regarding the proposed annexation boundaries amongst the four municipalities occurred, in 2009 the 4 Cities finally agreed to the proper and appropriate division of the available sections (“4 City Agreement”), and each filed amended applications for annexation with the County reflecting the agreed upon boundary lines; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the four municipalities and Miami-Dade County staff personnel have expended extraordinary efforts and man hours, incurred substantial costs and expenses, and conducted innumerable public hearings and other meetings in the investigation, evaluation, and support of the pending annexation of the available sections of unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, while slight changes to the boundaries have taken place, the City desires to formally advise Miami-Dade County that the City’s pending applications and the pending application of the other municipalities are submitted in accordance with terms and spirit the 4 City Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. The “Annexation Letter,” attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference, is approved.

Section 3. Authorization. The City Manager and the Mayor are hereby authorized to execute the Annexation Letter on behalf of the City and to transmit same to Miami-Dade County in support of the City's Annexation Applications.

Section 4. Implementation. The City Manager, the City Clerk and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Cabrera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Fraga and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:


Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of August, 2016.



LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT “A”



Mr. Jorge Fernandez
Office of Management & Budget Coordinator
Community Redevelopment & Municipal Services
Miami-Dade County
Stephen P. Clark Center
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Miami, FL 33128

***Re: City of Doral Annexation Applications
Sections 6, 16 & Part of 15
Part of the Four-City Agreement***

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

On behalf of the City of Doral (the “City” or “Doral”), it is our pleasure to submit this letter to Miami-Dade County (the “County”) in support of the City’s annexation applications, as well as those of our neighbors—the Village of Virginia Gardens (“VG”), the City of Miami Springs (“Miami Springs”), and the Town of Medley (“Medley”) (collectively, the “Four Municipalities”), involving certain enclaved unincorporated municipal service areas located between and amongst the Four Cities (generally, “UMSA Properties”). Please allow the following to explain.

As you are well-aware, the discussion regarding the annexation of the UMSA Properties initiated in 2002. In 2004, the Four Municipalities each began its own investigation and evaluation of the annexation process and the UMSA Properties, each contracting a variety of professionals to assist in the process. The Four Municipalities also began discussions to negotiate the amicable division of the UMSA Properties. Pursuant to section 6.4 of the County Home Rule Charter and Section 20-3 of the Miami-Dade County Code, in 2004, the Four Municipalities submitted annexation applications. Between 2004 and 2008, the Four Municipalities continued negotiations, ultimately reaching an agreement to the division of the UMSA Properties (commonly referred to as, the “Four-City Deal”). As a result, the Four Municipalities submitted revised annexation applications and reinitiated the annexation process in 2008 in line with the Four City Deal. After years of inactivity, in 2013, Doral passed a third resolution reconfirming its intention to pursue the annexation of certain UMSA Properties. Regrettably, the annexation applications for the Four Municipalities “died in committee,” when the Land-Use Committee of the County Commission failed to take any action in 2014. On April 20, 2016, Doral passed and adopted a fourth resolution reconfirming its intentions consistent with resolution 2013-19, resolution 2008-100 and Resolution 2004-99, and continuing its efforts, in initiating and requesting proposed boundary changes to the City by the annexation of property described as Sections 6, 16, and portions of 15, in Township 53 South, Range 40 East. It is our understanding



that the Miami Springs, VG, and Medley have similarly resubmitted or in process of preparing applications for resubmission.

While slight changes to the boundaries have taken place, Doral desires to formally advise the County that the City's pending applications and the pending applications of the other municipalities are submitted in accordance with terms and spirit the Four-City Agreement. As such, based on the fourteen-year history of these applications, the prudence of having better-balanced municipalities, and the elimination of enclaves in the County, Doral urges County staff to provide favorable recommendations for, and the Board of County Commissioners to approve, the annexations applications of the Four Municipalities in line with the Four City Agreement, all of which have been formulated in consultation with County staff.

On behalf of the City, we certainly appreciate the time and consideration for this very important pending matter. Should you wish to discuss any of the foregoing or any details of Doral's annexations applications, we welcome the opportunity to speak with you at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

Luigi Boria
Mayor
City of Doral

Edward A. Rojas
City Manager
City of Doral

Attachments:

Cc: Mayor & City Council