

RESOLUTION No. 09 – 147

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT
FOR THE NALEO EDUCATIONAL FUND'S POSITION IN
OPPOSITION TO THE VITTER-BENNETT AMENDMENT TO HR
BILL 2847 REGARDING THE 2010 CENSUS OPERATIONS; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the United States Senate is currently debating HR 2847, the bill which appropriates FY2010 funding for the Commerce Department, including the 2010 Census operations; and

WHEREAS, Senators David Vitter and Robert Bennett have proposed an amendment that would require residents to answer a question on immigration status as part of the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund has urged the US Senate to oppose the Vitter-Bennett amendment because it would undermine the goal of the U.S. Constitution, which is to ensure that we have an accurate portrait of America in every decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, asking about immigration status in the 2010 Census is unnecessarily intrusive and will raise concerns among all respondents – both native-born and immigrant – about the confidentiality and privacy of information provided to the government. This will deter many residents from responding, and result in an inaccurate Census count; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, the Vitter-Bennett amendment could delay the 2010 Census and prevent the forms from being mailed next spring. The amendment would require a new question to be added to a broad range of materials used for the 2010

count. Ultimately, the Vitter-Bennett amendment could endanger \$7 billion in research, planning, and preparation that has occurred for Census 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that an accurate and timely Census count in the City of Doral is in the best interests of the City and its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Doral hereby expresses its opposition to the Vitter-Bennett amendment to HR 2847, and further expresses its support of the NALEO Educational Fund's efforts to defeat the Vitter-Bennett amendment.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilwoman Ruiz who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Name and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Michael DiPietro	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Absent
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes
Councilman Robert Van Name	Yes

PASSED and ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2009.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

 For:

JIMMY MORALES, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY