

RESOLUTION No. 23-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO RELOCATE ITS RESOURCES RECOVERY FACILITY, OPERATED BY COVANTA ENERGY, OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF DORAL; URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CONSIDER OTHER LOCATIONS FOR ANY FUTURE WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF DORAL; URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO TERMINATE ITS CONTRACT WITH COVANTA ENERGY; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's Resources Recovery Facility ("RRF") is a waste-to-energy facility, operated by Covanta Dade Renewable Energy, LLC ("Covanta Energy"), and located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Doral ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the RRF is located in the northern portion of the City, surrounded by residential communities, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 12, 2023, a massive fire began at the RRF, resulting in heavy and noxious smoke emanating from the structure, and impacting the entire City; and

WHEREAS, as a result of aforementioned industrial fire, residents and visitors were urged to remain indoors because of concerns as to air quality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council continues to oppose the operation of the RRF, as it has a significant adverse impact to the quality of life of the City's residents, which is further evidenced by the recent industrial fire that occurred at the RRF; and

WHEREAS, the City's historic opposition to the RRF is evidence by Resolution No. 22-61, adopted by the City Council on April 13, 2022, urging Miami-Dade County

not to extend the lease with Covanta Energy for the operation of the RRF, and further urging Miami-Dade County to locate any future facility outside of the City's limits; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022, despite the City's opposition, Miami-Dade County approved a Fifth Amended and Restated Operations and Management Agreement with Covanta Energy, for a five (5) year term, and providing for additional renewal terms ("Agreement"), which has resulted in the continued operation of the RRF in the City; and

WHEREAS, despite the above, the City Council continues to believe that there is no location in the City where a waste-to-energy facility can be located that will not negatively impact the quality of life, health, welfare, and safety of the City's residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council urge the Miami-Dade County Commission to (1) consider and identify other areas in the Miami-Dade County located outside of the City, and possibly Broward County, where the existing RRF may be relocated, (2) consider other locations for any future waste-to-energy facilities outside of the City, and (3) terminate its Agreement with Covanta.

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

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

Section 2. Urging Miami-Dade County. The Mayor and City Council for the City of Doral hereby express its opposition to the existence and location of the RRF in the City of Doral, and urge the Miami Dade County Commission to (1) relocate the existing RRF outside of the City of Doral, (2) consider other locations

for any future waste-to-energy facilities outside of the City of Doral, and (3) terminate its Agreement with Covanta.

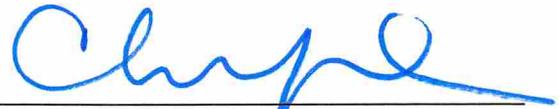
Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice Chairman Anthony Rodriguez, and the Members of the Board of County Commission of Miami-Dade County.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	Yes
Councilman Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8 day of March, 2023.



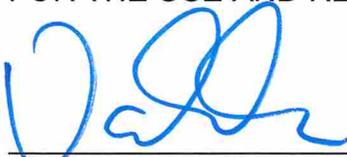
CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

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



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