



April 10th, 2022

Juan Carlos Bermudez

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Jose "Pepe" Diaz
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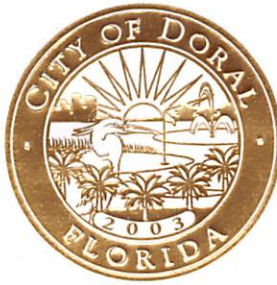
RE: Resource Recovery Facility Resolution 2C Chairmans Policy Committee Agenda for April 13, 2022

Dear Chairman Diaz,

I hope that upon receiving this correspondence everything is well with you and your family. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Resolution 2C on the April 13, 2022, Miami-Dade County Chairman's Policy Committee Agenda, sponsored by your office, which proposes to replace the county's waste to energy plant with a new facility adjacent to or on the same site in the City of Doral.

Waste to Energy facilities have impacts on communities. For example, odor, truck traffic, falling debris, and road wear and tear are all impacts borne by the Doral community. As the facility is intended to serve the needs of all Miami-Dade County, it is incumbent on the county's leadership to consider and identify all areas in the county where the facility can be located that would have the least amount of impact. There is no evidence that any real effort was undertaken to consider less vulnerable areas in the county which would in turn provide smaller impacts on surrounding communities before this item was placed on the agenda.

Secondly, a new waste to energy facility requires a large up-front capital investment. A new facility is estimated to cost between nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000.00) up to one-and-a-half billion dollars (\$1,500,000,000.00). In light of the magnitude of the investment required, all opportunities for a public-private partnership should be considered. Public-private partnerships have been found to generally reduce costs and improve quality control. That consideration should not limit the search for the new site to the City of Doral sites. Any possibility of a Public private Partnership should not be restricted by geographic limitations. In fact, other sites within the district 12 and other parts of the county should be analyzed and considered before we lock ourselves into the existing site(s)



As our long-standing Commissioner, I would hope that you would give due consideration to other options and amend your proposal to extend the search for a new site to other areas of South Florida which would have less impact on residents. For the reasons stated, I urge you to undertake a strategic approach to siting the facility and conduct due diligence into public-private partnership opportunities before jumping into a decision of this magnitude. I look forward to discussing this personally with you tomorrow morning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JCB", is placed below the word "Sincerely,".

Juan Carlos Bermudez
Mayor