

RESOLUTION No. 16-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, URGING THE PGA TOUR TO MAINTAIN THE WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT IN THE CITY OF DORAL FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE; REINFORCING THE CITY'S POSITION AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE PGA TOUR FOR THE TOURNAMENT; ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE PGA TOUR AND THE TOURNAMENT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the PGA Tour hosts a yearly, internationally-recognized and televised golf tournament, currently called the World Golf Championship (the "Tournament"), in the City of Doral (the "Doral"); and

WHEREAS, golf is synonymous with the City's identity, considering that one of the City's earliest developments was the Doral Hotel and Country Club, founded by Alfred and Doris Kaskel, which featured the Blue, Red, and Par 3 Golf Courses; and

WHEREAS, the Tournament, in various forms, is one of the longest running sports competitions in the State of Florida's history, beginning in 1962 and running continuously in what is now the City—one of the longest running in the PGA Tour's history; and

WHEREAS, since early in its history, the City has celebrated the PGA Tour's history and tremendous positive impacts in the community, which include economic, publicity, and philanthropic; and

WHEREAS, the City has been a strong community partner of the PGA Tour, and the relationship has produced heightened visibility for the City, significant economic activity for the businesses and hotel in the area, and a donations to the City's Foundation, Parks & Police 4 Kids, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the City continued its support of the PGA Tour and the Tournament in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City has been made aware that the PGA Tour is considering relocating the Tournament in 2017 for a variety of reasons involving its host, which are far beyond the City's control; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of the Tournament from the community would be a significant loss for the City; and

WHEREAS, the departure of the Tournament from the City also likely indicates a departure of the PGA Tour's presence from Miami-Dade County, considering the unavailability of a suitable alternative venue at which to host the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the venue for the Tournament is one of the premier golf resorts in the United States, with an estimated \$300 million in recent renovations; and

WHEREAS, the departure of the tournament also means, in part, the loss of over \$1 million donated to south Florida charities (donated in 2015); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to convey its continued support of the Tournament and encourage the PGA Tour to keep the Tournament within the City.

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. Recommended Position. The City hereby urges the PGA Tour to keep the World Championship Golf Tournament within the City of Doral for 2017 and the foreseeable future thereafter. Given the Tournament's direct and indirect benefits to the City and Miami-Dade County, and the historical ties between the PGA Tour and the City,

the City hereby reinforces its position as a community partner for the Tournament and requests the PGA Tour take that relationship into account when considering, deliberating, and deciding the future of the Tournament. The City also encourages the residents of all Miami-Dade County to show support for the Tournament and the PGA Tour.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit this Resolution to the organizers of the Tournament, the PGA Tour, the honorable Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, and the municipalities of Miami-Dade County.

Section 4. 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 Councilmember Rodriguez 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	No

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2 day of March, 2016.



LUGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE
OF THE CITY OF DORAL



WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE, & BIERMAN, PL
CITY ATTORNEY