

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 – 3682

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CORRESPONDENCE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF THE FOUR-MUNICIPALITY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT 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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2016, the City of Miami Springs (the "City") passed and adopted Resolution No. 2016-3672, reconfirming its intentions, consistent with its prior resolutions and ordinances, and continuing its efforts, in initiating and requesting proposed boundary changes to the City by the annexation of property described in the prior Four Municipality Annexation Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that the City's annexation efforts, that began in 2002, were done in concert with the three (3) other neighboring municipalities; the Village of Virginia Gardens, the Town of Medley, and the City of Doral; 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 four municipalities to assist in reaching an agreement as to the proper and appropriate division of the available sections of County UMSA areas; and;

WHEREAS, although there had been much discussion and debate regarding the proposed annexation boundaries amongst the four municipalities during these several years, in 2009 the four municipalities finally agreed to the proper and appropriate division of the available sections ("Four Municipality 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 involving the other municipalities, the City of Miami Springs desires to formally advise Miami-Dade County that the City's pending application and the applications of the other municipalities are submitted in accordance with terms and spirit of the "Four Municipality Agreement."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

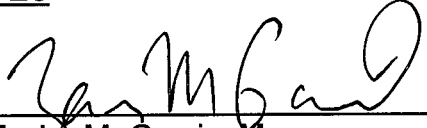
Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization and Approval. The "Annexation Letter," attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference, is hereby authorized and approved by the City Council of the City of Miami Springs.

Section 3: Effective Date. That the provisions of this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, this 12th day of September, 2016, on a motion by Councilman Best and seconded by Councilman Petralanda.

Vice Mayor Buckner	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Best	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Bain	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Petralanda	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Garcia	<u>YES</u>

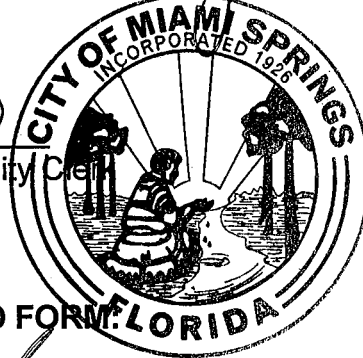


Zavier M. Garcia, Mayor

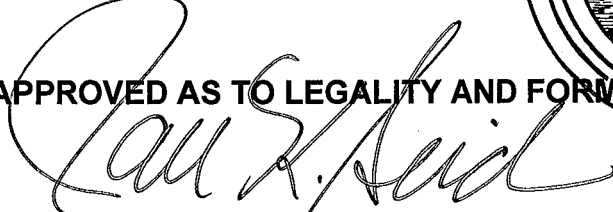
ATTEST:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM:



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September 26, 2016

Mr. Jorge Fernandez
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Redevelopment & Municipal Services Miami-Dade County
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Re: City of Miami Springs Annexation Application
Municipality Four Annexation Agreement

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

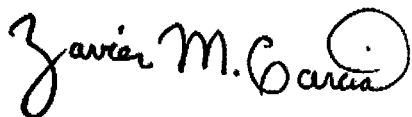
On behalf of the City of Miami Springs (the "City" or "Miami Springs"), it is our pleasure to submit this letter to Miami-Dade County (the "County") in support of the City's annexation application, as well as those of our neighbors- the Village of Virginia Gardens ("VG"), the City of Doral ("Doral"), and the Town of Medley ("Medley") (collectively, the "Four Municipalities"), involving certain enclaved unincorporated municipal service areas located between and amongst the Four Municipalities (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, 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 May 23, 2016, Miami Springs passed and adopted Resolution 2016-3672 reconfirming its intentions consistent with its prior resolutions and ordinances, and continuing its efforts, in initiating and requesting proposed boundary changes to the City by the annexation of property described in the Four City Agreement. It is our understanding that Doral, VG, and Medley have similarly resubmitted or in process of preparing applications for resubmission.

While slight changes to the boundaries in some of the other municipalities have taken place, Miami Springs desires to formally advise the County that the City's pending application 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, Miami Springs 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 Municipality 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 Miami Springs' annexations applications, we welcome the opportunity to speak with you at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Xavier M. Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end of the name.

Zavier Garcia
Mayor
City of Miami Springs

William Alonso
City Manager
City of Miami Springs

Attachments:

Cc: The Honorable City Council, City of Miami Springs
The Honorable Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Miami -Dade County Commissioner, District 12
The Honorable Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 6
Mr. William Alonso, City Manager, City of Miami Springs
The Honorable Mayor & City Council, City of Doral
The Honorable Mayor & Council, Town of Medley
The Honorable Mayor & Council, Village of Virginia Gardens