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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

VETO AND VETO MESSAGE

To: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and
Members of the Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida

From: Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County, Florida



Pursuant to the authority vested in me under Section 2.02 D of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, I hereby veto Resolution No. R-681-20, which was adopted at the July 8, 2020 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

RESOLUTION CALLING A COUNTYWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO AMEND THE HOME RULE CHARTER TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN PANEL AS SET FORTH BY ORDINANCE

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On July 8, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted Resolution No. R-681-20, which calls for a countywide special election in Miami-Dade to be held with a general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to establish an Independent Civilian Panel as set forth by ordinance.

While I am in support of providing the residents of Miami-Dade County the opportunity to decide whether the Charter should be amended to provide for the establishment of an Independent Civilian Panel, I am vetoing Resolution No. R-681-20 because the subpoena powers of the Panel outlined in the Charter amendment do not provide a clear exemption for County employees, Board members and the Mayor. Additionally, granting the Panel broad subpoena power and deferring to County Code on the parameters of such power, as written in the proposed Charter amendment, could potentially allow County employees, Board members and the Mayor to be subpoenaed in the future.

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I am hopeful that the Board will consider removing the language from the proposed Charter question that grants Panel members subpoena power as I do not believe it aligns with the spirit of the proposed changes to subpoena power in the ordinance relating to Panel.