

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16**

**A RESOLUTION BY CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO DENY THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN (“CDMP”) AMENDMENT APPLICATION CDMP20210003; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Southern Florida is home to the Everglades National Park, the Biscayne National Park and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, each a national and statewide environmental treasure with uniquely important and diverse natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, these unique resources contribute to an unparalleled ecosystem that is critical to South Florida’s regional environment and regional economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal and state governments have authorized and appropriated significant public investment in the restoration and preservation of the Everglades and South Florida ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, a municipality of Monroe County, Florida, and part of the Florida Keys, shares in the stewardship responsibilities of this unique ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, continues to invest in and work with the partnerships formed with county, state, and federal-level agencies to protect its public and private investments from sea level rise and to restore and protect the health and economic value of its marine environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the environment, economy, public safety, and community character of the Florida Keys can be substantially affected by land use decisions in southern Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed expansion of the Urban Development Boundary in South Miami-Dade in Miami-Dade County’s Comprehensive Development Master Plan (“CDMP”) Amendment Application CDMP202100003, and its accompanying 800-acre industrial project is a significant land use decision with potentially detrimental regional environmental, economic, and public safety impacts, including impacts for the Florida Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, it is yet unclear as to the environmental impacts of this land use decision. The City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, is concerned that the proposed expansion of the Urban Development Boundary could negatively impact the sensitive Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park, and Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued environmental and economic viability of the Florida Keys depends on the preservation of those environmental resources and on the continued protection of the quality, tranquility and peace of our surrounding waters and airspace over those waters; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment within the Urban Development Boundary in South Miami-Dade may allow for future large-scale urban growth outside the current UDB, irrevocably altering future urban development, particularly for the adjacent Homestead Air Reserve Base; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homestead Air Reserve Base and its neighboring territory is subject the same threats and potential evacuation orders as the Florida Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed expansion will add traffic congestion and could adversely impact the Florida Turnpike (a Strategic Intermodal System facility) other local roads, including reducing the operation of the transportation corridor and hurricane evacuation; and

**WHEREAS**, due to these concerns, the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, appreciates the opportunity to review the proposed comprehensive plan amendments and continues to encourage intergovernmental coordination and collaboration between adjacent local municipalities in Monroe County along the Florida Keys and adjacent counties, including specifically, Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida encourages Miami-Dade County to continue to review and regulate land use in a manner that provides for adequate public infrastructure, does not result in a reduction of the level-of-service requirements, protects key assets, and maximizes safety, economic benefit, environmental compatibility within the County and with the adjacent and regional local governments, state and federal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida continues to support coordination mechanisms to ensure that full consideration is given of the impacts of development allowed by the adjacent municipalities, adjacent counties of Miami-Dade, the region, the state and federal governments, as well as the potential impacts of development allowed by the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida and more specifically, Monroe County, Florida, on those entities; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County staff noted major inconsistencies between this proposed project and have recommended that the County deny the CDMP Amendment application; therefore, the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, urges the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to consider and uphold the determination of its planning staff;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, finds that denial of CDMP Amendment Application CDMP20210003 is in the best interest of the City of Key Colony Beach and its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recital.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this Reference.

**Section 2. Denial and Opposition of CDMP Amendment Application CDMP20210003.** The City Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, expresses strong concerns about the impacts of development and expansion of the Urban Development Boundary in Miami-Dade County on the Florida Keys and hereby urges the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and the State of Florida to deny the proposed Development Master Plan (CDMP) Amendment Application CDMP 20210003; and

**Section 3. Transmittal.** The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of the Resolution to the Mayor and Commissioners of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Secretary Dane Eagle.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the **CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA**, at a Regular Meeting held on the **23rd** day of **NOVEMBER, 2021**.

Mayor Ronald Sutton	NO _____	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice Mayor Patti Trefry	NO _____	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Kathryn McCullough	NO _____	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner John DeNeale	NO _____	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Tom Harding	NO _____	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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