

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A LETTER TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S OBJECTION TO THE COUNTY'S DECISION TO CONSTRUCT THE SW 87TH AVENUE BRIDGE FROM SW 164TH STREET TO SW 163RD TERRACE OVER THE CUTLER DRAIN CANAL C-100; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson)*

WHEREAS, the Village Council has repeatedly expressed its opposition to the construction of a bridge along SW 87th Avenue from SW 164th Street to 163rd Terrace over the cutler drain canal C-100; and

WHEREAS, the Village is still engaged in conflict resolution with both Miami-Dade County and the County's Transportation Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2021, the Village Council adopted Resolution 2021-109 attached as Exhibit "A" approving the issuance of a letter to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County expressing the Council's objection to the county's decision to construct the bridge along SW 87th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, before the conclusion of the conflict resolution process scheduled to occur on January 20, 2022, the Village Council wishes to once again express its opposition and has authorized a letter to be sent to the Board of Commissioners of Miami-Dade County requesting the County to reverse its determination to construct the bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the above recitals are incorporated as if set forth in full.

41 **Section 2.** That the Village Clerk is directed to send the letter,
42 attached as composite Exhibit "B", to, respectively, the Board of County
43 Commissioners of Miami-Dade County.

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45 **Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon
46 approval.

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48 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10th day of January, 2022.

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51 **ATTEST:** DocuSigned by:
52 *Missy Arocha* DocuSigned by:
53 Missy Arocha *Karyn Cunningham*
54 Village Clerk Karyn Cunningham
55 Mayor

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57 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE**
58 **USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY,**
59 **FLORIDA ONLY:**

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62 DocuSigned by:
63 *John C. Dellagloria, Esq.*
64 John C. Dellagloria, Esq.
65 Village Attorney

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68 **FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:**

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- 70 Council Member Patrick Fiore YES
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- 72 Council Member Steve Cody YES
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- 74 Council Member Marsha Matson YES
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- 76 Vice-Mayor Leanne Tellam NO
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- 78 Mayor Karyn Cunningham YES



Office of the Mayor and Village Council

Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1 Street, 29th Floor
Miami, Florida 33128

January 10, 2022

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

We, the Mayor and Members of the Village of Palmetto Bay Council, are reaching out to you about the bridging issue. Specifically, we oppose building a bridge on SW 87th Avenue over the C100 canal in Palmetto Bay. Past Village Councils have opposed the bridge. We oppose the bridge.

The county's often-stated transportation policy is to encourage people to take public transit. The Village Council shares the county's commitment by voting to support the Bus Rapid Transit. We are using our tax dollars to provide a commuter I-bus service and inter-village shuttle.

Spending on public transit instead of a vehicular bridge will greatly benefit our environment. Much of the county's air pollution is generated by cars and trucks. The county has pledged to reduce carbon emissions. In contrast, it will invite people to drive and avoid public transit. Our mutual goal of public transit and a clean, healthy environment is completely undermined by building the bridge.

We ask you to oppose the bridge. We ask that you do not support it in any way.

We stand ready to meet or discuss this issue with you at your convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Karyn Cunningham, *Mayor*
Patrick Fiore, *Councilmember District 1*
Steve Cody, *Councilmember District 2*
Marsha Matson, *Councilmember District 3*

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