



**MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA
MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 406-2021**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGING THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO DENY THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN (CDMP) AMENDMENT APPLICATION CDMP20210003, 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, Monroe County (the Florida Keys) shares in the stewardship responsibilities of this unique ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County continues to invest in and to work in partnership with state and federal agencies to protect its existing 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 CDMP20210003, 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, Monroe County 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 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 Monroe County appreciates the opportunity to review the proposed comprehensive plan amendments and continues to encourage intergovernmental coordination and collaboration between the adjacent counties; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County 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, Monroe County continues to support coordination mechanisms to ensure that full consideration is given to the impacts of development allowed by the adjacent municipalities, adjacent counties of Miami-Dade, the region, the State and the federal governments, as well as the potential impacts of development allowed by Monroe County 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 and Monroe County urges the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to consider and uphold the determination of its planning staff;;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Monroe County Board of County Commissioners expresses strong concerns about the impacts of development and expansion of the Urban Development Boundary in Miami-Dade County on the Florida Keys and urges the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and the State of Florida to deny the proposed Development Master Plan (CDMP) Amendment Application CDMP20210003; and

Section 2. 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 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida,
at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of October, 2021.

Mayor Michelle Coldiron	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem David Rice	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Craig Cates	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Holly Merrill Raschein	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Eddie Martinez	<u>Yes</u>

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA



BY

Mayor Michelle Coldiron



ATTEST: KEVIN MADOK, CLERK


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Approved for form and legal sufficiency by
Robert B. Shillinger, Monroe County Attorney

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