

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-036

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND § 97.0585 FLORIDA STATUTES TO MAKE EXEMPT FROM THE FLORIDA PUBLIC RECORDS LAW A VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION, AND IN PARTICULAR FOR STUDENTS WHO PREREGISTER TO VOTE AND FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS AND OFFICIALS; DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, today, the identification of students who qualify to preregister to vote pursuant to § 97.041(b) Florida Statutes, and that of school teachers and officials remain accessible as a public record; and

WHEREAS, given the tragic events that have occurred at schools and educational institutions where students, teachers, and those who administer school curriculum are at risk of bullying, bodily harm, and other abuses; and

WHEREAS, no one should have to choose between voting and their safety; and

WHEREAS, it is time for a change in how voter registration information is addressed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah wishes to send a powerful message that unfettered voting benefits all of us; and

WHEREAS, any interference with the right of one to vote due to access to a voter's name, legal residence, birth date, contact information whether via email or by telephone or other means of identifying the voter in the public domain, remains at risk

by unscrupulous identity thieves, robo-callers, scammers, and the severe mental or bodily harm that can befall a person who seeks to vote, which cries out for reform; and

WHEREAS, making completely private a person's identity when registering and registered to vote well exceeds the public benefit, if any, of access to any of his or her identity; and

WHEREAS, the most important of rights, if not the most important of rights, namely voting, should be protected from scams, interference, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council wish to encourage the state and federal government to combat voter interference and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

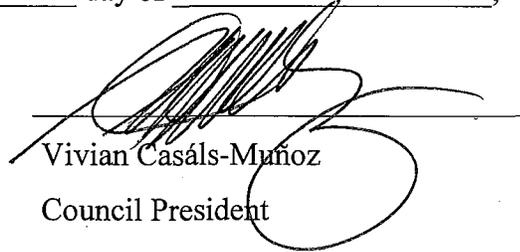
Section 1. Recitals Adopted. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council hereby encourage the state legislature and federal government to amend laws allowing access to a voter's identification confidential, and in particular urges the Florida legislature to amend the public records law to make a voter's identification when registering or registered to vote confidential, if not for all voters, then for students who qualify to preregister to vote, and for students, school teachers and officials at large.

Section 3. The City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all appropriate entities.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto.

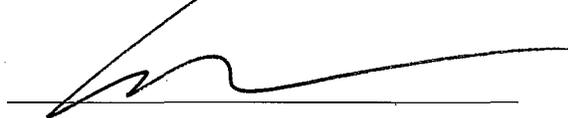
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26 day of March, 2019.


Vivian Casáls-Muñoz
Council President

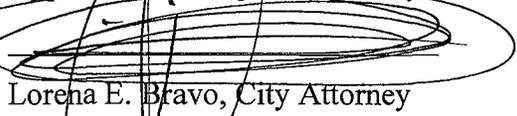
Attest:

Approved on this 3 day of April, 2019.


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk


Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:


Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 7-0 vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Zogby, Lozano, Casáls-Munoz, Hernandez, Garcia-Martinez and Cue-Fuente voting "Yes".