

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-104

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA URGING THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (“USCIS”) TO REEVALUATE AND GRANT RAMON SAUL SANCHEZ’S APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS NAMED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, Ramon Saul Sanchez is the leader of “Movimiento Democracia” and a prominent member of the Cuban exile community in Miami; and

WHEREAS, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) has denied permanent residence to Ramon Saul Sanchez; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Saul Sanchez is now facing uncertainty regarding his immigration status and could be deported to Cuba, which he left as a child 52 years ago to escape the oppressive Castro regime; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban exiles’ fight for freedom is particularly special for the City of Hialeah (“City”) whose population is made of primarily of Cuban exiles ever seeking liberty, freedom, and economic prosperity for Cuba, and because they have invested substantial blood, sweat, and tears to bring back a democratic system to Cuba and stop human rights abuses to their countrymen, and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council urge the USCIS to reevaluate and grant Ramon Saul Sanchez’s application for permanent resident status;

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

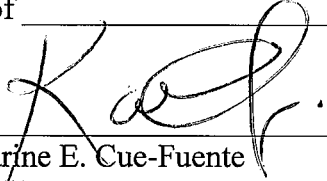
Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah hereby urge the USCIS to reevaluate and grant Ramon Saul Sanchez's application for permanent resident status.

Section 3: The City Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from Florida in the Congress of the United States, and to the USCIS Director, Kenneth Thomas Cuccinelli II.

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.

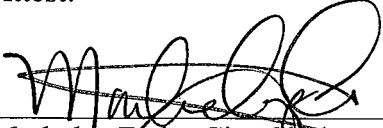
PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019.



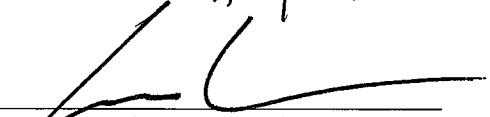
Katharine E. Cue-Fuente
Councilwoman

Attest:

Approved on this 29 day of August, 2019.

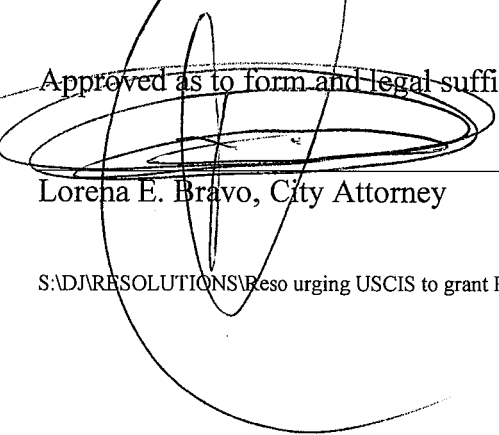


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a 5-0-2 vote with Councilmembers, Cue-Fuente, Lozano, Caragol, Hernandez and Zogby voting "Yes" and with Councilmembers Casals-Muñoz and Garcia-Martinez absent.