

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2721**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) TO MODIFY AND REDIRECT FLIGHT PATHS AND ALTITUDES IMPOSED IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL FLORIDA METROPLEX/NEXTGEN AIR TRANSPORTATION (METROPLEX) TO MITIGATE DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS TO THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES; FURTHER URGING SUPPORT FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING DATA AND OTHER EVIDENCE FROM THE FAA DEMONSTRATING THE BENEFITS AND IMPACTS OF METROPLEX; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") has proposed new flight patterns for aircraft arriving at and departing from several airports in Miami-Dade County, including Miami International Airport and Miami Executive/Opa-Locka Airport, as part of their South-Central Florida Metroplex/NextGen Air Transportation System ("Metroplex"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Metroplex changes in flight paths and altitudes can have a negative impact on the quality of life and property values for a large number of Miami-Dade residents, including the Town of Surfside as a coastal community with a sensitive environment (the "Town"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received several calls and emails from concerned citizens directly impacted by the change in flight patterns, with neighborhoods increasingly affected by noise, light and air pollution from low-flying aircraft for almost 24 hours a day; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has proposed a resolution requesting the FAA provide additional data related to the Metroplex and its associated modifications to the existing flight departure and arrival procedures prior to implementation of the project, as well as details regarding the benefits of the implementation of the changes proposed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town urges the FAA to revisit the proposed Metroplex flight pattern plan and re-route or shift flight paths away from the Town and other populated coastal areas to mitigate detrimental impacts to the Town and surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town further supports Miami-Dade County’s resolution urging the FAA to provide data and other evidence of benefits of the Metroplex proposed flight paths, and seeks further data and evidence on the impacts and the proposed mitigation of such impacts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS**

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

**Section 2. Position; Urging FAA to Modify and Redirect Flight Paths Imposed by Metroplex.** The FAA is urged to modify and redirect flight paths and altitudes imposed by the Metroplex so as to mitigate the negative impacts, such as, without limitation, noise, vibrations, and light and air pollution, on the residents of the Town of Surfside and surrounding communities, thereby achieving aviation goals while refraining from affecting the quality of life in the Town.

**Section 3. Position; In Support of Miami-Dade County’s Resolution Urging FAA to Provide Data and Evidence on the Benefits and Impacts of the Metroplex.** The Town supports Miami-Dade County’s Resolution urging the FAA to provide data and evidence to the County and affected municipalities on the benefits and impacts of Metroplex and its associated modifications to the existing flight departure and arrival procedures prior to implementation of the project, and the proposed mitigation of such impacts.

**Section 4. Transmittal.** The Town Manager and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the FAA, the Miami-Dade County Board of County

Commissioners and Miami-Dade County Aviation Department, the Clerks and Commissions/Councils of all surrounding municipalities, and any other entity as may be necessary to maximize the efficacy of the adopted urging position.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Motion By: Commissioner Kesl  
Second By: Commissioner Velasquez

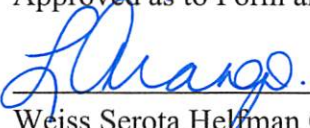
**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:**

Commissioner Charles Kesl	<u>YES</u>
Commissioner Eliana R. Salzhauer	<u>YES</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>YES</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>YES</u>

Attest:

  
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Sandra Novoa, MMC  
Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

  
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Weiss Serota Hellman Cole & Bierman, P.L.  
Town Attorney

  
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Charles W. Burkett, Mayor