RESOLUTION NO. 2021-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, REGARDING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. 01982 ENTITLED DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE THE RICKENBACKER AND VENETIAN CAUSEWAYS AND ASSOCIATED RECREATIONAL ELEMENTS; REQUESTING, AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, THE COUNTY MAYOR AND/OR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO IMMEDIATELY RESCIND THE RFP AND BEGIN A NEW COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC PROCESS WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO ADDRESS THIS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN A FULL AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS WITH BROAD AND EARLY PARTICIPATION; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, Miami-Dade County received an unsolicited proposal for the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of the Rickenbacker Causeway and the Venetian Causeway, including the development of parkland and beachfront along the Rickenbacker Causeway; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-648-21 to accept the unsolicited proposal and to approve the issuance of a competitive solicitation for the same project purpose as set forth in the unsolicited proposal; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2021, the County's administration issued a competitive solicitation (RFP No. 01982) for the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of the Rickenbacker Causeway and the Venetian Causeway, including the development of parkland and beachfront along the Rickenbacker Causeway (the "RFP"); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne (the "Village") is uniquely affected by the RFP given that the Rickenbacker Causeway is its sole means of access to and from the mainland; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council, County Mayor, County Commission Chairman Diaz, and County Commissioner Regalado have held and/or participated in public meetings to discuss the County's unsolicited proposal process, RFP, and impacts on the Village; and

WHEREAS, after review of the unsolicited proposal process, the Village Council believes such process is unsuitable and not appropriate for the Rickenbacker Causeway; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to make it clear that it has no intent to submit a bid for the RFP; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners will consider potential amendments to the RFP that would remove the Venetian Causeway in its entirety as well as certain proposed Rickenbacker Causeway amenities; and

WHEREAS, after significant public input and careful consideration, the Village Council respectfully requests the County Mayor and/or Board of County Commissioners to immediately rescind the RFP and begin a new collaborative public process with all stakeholders to address this infrastructure project in a full and transparent process with broad and early participation; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Village and of Miami-Dade County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. **Request.** The Village Council, after careful consideration, hereby respectfully requests that the County Mayor and/or Board of County Commissioners immediately rescind the RFP and begin a new collaborative public process with all stakeholders

to address this infrastructure project in a full and transparent process with broad and early participation.

Section 3.   Transmittal. The Village Council hereby directs the Village Clerk to transmit this Resolution to the Clerk of the Board of the County Commissioners and the County Mayor.

Section 4.   Effective Date.   This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this __30th__ day of _____September_____, 2021.

MICHAEL W. DAVEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOCELYN B. KOCH
VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
VILLAGE ATTORNEY