

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF NORTH BAY VILLAGE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING LOWER ENERGY COSTS AND REMOVING BARRIERS FOR THE SOLAR POWER; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR JORGE GONZALEZ)

WHEREAS, North Bay Village (the "Village") adopted Resolution No. 2014-41 supporting the Green Corridor District legislation, which is a PACE program expressly allowing local governments to finance improvements such as solar panels on properties; and

WHEREAS, unlike conventional power generation, solar power generates electricity with zero air emissions and no waste water use, thereby moving the county, state, and nation to a cleaner and more sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the greatest potential for rooftop solar power of any state in the eastern United States; yet, with 9 million electric utility customer accounts, Florida has only 8,500 customer-sited solar systems, in contrast with less sunny states such as New Jersey, which has over 40,000 customer-sited solar systems, but only half the population of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida tangible personal property tax is a tax on non-real estate property and has the effect of increasing the cost of solar power on many solar systems by 2 to 5 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh). Lowering the cost of solar power improves the economic benefit of solar power and can lead to significantly more solar development; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 as approved in the August 30, 2016 primary election would (1) Exempt the assessed value of a renewable energy source device from ad valorem tax on tangible personal property; and (2) Prohibit a property appraiser from considering the installation of a renewable energy source device in the determination of assessed value of real property for the purpose of ad valorem taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of North Bay Village hereby supports lowering the costs and remove barrier of solar power within the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of North Bay Village finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF NORTH BAY VILLAGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

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

Section 2. The Commission of North Bay hereby supports lowering energy costs and removing barriers for solar power and additionally supports

Section 3. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and all elected municipal officials in Miami-Dade County.

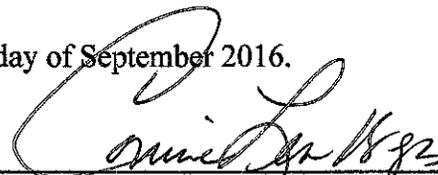
Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Jorge Gonzalez who moved for its adoption. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Lim, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

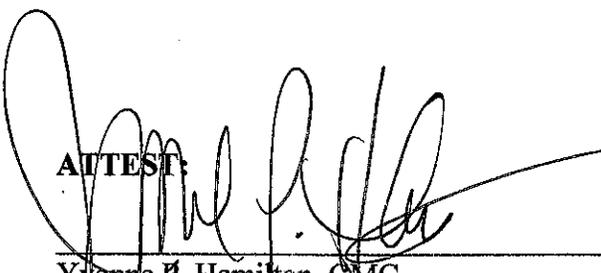
Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Jorge Gonzalez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Richard Chervony	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Andreana Jackson	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Eddie Lim	<u>Yes</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of September 2016.



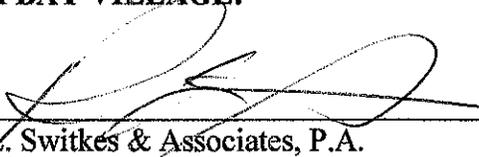
Connie Leon-Kreps, Mayor

ATTEST:



Yvonne P. Hamilton, CMC
Village Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE USE OF
NORTH BAY VILLAGE:**



Robert L. Switkes & Associates, P.A.
Village Attorney

North Bay Village Resolution-Supporting Lowering Energy Costs and Removing Barriers for Solar Power.