

ITEM #98

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APRIL 6, 2021

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

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Hello,

One more ask if possible, our communication with other offices noted that adding the name of the partner organizations for the ID initiative will be helpful for our efforts. Can we add this to the draft language?

Both Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. and Legal Aid Service of Broward County will take a leadership role in executing the Community ID program in partnerships with the following organizations: OIC of South Florida, Urban League of Broward County, ADRC Broward, Pride Center and Partnership for the Homeless.

Thanks so much! It will be very helpful for passage.

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Thomas Kennedy
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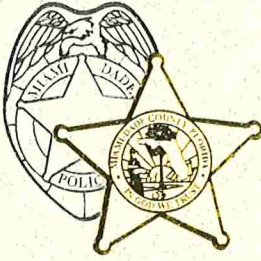
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March 4, 2021

Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
Stephen P. Clark Government Center
111 NW 1 Street, Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Re: Support for Local Community Identification (ID) Program

Dear Chairman Diaz and Members, Board of County Commissioners:

The Miami-Dade Police Department is in support of a Community ID Program for purposes of providing residents with access to Miami-Dade County services. Our Department will recognize a Community ID as a form of identification, but not for official police business involving arrests, traffic stops and other reasonable suspicion detentions (Terry stops).

A Community ID would provide cardholders with a reliable form of identification that can be used as a tool by law enforcement, County departments, health centers, schools, businesses, and cultural art organizations to better identify and serve its residents. Such programs have been successful in cities like Cincinnati, Ohio, and West Palm Beach, Florida.

A Community ID may help strengthen police and community relations. It is our hope that individuals with Community IDs will be more willing to come forward to report crimes and otherwise participate in the community in which they reside. A local ID would also help with access to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

The safety of the residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County is our priority, and the implementation of a Community ID Program will further that goal.

Sincerely,

Alfredo Ramirez III
Director

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**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Annika E. Ashton, Deputy County Attorney 

DATE: April 1, 2021

RE: **FaithAction ID Cards; Item No. 98 on the April 6, 2021, County Commission Agenda**

During briefings earlier this week regarding the above item, our Office was asked to provide information regarding the laws applicable to nongovernmental identification cards as well as the ability of individuals to obtain Florida state identification cards. The information provided is summarized below. This memorandum will also be distributed as additional material under the agenda item.

Nongovernmental ID Cards: Under Florida law (Section 877.18, Florida Statutes), prior to selling/issuing nongovernmental identification cards or documents (“ID Cards”), the ID Card issuer must obtain from the applicant, and retain for a period of three years from the date of issuance, the following:

- (a) an authenticated or certified copy of proof of age (i.e., birth record/certificate; a certificate of baptism/other religious record showing the date of birth and place of baptism, accompanied by an affidavit of the parent of the baptized individual; a life insurance policy in force for at least two years; a passport or certificate of arrival in the United States; a transcript of record of age in a school record of at least four years prior to the application, stating a date of birth; or an affidavit of age by the applicant’s parent and a certificate of age signed by a public health officer or a public school physician); and
- (b) a notarized affidavit from the applicant attesting to the applicant’s age and the accuracy of the documentation provided under (a).

The ID Card must include the business name and address of the issuer, and the issuer must make the records collected under sections (a) and (b) above available for inspection by any law enforcement officer upon reasonable request without a warrant.

State ID Cards: Under Florida law, a state-issued identification card (“State ID”) may be issued to any individual five years of age or older through the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (“DHSMV”). To qualify for a State ID, the applicant must provide DHSMV the following:

- (a) full name, gender, proof of a social security card number, county of residence, a mailing address, two forms of proof of a residential address, and county of birth; and
- (b) proof of a birth date and identity satisfactory to the DHSMV. The proof of identity must include proof of US citizenship (e.g., US birth certificate, valid US passport, proof of naturalization, consular report of birth abroad, etc.), proof of valid immigrant residency status (i.e., permanent resident card or unexpired employment authorization card issued by the Department of Homeland Security), or proof of nonimmigrant classification (e.g., approved or pending refugee/asylum-seeker status with an immigration court or from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, an order of an immigration court judge/officer authorizing the applicant to live/work in the US, etc.).

Note that one of the documents proving a residential address can be a letter from a homeless shelter, transitional service provider, or a halfway house verifying that they receive mail for the applicant.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either the County Attorney or me (aashton@broward.org, x5728).

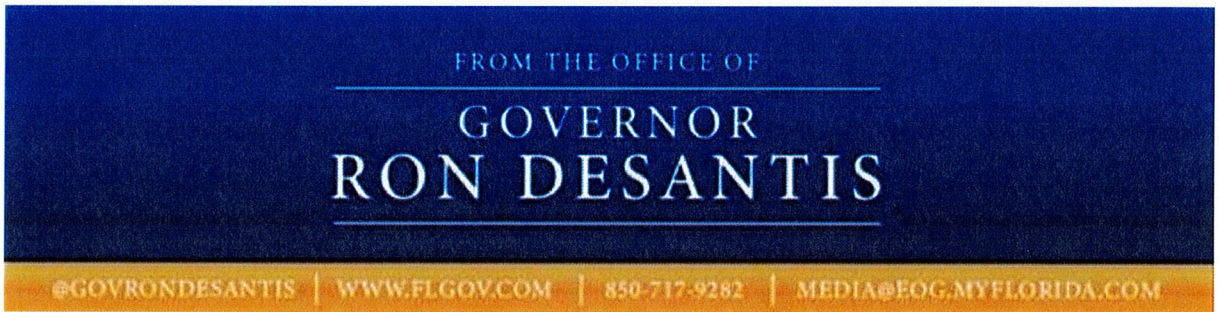
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c: Bertha Henry, County Administrator
Bob Melton, County Auditor
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**



For Immediate Release: April 1, 2021

Contact: Governor's Press Office, (850) 717-9282, Media@eog.myflorida.com

Governor Ron DeSantis Demands Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law

Titusville, Fla. – Today, Governor DeSantis demanded that the Biden Administration rescind its recent executive action allowing criminal aliens to go free. These dangerous and reckless policies jeopardize the health, security and wellbeing of Florida communities.

The Governor called on the federal government to return to the rule of law and ensure the transfer of criminal aliens to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities upon completion of their state prison terms. The Governor insisted that ICE continue to detain these criminals, and if found to be in this country illegally, remove them.

“Florida will not sit by and watch idly as the federal government sets criminal aliens free and abdicates its legal obligation to enforce immigration law,” **said Governor DeSantis.** “That’s why I’m calling on President Biden and ICE to take immediate action to detain and remove these dangerous criminal aliens. Too many lives have been lost because immigration officials failed to do their jobs and too many parents have lost children at the hands of criminal aliens who were irresponsibly set free.”

Over the next 30 days, the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) estimates that 50 confirmed or suspected criminal aliens will complete their state prison terms. Over the next 6 months, FDC estimates that number will rise to approximately 200 individuals.

Today, to combat the inaction of the federal government, the Governor sent a letter to FDC Secretary Mark Inch directing him to:

- Identify all Florida inmates with detainer agreements and pursue all legal means available to transfer them to ICE custody upon completion of their Florida prison terms.
- Provide monthly updates to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the Office of the Governor on all inmates who have detainers lifted by ICE during the ninety days prior to release date.
- Provide monthly updates to FDLE and the Office of the Governor on all undocumented inmates released at the direction of ICE.
- Notify local law enforcement whenever undocumented individuals may be released in their communities.
- Work with FDLE to cross-check, on a weekly basis, any released criminal aliens against Florida law enforcement's statewide reports of new crimes.
- Work with Florida Sheriffs to facilitate use of the national Law Enforcement Notification System (LENS), which provides local law enforcement with information on criminal aliens released from ICE custody in Florida.
- Submit formal requests to ICE under 8 U.S.C. 1373(c) to confirm the citizenship status of all inmates where citizenship status is inconclusive.

Joining the Governor at today's announcement were Kiyana and Bobby Michael, and Jamiel Shaw – Angel Parents of children slain by criminal illegal aliens. Kiyana and Bobby Michael's son Brandon, died in 2007 when he was struck by an illegal immigrant who had twice been deported and was driving without a license or registration. Jamiel Shaw lost his 17-year-old son, Jamiel Shaw II, when he was killed by a criminal illegal alien and known gang member. Jamiel's murderer had been released from jail just two days before the shooting.

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Broward County Community ID Program

What is the purpose of the FaithAction (Community) ID card program?

The purpose of the FaithAction ID program is to build greater understanding, trust and cooperation between local law enforcement and other local sectors and our diverse community. Our goal is to create safer, more inclusive and united communities for all.

What does a FaithAction ID do?

The FaithAction ID card provides card holders with a reliable form of identification that can be used as a tool by law enforcement, city departments, health centers, schools, businesses, and cultural arts organizations to better identify, serve, and protect us.

Why is the FaithAction ID program needed?

Many community residents, including many citizens, do not have the necessary requirements to receive a state issued ID card or driver's license. They are often required to prove their identity for numerous reasons each day, and without a reliable ID may not be able to identify themselves with law enforcement, receive urgent services with schools, health centers, city departments, and social service agencies, or participate in the cultural and business life of their community.

Who has a FaithAction ID card?

The FaithAction ID card is available to any resident who may have limited access to government issued ID card, as well as those who support safer, more inclusive and united communities.

Participants who have especially benefited from the program include new immigrants and refugees, homeless and elderly individuals, people recently returning from jail, as well as faith and city leaders, teachers, health and social service workers, and many others.

More than 20,000 residents in six states and 100+ cities now have a FaithAction (or network partner) ID card throughout North and South Carolina, Florida, Iowa, Virginia, and Ohio.

What are the limitations of the FaithAction ID card?

The FaithAction ID card is not a state issued form of identification (and clearly notes this fact on the back of the card), or a driver's license. It cannot be used to vote, and does not entitle card holders to any social welfare benefits. It does not stop persecution if someone is engaged in an illegal activity, and does not have any impact on an individual's immigration status.

What are the requirements to receive an ID card?

All participants must attend an ID drive, in which they are required to go through an orientation on the benefits and limitations of the card, and sign a simple MOU to this effect. They then go through a thorough vetting process in which they must provide proof of identity (embassy ID, national ID card, passport, or driver's license) and proof of address (utility bill, medical record, bank statement, or lease agreement). The required list of approved documents must be agreed upon by local law enforcement partners, and all those at the document check station must be trained and reliable. An immigration attorney or paralegal is present at each document check table as questions of authenticity arise. As one of the hallmarks of the program, participants also engage in dialogue with law enforcement and other community partners present throughout the waiting process on a variety of topics, including: how to report a crime, traffic and domestic violence laws, and navigating city, health access, and social service systems.

How does the ID program build trust with local law enforcement, and other local sectors?

Several law enforcement officers are present for each ID drive, and engage in remarkably positive dialogue with ID participants. Officers listen to the needs and concerns of the community, while also educating the community on laws, and ways to report and help resolve crimes. It is not uncommon for crimes to be privately reported to trusted officers at ID drives.

What is the impact for our communities?

After the first year of the program, law enforcement in Greensboro publicly shared that a dozen serious crimes had been reported and resolved by participants in the FaithAction ID program, and other law enforcement partners have experienced similar success in creating safer communities. Additionally, FaithAction recently interviewed 200 FaithAction ID card holders, and over 95% said that they had found the ID very useful with community partners, and that they felt safer, and more likely to report and resolve crimes after having had positive interaction with local law enforcement at ID drives. City and social service agencies, health centers, and schools have additionally reported how helpful the ID has been to establish identity for crucial services and records, and businesses/cultural arts organizations have also greatly appreciated attracting and integrating new diverse customers and participants.

How often must the cards be renewed?

Cards are usually issued and are effective for 1-2 years.

What about fraud?

In the more than 20,000 cards issued to date, only two incidents of fraud have been documented.

What community partners currently support the program?

In the 100+ cities where the FaithAction ID is used, dozens of law enforcement departments, city and social service agencies, health centers, and schools support the program and participate in ID drives, along with numerous businesses and cultural arts organizations that offer card holders unique discounts support the card.

In Broward County, the ID card has already received positive response from Sheriff Tony. Several community partners have already agreed to participate including ADRC which serves seniors, OIC which serves the formerly incarcerated, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Legal Aid Service of Broward County, the Pride Center which serves the LGBTQ community and Hispanic Unity of Florida. Other partners will likely include Urban League of Broward County and Women in Distress. We have reached out to Broward County Public Schools and Memorial Healthcare System. Broward's County Administrator will reach out to Broward County Public Schools, Broward Sheriff's Office and the Health Department. Hispanic Unity of Florida will be part of those calls. Commissioner Dale Holness is championing the concept at the Broward County Commission and we have already received positive feedback from a number of other County Commissioners.

Funding for the Program

Broward County organizations plan to enter into a partnership with FaithAction to launch the card in that community. Both the City of West Palm Beach and Alachua Counties the two counties that have the launched the card in Florida, have done the same.

A Broward nonprofit is assessing taking the lead for Broward County for the Community ID cards. They would partner and receive support from a dozen other community based organizations. The lead organization would be responsible for securing workshop locations, recruiting volunteers, reviewing ID's prior to being mailed, mailing the ID's and handling all ID questions/issues.

A best practice, which Broward County will also implement is a small \$20.00 fee for the cards. Fees would be waived in hardship situations.

Budget for year one:

\$5,000 start-up costs (Covered by FaithAction)

\$60,000 - \$75,000 for a full time individual to administer the program

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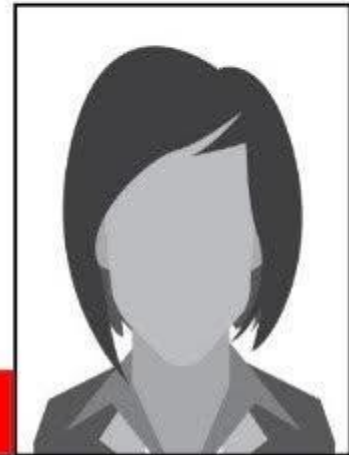
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Community I.D. of the Palm Beaches Identification Card

ID# CID1- 1

Jane Doe
1234 Main Street
Anytown, FL 33401
Date of Birth: 1/1/1990



Expires: 3/14/2020

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April 01, 2021



Broward County Administrator and the Broward County Commission.

Re: Support for Local Community Identification Program

Dear Broward County Administrator and the Broward County Commission:

As a Lauderdale Lakes City Commissioner, I wish to state my enthusiastic support for a Community ID Program in our city. I believe such a Program will help our residents in various important ways. A Community ID would provide residents with a form of identification to present when one is requested by institutions such as schools and hospitals as well as businesses and government agencies. Many of our undocumented friends and neighbors do not have official state IDs or Drivers Licenses, but a Community ID may assist in helping them get the goods and services they need. I am aware such an ID would not replace the need for official identification in certain circumstances, but whenever and wherever possible, a Community ID could be the difference between getting the assistance a resident need or is going without.

I will work toward implementing this Program, if given the opportunity, and will work with businesses and institutions, encouraging them to accept such identification as they would a State ID or a State Driver's License. I want to support our undocumented residents, to become an even more integral part of our city, to make them feel welcome, and more at ease so they can succeed. Their success means we all succeed in a safe friendly open environment, as neighbors, friends, employees and partners.

Sincerely,

Karlene Maxwell-Williams
Lauderdale Lakes Commissioner

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Sheriff Gregory Tony
Office of the Sheriff

April 5, 2021

The Honorable Mayor Steve Geller
The Honorable Broward County Commission
Broward County Government Center
115 South Andrews Ave., Room 411
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mayor Geller and Commissioners:

I am writing today to express support for a Community ID Program for Broward County. Today, Broward County has thousands of residents who lack identification for a variety of reasons. Whether homeless, undocumented, formerly incarcerated, or elderly, these and other bureaucratically challenged residents do not have access to many basic and vital services.

A Community ID would provide cardholders with a reliable form of identification that can be used as a tool by law enforcement, County departments, health centers, schools, businesses, and cultural art organizations to better identify and serve residents. A Community ID may also assist in building better relations with impacted residents. We anticipate that individuals with Community IDs will be more willing to come forward to report crimes, participate in community activities, and access vital health services such as COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

If adopted by the Commission, the Broward Sheriff's Office will recognize an approved Community ID as a form of identification, but not for official law enforcement activities involving arrests, traffic stops, and other reasonable suspicion detentions.

Community ID programs have improved public safety in multiple jurisdictions in Florida and across the nation. We at BSO believe a Community ID program will do the same in Broward County.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Gregory Tony
Broward County

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cc: Broward County Administrator, Bertha Henry