

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2041.09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA; RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF RAFAEL SUAREZ-RIVAS, ESQ. AS SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN WITH MR. SUAREZ-RIVAS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-198 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, the Mayor has appointed Mr. Rafael Suarez-Rivas, Esq. to serve as a Special Magistrate to the Town; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Suarez-Rivas's outstanding reputation for civic pride, integrity, responsibility, professional ability, and interest in code enforcement qualifies him to serve as a Special Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that ratification of the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Suarez-Rivas pursuant to Section 2-198(a) of the Town's Code of Ordinances is in the best interest of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Ratifying Appointment. That the Mayor's appointment of Rafael Suarez-Rivas, Esq. as a Special Magistrate is hereby ratified. Mr. Suarez-Rivas' term shall begin on the effective date of this resolution and end in one year.

Section 3. Authorizing Agreement. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, on behalf of the Town, with Mr. Suarez-Rivas setting forth the terms and fees associated with Mr. Suarez-Rivas' appointment and service as Special Magistrate, once approved by the Town Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency; provided the fee for serving as Special Magistrate shall not exceed \$125.00 per hour.

Section 4. Implementation. That the Mayor and Town Manager are authorized to take any and all action which is necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Sponsored by Town Administration.

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Rojas and on roll call the following vote ensued:

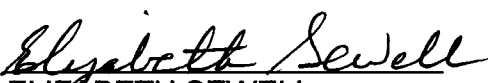
Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Ken Bernstein	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Ben Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Amy Rojas	<u>Aye</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 22nd day of September, 2009.

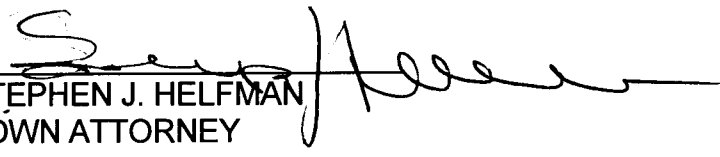


MAYOR GLENN SINGER

ATTEST:


ELIZABETH SEWELL
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



STEPHEN J. HELFMAN
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**AREAS OF
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CONCENTRATION**

Florida Bar Board Certified – City, County and Local Government Law
Land Use/Real Estate Law and Litigation
Procurement Law
Commercial Law– Public Works and Contracts

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

City of Miami, Florida, Assistant City Attorney, 2002-present
Broward County Hearing Officer, 2003-07
City of Hollywood, Florida, Senior Assistant City Attorney, 1999-2002
City of Boca Raton, Florida, Special Counsel, 1999
Broward County, Assistant County Attorney, 1992-1998
Katz, Kutter, Haigler & Alderman, Associate, 1991-1992
City of Miramar, Florida, City Attorney, 1989-1991
City of Miami, Florida, Assistant City Attorney, 1985-1989
City of Miami Beach, Florida, Assistant City Attorney, 1982-1985
Britton, Cohen, Kauffman, Benson, & Schantz, Associate, 1981-1982
Michael N. Weiss, Esq., Associate, 1980
United States Attorney's Office, Civil Division, Clerk 1979

ACTIVITIES

Lecturer, Procurement and Public Records/Sunshine Law,
Lorman Educational Systems, 2001-present
Recipient, Deborah M. Smoot Memorial Editor's Award,
Florida Bar Journal, 1998
Member, Central and East European Law Initiative,
American Bar Association, 1997-1998
Adjunct Professor, Continuing Legal Education Program
Florida International University, Miami, Florida 1994-1997
Editor in Chief, Court Handbook for Dade County Lawyers
Dade County Bar Association, Pub. 1990
Editorial Board Member, Florida Bar Journal, 1989-2002, 2005-present
Board of Editors, The Public Lawyer, 1994-1995
Member, Local Government Law Section Executive Council
The Florida Bar, 1992-1994
Editor, Dade Bar Bulletin, 1987-1988
Member, Editorial Advisory Committee, Local Government Law
Symposium, Stetson Law Review, 1987-1993

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS**

Florida Bar Association, member since 1980
American Bar Association, member
Dade County Bar Association, member
Cuban-American Bar Association, member

EDUCATION

Nova University Law Center, Juris Doctor, 1979
University of Miami, Bachelor of Arts, 1976

REFERENCES

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Lucia A. Dougherty, Esq., Greenberg, Traurig, Miami, Florida
Joel E. Maxwell, Esq., Akerman, Senterfit, Miami, Florida

Writing samples and additional references available upon request.