

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING RE-ROUTING OF ALL ABOARD FLORIDA TO AVOID ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY OF LIFE IMPACTS TO BUSINESSES, BOATERS, RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS \_\_\_\_\_ Overtown Residents \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges the efforts of All Aboard Florida to construct a high-speed rail passenger system from Miami to Orlando along existing Florida East Coast Railway ("FEC") tracks ("All Aboard Florida") and

WHEREAS \_\_\_\_\_ Overtown Residents \_\_\_\_\_ supports increased availability of rail service to provide affordable, safe and efficient transportation within the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS FEC police have made over 700 arrests in the last two years for trespassing while not working with the community to provide a convenient, safe, and legal pedestrian crossing;

WHEREAS All Aboard Florida will increase railroad traffic and noise throughout the Overtown; and

WHEREAS All Aboard Florida will cause delays and obstructions for vehicular traffic as well as delays and navigational risks for marine traffic; and

WHEREAS thousands of people work or reside in close proximity to the FEC tracks; and

WHEREAS All Aboard Florida poses a serious threat to the economic health of communities which will be impacted by the current route without any benefits to those communities; and

WHEREAS the increase in trains moving through our communities poses threats of air and noise pollution as well as interruption of vehicular and marine traffic, and safety concerns for pedestrians as they move through the downtown districts of our communities; and

WHEREAS federal and state courthouses, post offices, banks, and offices that operate in the downtown districts will be adversely impacted by the present All Aboard Florida route; and

WHEREAS local businesses and tourism will be adversely impacted by the present All Aboard Florida route; and

WHEREAS the quality of life for residents who now enjoy relative freedom from noise pollution and traffic problems will be adversely impacted by the present All Aboard Florida route; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \_\_\_\_\_ Overtown Residents \_\_\_\_\_ opposes All Aboard Florida as it is currently designed to run through our communities causing serious harm to our environment, our economic well-being, and our quality of life.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that \_\_\_\_\_ Overtown Residents \_\_\_\_\_ requests and encourages the owners and operators of All Aboard Florida, the owners of the FEC, our local, state, and federal representatives to

1. Require All Aboard Florida to re-design its route or, if necessary, to install new tracks to avoid populated areas where no train stations are to be constructed; and

2. Require All Aboard Florida to ensure that pedestrians have a convenient and safe crossing over the tracks with no fear of being arrested while crossing the tracks.
3. Require All Aboard Florida to protect all businesses, residents, and visitors in our communities from noise pollution by requiring All Aboard Florida to pay to construct and maintain "quiet zones" for all crossings within the boundaries of any municipality.
4. Require All Aboard Florida to incur all costs associated with this project, now and in the future, with no risk to the taxpayer.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be furnished to the Federal Railroad Administration, the Governor of the State of Florida, all state legislators representing Miami-Dade County, all members of Congress representing residents of the Miami-Dade County, and representatives of All Aboard Florida.

RESOLVED this 25 day of July, 2014.

Overtown Residents

By Its President/Chair/Manager

Attest:

Edduard Prince



Secretary

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