

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-142 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FIU LAW PROFESSORS EDIBERTO ROMAN AND JUAN CARLOS GOMEZ, AND FIU COLLEGE OF LAW DEAN R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

President Barack Obama recently announced that the Department of Homeland Security would stop the deportation of certain DREAM Act-eligible undocumented youths. Through "deferred action," these youths will be given temporary permission to remain in the United States. Individuals who meet all the requirements are exempt from deportation proceedings and will receive a work permit and driver's license. Deferred action benefits are valid for a period of two years.

In order to assist eligible deferred-action students with their application process, the Florida International University (FIU) School of Law is conducting a series of clinics. There are several clinics scheduled to be held at various FIU campuses in September and October. Many other law schools are implementing clinics that mirror FIU's established model.

Instrumental to FIU's efforts in conducting the clinics are law professors Ediberto Roman and Juan Carlos Gomez, and College of Law Dean R. Alexander Acosta. Professor Roman is a nationally-renown scholar and award-winning educator. He has published more than two dozen articles, essays, and book chapters on several topics including international law, constitutional law, and critical race theory. Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor Gomez has defended the rights of individuals regarding immigration matters for the last 20 years. He has helped thousands of individuals with deportation proceedings and family immigration. R. Alexander Acosta serves as Dean of the College of Law at FIU. Throughout his distinguished career, he has received several professional recognitions, including the American Bar Association's Council on Legal Education's Legacy Award for efforts on diversity.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends professors Ediberto Roman and Juan Carlos Gomez, and Dean R. Alexander Acosta for their advocacy on behalf of the community's youth.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-142 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing FIU Law professors Ediberto Roman and Juan Carlos Gomez, and FIU College of Law Dean R. Alexander Acosta.

**Replacement
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AND FIU COLLEGE OF LAW DEAN R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA**

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama recently announced that the Department of Homeland Security would stop the deportation of certain DREAM Act-eligible undocumented youths. Through "deferred action," these youths will be given temporary permission to remain in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist eligible deferred-action students with their application process, the Florida International University (FIU) School of Law is conducting a series of clinics. Instrumental to FIU's efforts in conducting the clinics are law professors Ediberto Roman and Juan Carlos Gomez, and College of Law Dean R. Alexander Acosta; and

WHEREAS, Professor Roman is a nationally-renown scholar and award-winning educator. He has published more than two dozen articles, essays, and book chapters on several topics including international law, constitutional law, and critical race theory; and

WHEREAS, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor Gomez has defended the rights of individuals regarding immigration matters for the last 20 years. He has helped thousands of individuals with deportation proceedings and family immigration; and

WHEREAS, R. Alexander Acosta serves as Dean of the College of Law at FIU. Throughout his distinguished career, he has received several professional recognitions, including the American Bar Association's Council on Legal Education's Legacy Award for efforts on diversity; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends professors Ediberto Roman and Juan Carlos Gomez, and Dean R. Alexander Acosta for their advocacy on behalf of the community's youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-142 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing FIU Law professors Ediberto Roman and Juan Carlos Gomez, and FIU College of Law Dean R. Alexander Acosta.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this fifth day of September, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary