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CRITICAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. **Miami International Aerospace Show** – ***SUPPORT*** the Beacon Council in their efforts to establish an international commercial air show in Miami-Dade County. An international commercial air show would produce substantial positive economic impact in Miami-Dade County through direct and indirect job creation, returning veteran's employment and earning of revenues.

2. **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and CBP Agriculture (CBP-Ag) Staffing at Miami International Airport (MIA)** – ***ADVOCATE*** for increased CBP and CBP-Ag staffing at MIA to ensure operating efficiency at the airport.

3. **Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)** – ***ADVOCATE*** for Tier I status for the Ft. Lauderdale-Miami area UASI, ensuring continued access to critical homeland security funding.

4. **Recapture of Section 8 Housing Voucher Funds** – ***ADVOCATE*** for reimbursement of funds or equivalent amount of vouchers to assist in addressing backlog of public housing applicants.

5. **Miami-Dade Blue** – ***SUPPORT*** efforts to pursue all available resources to help fund the premium assistance portion of Miami-Dade Blue, as long as funds are not redirected from Jackson Memorial Hospital.

6. **Non-Domestic Sand Sources** – ***SUPPORT*** efforts of the Army Corps of Engineers to identify, permit, and secure non-domestic sand sources to re-nourish critically eroded segments of coastline in Miami-Dade County.

7. **Transportation Reauthorization** – ***ADVOCATE*** for the passage of a Surface Transportation Bill reauthorization with increases in direct or formula funding for all surface transportation modes, specifically mass transit.

8. **Unfunded Mandates** – ***OPPOSE*** any legislation, policies, or regulations that would seek to impose unfunded mandates on states and local governments. Unfunded mandates can place an enormous financial burden on the government and citizens of Miami-Dade County.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES

AVIATION

1. **U.S. CBP and CBP-Ag Staffing at MIA** – ***ADVOCATE*** for increased CBP and CBP-Ag staffing at MIA. CBP passenger and cargo perishables inspections for international arrivals are a critical component of operations at MIA. As the federal government continues to increase security measures and inspections of inbound international passengers and cargo, maintaining sufficient CBP and CBP-Ag staffing at MIA is critical for operational efficiency.

2. **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Reimbursement for Terminal Modifications Associated with the In-Line Installation of Explosives Detection Systems (EDS) at MIA** – ***SUPPORT*** legislation in the TSA Authorization Act, directing TSA to increase the federal participation rate on MIA's EDS project from 75% to 90%.

3. **FAA Reauthorization Priorities** – ***SUPPORT*** passage of a long term FAA reauthorization bill that allows airports the flexibility to collect the revenue necessary to improve facilities, thereby increasing the efficiency of the air transportation system, reducing delays and improving safety. Congress has been unable to pass a multiyear FAA bill since Vision 100 expired in 2007. Instead, lawmakers have since approved a series of stop gap measures in the form of short term extensions. The current bill expires in January 2012.

4. **TSA Global Air Cargo Security/Screening Strategy** – ***MONITOR.*** The 9/11 Act required DHS to establish a system to screen 50 percent of cargo transported on passenger aircraft by February 2009 and 100 percent by August 2010. TSA has been able to meet the 50 percent deadline because of a variety of initiatives the agency undertook. It is imperative to continue to monitor the implementation of this policy to ensure effective operations at MIA and large airports throughout the country.

5. **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) extended hours of operation of the two fumigation facilities at MIA** – ***MONITOR.*** MIA is one of the world's leading airports for importing and exporting perishable products handling 597,514 tons or 69% of all perishables that come into the U.S., including 89% of all cut-flower imports and 73% of fruit and vegetable imports. Many of these perishable commodities require fumigation upon arrival in the U.S. The leading commodities requiring fumigation are asparagus (100%) and cut flowers, when actionable

pests are detected.

MIA has two on-site fumigation facilities to meet the enormous demand for commodities needing immediate fumigation. The facilities are privately operated under the supervision of APHIS. The current hours of operation of the two facilities are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. However, approximately 30% of fumigation occurs after the current operating hours, with APHIS supervising on an overtime basis paid by the industry. Industry stakeholders would like the operating hours to be extended from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. USDA is reviewing the request for extended hours and it appears the two groups are willing to work together to reach a favorable solution.

6. **Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Inspector Staffing at MIA and legislation that would restrict the importation of commodities that require FDA inspection, including medicine, cosmetics, dog food and eyeglasses, to ports of entry with an FDA testing facility** – ***OPPOSE.*** FDA performs routine cargo inspections of pharmaceuticals and certain commodities. Staffing levels must be monitored in order to maintain timely inspections for operators using MIA's cargo facilities. Additionally, MIA opposes any efforts to introduce legislation that would restrict the importation of commodities that require FDA inspection, including medicine, cosmetics, dog food and eyeglasses, to ports of entry with an FDA testing facility.

   Since there is no facility in Miami, restricting the importation to only those Ports of Entry with an FDA testing facility would jeopardize the operations of tenants importing these types of products at MIA. Miami Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) urges the County to advocate for a testing facility in Miami on a permanent basis or through the use of one of the agency's mobile testing lounges, which could be sent to Miami.

7. **Unfunded Federal Mandates** – ***OPPOSE*** any unfunded federal mandates that may negatively impact the County's aviation system.

8. **Additional Funding for Homeland Security, Environmental Remediation, Technology Initiatives** – ***SUPPORT*** MDAD's efforts to seek additional funding opportunities through grants and/or pilot programs for perimeter security and other homeland security efforts, environmental remediation, and technology upgrades impacting airport infrastructure.

9. **Issues Impacting Visitor Entry into the United States** – ***MONITOR*** any issues that could possibly impact visitor entry into the United States. Since MIA is a major point of entry for foreign nationals, and since MIA handles more international freight than any other U.S. airport, the County and MDAD must work to ensure that policymakers understand how these measures impact the region's top economic engine.

10. **US-VISIT Program** – ***MONITOR.*** the US-VISIT program that was implemented on January 5, 2004 by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The program began processing a non-Visa Waiver Program for foreign nationals arriving at MIA into the United States Visitor and Immigration Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program. U.S. VISIT is an integrated, automated entry-exit system designed to record the arrival and

departure of foreign nationals, verify their identities, and authenticate their travel documents through comparison of biometric identifiers. It is imperative to continue to monitor the implementation of this policy to ensure effective operations at MIA.

11. **Model Ports of Entry** – ***SUPPORT*** increased funding for Model Ports of Entry and Global Entry Programs. DHS introduced two programs in 2008 to improve international passenger processing at U.S. airports: the Model Ports of Entry program, developed along with the Department of State, and the Global Entry program. Both programs have been implemented at MIA. Continued and sustained funding is needed in order to complete their implementation at the nation's airports and achieve the positive results associated with improving the international arrivals process at MIA and other large international airports nationwide.

12. **Miami International Airport K-9 Police Housing and Training Substation** – ***ADVOCATE*** to obtain funding for a K-9 facility as the use of police K-9 teams has increased security screening efficiency and accuracy in the screening of cargo and passenger baggage, greatly assisting the federal agencies operating at MIA.

13. **MIA Airport Operations and Communications Center (AOCC)** – ***ADVOCATE*** for funding for the AOCC that integrates all existing Operations Control Center (OCR), security and command and control functions to greatly improve efficiencies in these areas, particularly Threat Detection and Crisis Incident Management.

14. **MIA Biometric Access Control System Upgrades** – ***ADVOCATE*** for funding to require a common infrastructure utilizing biometrics for issuing secure identity credentials and access control at U.S. airports.

COMMUNITY ACTION AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. **Head Start Program** – ***ADVOCATE*** for the Health and Human Services Department to re-establish the authority within the Head Start Program to conduct the screening for Head Start children with disabilities and to allow Head Start to determine eligibility according to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

2. **Older American's Act** – ***ADVOCATE*** for the expansion and continued funding to the Older American's Act to include preventive services and ensure continued funding for the County's High Risk Nutritional Meals Program.

CORRECTIONS

1. **State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)** – ***SUPPORT*** full funding for the SCAAP. If SCAAP funding is substantially reduced or eliminated, local taxpayers will unfairly bear the full cost of incarcerating criminal aliens, although immigration policy is solely a federal responsibility.

FIRE RESCUE

1. **Narrowbanding Compliance Assistance Program** – ***ADVOCATE*** for passage of H.R. 2976, the Help Emergency Responders Operate Emergency Systems Act of 2011. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) strongly supports the Narrowbanding Compliance Assistance Program, which is a major provision of the legislation.

2. **USDA Property Acquisition** – ***SUPPORT*** legislation to purchase property, or authorize conveyance of federal property in exchange for county property of equal value, from USDA to build a new fire station to serve Pinecrest, Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay, and surrounding communities.

3. **Debris Removal Pilot Program** – ***SUPPORT*** legislation for a pilot program so that FEMA reimburses straight or regular-time salaries and benefits for employees of a state or local government involved in or administering debris and wreckage removal. FEMA continued to pay overtime for these employees as well.

4. **FEMA's Regulations** – ***ADVOCATE*** for legislation that would ensure FEMA's rules and regulations are the lead and sole standard under FEMA's role in coordinating federal response and recovery resources. All other federal agencies responding to an event shall follow FEMA's rules and regulations.

JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. **National Demonstration Project** – ***SUPPORT*** a $300,000 funding request to continue the critical work that was initiated under the first phase of the JAC's National Demonstration Project. It is the first research project that provides information and guidance on how communities can take what has been documented to work and use it to most effectively plan and allocate their resources when addressing a complete juvenile arrest population that consists of both serious and minor offenders.

2. **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)** – ***SUPPORT*** the re-authorization of the act. The JJDPA is the authorization for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, which determines Federal Policy as it relates to Juvenile Justice issues and funding.

MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

1. **Miami-Dade Premium Assistance Program-Health Insurance Utilization Program** – ***SUPPORT*** efforts to pursue all available resources to help fund the premium assistance portion of Miami-Dade Blue, as long as funds are not redirected from Jackson Memorial Hospital.

2. **Center for Health Insurance Education and Primary Care Access** – ***SUPPORT*** funding to develop and operate the Center for Health Insurance Education and Primary Care Access. The Center will have a 4-part approach to addressing health coverage, access, and education.

This strategy uses market-based products via a web-based clearinghouse; "best practices" communications for community-based education and outreach strategies to increase insurance coverage (without mandates) among working low-income individuals; and premium assistance for those who would not qualify for state/federal program expansions. Additionally, the Center's four components dovetail with National Healthcare Reform and with the State's interest in a localized effort.

The Jackson Health System (JHS) would receive reimbursements for many of the services provided to their patients who would otherwise be uninsured. Over time, JHS would experience a decreasing demand for charity care at its clinics and hospitals. Individuals graduating from foster care and other assistance programs will benefit from more user-friendly strategies.

OCHP is working with the Office of Grants Coordination for sponsorship and endowment opportunities.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

1. **The Active Community Transportation Act and the Safe Routes to Schools Act** – ***OPPOSE*** any attempt to remove dedicated funding programs from Federal Transportation Reauthorization Legislation: Transportation Enhancements Program, Safe Routes to School Program, and the Recreational Trails Program, to help the Miami-Dade MPO, Public Works Dept, Miami-Dade Transit, Parks and Recreation Dept, and local governments implement their plans for bicycling and walking facilities.

2. **Safe Routes to High School Act** – ***ADVOCATE*** for the expansion of the Safe Routes to School Program to include High Schools could provide support and funding for alternatives to driving for high school students, contributing to their enhanced safety, and reduction in obesity rates. This legislation would allow high schools to submit grant applications to increase the number of students who walk and bike to school.

PARKS & RECREATION

1. **Federal Policy** – ***SUPPORT*** funding for "parks infrastructure" in the American Jobs Act, passage of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012 (S. 1525), funding for the CDBG Program and modification to the LWCF Act of 1965.

2. **Urban Revitalization & Livable Communities Act** – ***SUPPORT*** legislation that would require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to establish an urban revitalization and livable communities program to provide federal grants to eligible general purpose local governments for various park and recreation purposes, including grants for rehabilitation and construction, innovation, at-risk youth recreation, and recovery action programs.

3. **Alliance for Youth Excellence (Fit-to-Play) Program** – ***SUPPORT*** a $1 million funding request to continue programming at 17 economically disadvantaged areas providing 450

children with After-School services. The funding will be allocated to personnel and non-personnel expenses such as program supplies and administrative costs. ***SUPPORT*** passage of supporting federal legislation: S. 174, H.R. 2795, H.R. 1057, S. 576 and H.R. 2649.

4. **Cultural Arts Center Bridge and Lighted Promenade** – ***SUPPORT*** funding to help complete the construction of a 180 LF three span Cultural Arts Center Bridge and a 570 LF Lighted Promenade to SW 211 St. and the surrounding cultural and civic facilities.

5. **Conservation Funding** – ***SUPPORT*** funding for the restoration and maintenance of environmentally sensitive lands under the protection of the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department.

6. **Exotic Wildlife Control** – ***ADVOCATE*** for $500,000 in funding to increase enforcement assistance by USDA to hire a Biologist 2 to coordinate removal, control, and monitoring of wildlife. In addition, the Wildlife Biologist would coordinate public education. The budget includes a vehicle modified to appropriately transport trapped wildlife, operating expenses and funds for contractual services.

7. **USDA Urban and Community Forestry Program** – ***SUPPORT*** federal funding or incentives to local governments that would increase carbon sequestration activities.

PERMITTING, ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

1. **Non-Domestic Sand Sources** – ***SUPPORT*** efforts of the Army Corps of Engineers to identify, permit, and secure non-domestic sand sources to re-nourish critically eroded segments of coastline in Miami-Dade County.

2. **Miami-Dade County Beach Erosion Control** – ***ADVOCATE*** for solution that will identify resources for the nourishment of eroded segments of the federally-authorized Miami-Dade Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project.

3. **Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact** – ***SUPPORT*** implementation of the provisions included within the 2012 Federal Energy and Climate Legislative program. The Compact is supported by the counties of Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Monroe and Broward.

POLICE

1. **Community Oriented Policing Funding** – ***ADVOCATE*** for full funding of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS), and especially the COPS Hiring Program (CHP).

2. **Juvenile Assistance Grants funding** – ***ADVOCATE*** for full funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("Byrne JAG") program by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

3. **Forensic Science Grant Programs at U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ)** – ***ADVOCATE*** for full funding of vital federal initiatives facing serious reductions in the proposed Congressional budget. The grant programs, in priority order, include:

    - Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program (Formula and Competitive grants);
    - DNA Backlog Reduction Program;
    - Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program;
    - NIJ Research Grants.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. **Public Housing & Section 8 Housing** – ***ADVOCATE*** for increased federal funding from HUD for public housing and Section 8 programs. Funding for these programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally-funded programs that provide crucial affordable housing and rental subsidies to low-income families.

2. **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program** – ***SUPPORT*** continued funding for the HUD HOME program

3. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** – ***SUPPORT*** for increased federal funding for the HUD CDBG program.

4. **Recapture of Section 8 Housing Voucher Funds** – ***ADVOCATE***

    In December 2008, Congress directed HUD (thru H.R. 1105) to recapture $750 million in unused Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Net Restricted Assets (NRA) funds from Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) across the country. Over 2,000 PHAs administer HCV programs in the United States. $43 million was recaptured from MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (MDC), the 2nd largest recapture amount in the country and, by far, disproportionate in relation to the size of the top 10 PHAs' respective HCV programs and their recapture amounts (chart attached). MDC's amount represents almost 6% of the total amount recaptured nationwide even though MDC administers less than 1% of the total number of Housing Choice Vouchers authorized in the United States.

    MDC experienced this recapture despite the fact that its Section 8 HCV program was under HUD receivership in all of 2008. Additionally, MDC was under enhanced HUD oversight thru a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HUD and MDC all of 2009 and 2010. Under the HUD receivership, over $26 million dollars in Section 8 HCV funds were allocated to MDC from January 2008 to December 2008, enough to assist almost 2,000 of the 70,000 families on MDC's Section 8 waiting list. HUD receivership administrators chose not to expend these funds. These funds were included in the amount subsequently recaptured by HUD as a result of HUD's implementation of H.R. 1105.

As a consequence of this recapture and HUD's budget based renewal formula for annual funding to PHAs, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY does not receive funding for almost 10% of the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers authorized to assist low-income families in the County.

SEAPORT

1. **Transshipment Inspection Protocol** – ***ADVOCATE*** for regulatory changes relating to developing a "transshipment inspection protocol" for the Port of Miami which will allow our port to safely and efficiently process new transshipment cargo.

2. **U.S. Department of Agriculture and Customs & Border Patrol Staffing** – ***SUPPORT*** funding increases for Federal Inspection Agencies such as USDA, US Coast Guard and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

3. **Maritime Transportation Security Act** – ***ADVOCATE*** for additional funding sources, which need to be identified, to assist the Port of Miami with additional costs it has incurred due to federal mandates imposed by the Maritime Transportation Security Act and subsequent federal laws.

4. **Water Resources Development Act** – ***SUPPORT*** language changes that will have direct benefits for the industry and for the Miami-Dade County Seaport Department by increasing federal responsibility and cost-sharing in a number of areas. The Port of Miami's specific changes to include: federalization of and assumption of maintenance of the Dodge Island Cut.

5. **Passenger Vessel Services Act** – ***SUPPORT*** legislation that would supersede certain sections of the Passenger Vessel Services Act of 1886, which restricts foreign built cruise ships from traveling between U.S. ports. U.S. port calls on international itineraries are heavily concentrated in Florida and Alaska due to their proximity to neighboring countries. A similar long-standing act exists for cargo vessels traveling between U.S. ports (the Jones Act).

6. **Harbor Maintenance Tax** – ***SUPPORT*** legislation that would repeal the Harbor Maintenance Tax and authorize general revenues to pay for the federal cost of operating, maintaining, and constructing the nation's harbors.

7. **U.S. Department of Agriculture** – ***ADVOCATE*** for the Port of Miami to be added as a port of entry specifically authorized by USDA to import fruits requiring cold treatment.

8. **Transportation Reauthorization Bill** – ***ADVOCATE*** that the next Transportation Reauthorization Bill includes a focus on improving logistical and distribution networks along the supply chain, including a focus on Gateway Communities. Best practices identified in the bill should include the formation of local/state/federal logistical teams to determine best use of federal and state resources as it relates to moving imports/exports through the supply chain to maximize new trade opportunities.

9. **"Closed Loop" Cruise Program – *ADVOCATE*** for the expansion of the number of countries included in the "Closed Loop" system, to enhance the ability of CBP agents to securely expedite a larger volume of cruise passengers upon debarkation at the Port of Miami.

PUBLIC WORKS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. **Market Incentives for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources – *SUPPORT*** market incentives to encourage development and operation of alternative, renewable energy production. Support legislation designating biomass as a qualified energy resource, eligible for any and all market incentives.

2. **Flow Control/Interstate Waste Transport – *OPPOSE*** any efforts seeking to amend legislation in response to the April, 2007 Supreme Court decision "United Haulers Assn. v. Oreida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (No. 05-1345)" which held that flow control to publicly owned facilities is a legislative use of flow control authority. Flow control improves the DSWM's financial position and creates a more stable environment.

3. **Waste-to-Energy Ash Study – *SUPPORT*** a $1 million funding request for a study regarding development of new construction opportunities for the beneficial use of Waste-to-Energy Ash through the Ash Demonstrator Project. Approximately $350,000 will be allocated for a "bench" test; and the remainder will be utilized for a pilot test for what has been determined to be the most beneficial use of the ash.

4. **Hybrid Truck Renovation Pilot – *SUPPORT*** funding for the renovation of 29 existing trucks into 29 Hybrid Trucks. The Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management is proposing a refuse vehicle replacement project to purchase and replace twenty-nine (29) Refuse Hauling Vehicles with twenty-nine (29) new Automated Hydraulic Hybrid Refuse Vehicles. The implementation of this project would allow the DSWM to begin utilizing a cleaner diesel hybrid vehicle technology and accelerate the planned conversion of the entire fleet.

SUSTAINABILITY, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT

1. **Invasive Pests and Disease – *SUPPORT*** funding, programs and assistance to mitigate effects of invasive pest and diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorm and other potential damages to our local agricultural industry.

2. **Preemption of Regulated Industries – *OPPOSE*** any initiative which would impact local regulation of the following County regulated industries: motor vehicle repair; moving; locksmith, wrecker services (towing), motor vehicle title loan, vehicle immobilization; and for-hire transportation.

3. **RIDE Act Preemptions – *OPPOSE*** amendments to the Real Interstate Driver Equity Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-298-Nov. 26, 2002) that would prohibit an operator of a transportation

terminal that is the recipient of federal funds, including airports and seaports, from charging fees to providers of pre-arranged ground transportation.

TRANSIT

1. **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** – ***SUPPORT*** legislation that allows for the reprogramming of funds which were initially allocated for heavy rail expansion for the North Corridor along the NW 27th Avenue to be used for incremental premium bus service to include BRT. $4 million in congressional earmarks, previously allocated for a heavy rail expansion on the North Corridor will lapse if the reprogramming of this funding does not occur.

WATER & SEWER

1. **Chemical Facilities Security** – ***MONITOR*** legislation or EPA and/or Department of Homeland Security regulations that address security at the nation's water & sewer plants that may be vulnerable to terrorist attack. ***OPPOSE*** any changes in the manner that local facilities have to prepare and anticipate for possible terrorism that carry a significant cost burden to the Department and to consumers, and oppose any legislation or regulation that does not provide financial assistance for public entities to comply with the new legislation or rules.

2. **State Revolving Loan (SRF) program** – ***SUPPORT*** any Congressional actions to amend the manner in which State Revolving Funds are allocated to the States, to the extent that the legislation would provide greater amounts of funding to the State of Florida. Support legislation to reauthorize and expand the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan (SRF) program. That legislation should do the following: Expand and modernize the drinking water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) program and increase the authorization of appropriations for the fund.

3. **Pump Stations Protection Program** – ***SUPPORT*** programs that would protect the pump stations during significant weather events such as hurricanes and flash floods by deploying additional portable pumps and generators to the Water and Sewer Department.

4. **Drinking Water Infrastructure** – ***SUPPORT*** any legislation that provides funding to repair and replace the nation's aging drinking water infrastructure.

5. **The Water Efficiency, Conservation and Adaptation Programs** – ***SUPPORT*** water efficiency bills designed to reduce water consumption and provide funding for any supporting policies, including:

   - ***SUPPORT*** legislation to provide tax credits and other incentives to encourage water conservation as a way to reward families and businesses for water conservation efforts;

   - ***SUPPORT*** legislation that authorizes a grant program to finance a variety of measures to improve drinking, wastewater, irrigation, and other water systems in order to help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change. A broad range of water recycling,

desalination, irrigation, groundwater, and wastewater projects are eligible for assistance;

- ***SUPPORT*** legislation that funds EPA's Water Sense program to provide consumer incentives for water-efficient products, buildings, landscapes, processes, or services.

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MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FEDERAL RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution ***URGING*** the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to reconsider the proposed funding reductions for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs due to questionable census data and urging the Florida Congressional Delegation to advocate for such reconsideration.

   Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Dennis C. Moss
   Reso Number: R-101-12

2. Resolution ***URGING*** Congress and the Florida Legislature to restrict private ownership of exotic animals.

   Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Dennis C. Moss
   Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz
   Reso Number: R-80-12

3. Resolution ***URGING*** the U.S. Congress to reinstate the Federal assault weapons ban; urging the Florida legislature to impose a state assault weapons ban; and alternatively urging the Florida legislature to lift the preemption on local governments' regulating assault weapons in Florida and allow local governments to impose an assault weapons ban.

   Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan
   Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Sally A. Heyman
   Reso Number: R-100-12

4. Resolution ***URGING*** Congress to pass H.R. 2599, the Pace Assessment Protection Act, or similar legislation that would prohibit Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and other Federal residential and commercial mortgage lending regulators from adopting policies that contravene established state and local property assessed clean energy (PACE) laws.

   Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Jean Monestime

Reso Number: R-79-12

5. Resolution ***URGING*** the U.S. Congress to pass H.R. 511 or similar legislation prohibiting the importation or sale of the Burmese Pythons and eight other species of large constrictor snakes without a permit.

   Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Dennis C. Moss
   Co-Sponsors: Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz
   Reso Number: R-1115-11

6. Resolution ***URGING*** Congress and the U.S. Department of Education to directly support the economic recovery by reducing the burden of current student loan debt.

   Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Rebeca Sosa
   Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson
   Reso Number: R-1095-11

7. Resolution ***URGING*** the federal government and the State of Florida to require greater energy efficiency from television set-top boxes.

   Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson
   Reso Number: R-1014-11

8. Resolution ***SUPPORTING*** H.R. 2746, the Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Act of 2011; further ***URGING*** Congress and the Florida legislature to pass legislation requiring insurance companies to provide equivalent coverage of oral and intravenous cancer drugs.

   Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Rebeca Sosa
   Co-Sponsors: Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Lynda Bell
   Reso Number: R-1016-11

9. Resolution ***URGING*** the Florida legislature to pass legislation prohibiting employers from using credit history in determining whether to deny employment to a job applicant, discharge an employee or decide compensation, except where credit history is job-related; further ***URGING*** Congress to approve H.R. 321, the equal employment for all act, or similar legislation.

   Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Joe A. Martinez
   Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Barbara J. Jordan, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Jean Monestime
   Reso Number: R-937-11

10. Resolution opposing federal legislation allowing for increased truck weights on interstate highways; ***URGING*** Congress not to pass such legislation; supporting federal legislation freezing current truck weight limits and ***URGING*** Congress to pass such legislation.

    Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson

Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Sally A. Heyman, Rebeca Sosa, Sen. Javier D. Souto
Reso Number: R-907-11

11. Resolution ***URGING*** the Florida legislature not to pass state legislation related to immigration, while supporting comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson
Reso Number: R-741-11

12. Resolution ***URGING*** Congress to pass legislation requiring medical devices companies to reveal prices.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Reso Number: R-710-11

13. Resolution ***URGING*** Congress and the Federal Communications Commission not to take action related to implementation of the national broadband plan that would limit or disrupt airwaves currently allocated for free broadcast television.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Rebeca Sosa
Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro, Lynda Bell, Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Jean Monestime, Dennis C. Moss
Reso Number: R-716-11

14. Resolution ***URGING*** the U.S. Air Force to reconsider its decision not to support the Miami International Aerospace Show at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Rebeca Sosa
Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Sally A. Heyman, Lynda Bell, Audrey M. Edmonson, Dennis C. Moss
Reso Number: R-713-11

15. Resolution ***URGING*** Congress and the Florida legislature to pass Caylee's Law making it a felony not to report a missing child to law enforcement within 24 to 48 hours.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Lynda Bell, Rebeca Sosa, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan
Reso Number: R-708-11

16. Resolution ***URGING*** the federal government to extend visa waiver status to Argentina, Brazil and Chile; further ***URGING*** Congress to pass the Secure Travel & Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2011.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Sen. Javier D. Souto

Co-Sponsors: Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa
Reso Number: R-623-11

17. Resolution ***URGING*** Congress through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund the Miami-Dade county section 8 housing choice voucher program at the fully authorized level.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan
Co-Sponsors: Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Jean Monestime,
Reso Number: R-498-11

18. Resolution ***URGING*** Congress to refrain from reducing funding to federal housing programs in the fiscal year 2011-2012 National Budget.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan
Reso Number: R-496-11

19. Resolution ***URGING*** Miami-Dade County's congressional delegation, Florida Governor Rick Scott and the Florida legislature to collaborate with Miami-Dade County to create a funding mechanism to subsidize the fees and costs associated with opening a new business in Miami-Dade County and other similar local governments.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Rebeca Sosa
Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Jean Monestime
Reso Number: R-104-11