

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

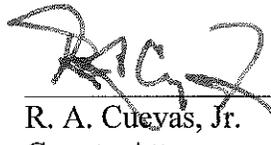
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 22, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving 2014 State
legislative guiding principles,
“urging” resolutions adopted by
the Board to date and
departmental legislative requests

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)
1-22-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE
GUIDING PRINCIPLES, "URGING" RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD TO DATE AND
DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

WHEREAS, the 2014 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on March 4, 2014;
and

WHEREAS, committee meetings leading up to the 2014 session are already underway;
and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative agenda respectively to the Board, to include all "urging" resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directed that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten (10) priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board "urging" resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2014 state legislative guiding principles, Board "urging" resolutions enacted to date and departmental items are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:**

Section 1. Approves state legislative guiding principles, “urging” resolutions adopted by the Board to date and departmental legislative requests for the 2014 session as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the guiding principles, “urging” resolutions adopted by the Board to date and departmental legislative requests for the 2014 session.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Home Rule and Preemption:** *SUPPORT* preservation of local home rule; *OPPOSE* any effort to preempt local authority.
- **State Funding, Cost Shifts and Unfunded Mandates:** *SUPPORT* preservation of existing state funding for County programs; and *OPPOSE* any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the state to the County, and any reductions in County revenue, revenue sharing, or funding from the state. *OPPOSE* any measure that would adversely affect County revenues, including in the area of property taxes.
- **Protect Previous State Funding:** *SUPPORT* efforts to secure the same level of state funding for County programs as last year.
- **Promote Partnerships:** *SUPPORT* partnerships with the state, other counties, municipalities, statewide associations and any other entity that would help to create favorable outcomes for the County.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS

1012-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO OFFSET THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEGISLATURE'S ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 2013-227, LAWS OF FLORIDA, RE: PUBLIC TESTIMONY; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD ESTIMATING THE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CHAPTER 2013-227.

954-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO CONTROL CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION'S EXPENSES AND ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND TO ADDRESS CITIZENS' RESERVES IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT FLORIDA HAS NOT EXPERIENCED A MAJOR STORM SINCE 2005.

953-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING FOR THE MARKETING OF THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, HORSE & CATTLE SHOW.

952-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO USE FLORIDA'S SADOWSKI ACT AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND REVENUES SOLELY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS, AND NOT CONTINUE TO SWEEP SUCH DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX/AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND REVENUES TO THE STATE GENERAL REVENUE FUND.

951-13: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 270, HB 293 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD (I) REQUIRE AN OVERT ACT BEFORE FLORIDA'S STAND YOUR GROUND LAW CAN BE INVOKED, AND (II) CREATE AN EXCEPTION TO FLORIDA'S STAND YOUR GROUND LAW IF A CHILD OR BYSTANDER WHO IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE OVERT ACT IS INJURED.

934-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL THE PREEMPTION CURRENTLY IN STATE LAW THAT PROHIBITS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING TAXICAB LEASE RATES.

933-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION MAKING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING A PRIMARY OFFENSE

932-13: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEDICAID EXPANSION IN FLORIDA PURSUANT TO THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OF 2010; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION EXPANDING MEDICAID IN FLORIDA.

867-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO COMMIT STATE FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S (FIU) REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR AND EXPOSITION, INC. AND FIU'S DESIRED EXPANSION ONTO TAMiami PARK, SUBJECT TO A COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM.

865-13: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON SW 8TH STREET IN THE VICINITY OF THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS, INCLUDING THE SW 8TH STREET CORRIDOR STUDY; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY STATE FUNDING TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THIS AREA.

864-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER APPLICABLE STATE AGENCIES TO WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING ENTERING INTO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING IF APPLICABLE, TO QUICKLY IDENTIFY AND TAKE ACTION ON UNLICENSED ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND OTHER COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOMES.

863-13: RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION FILED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER OR PREEMPT LOCAL HOME RULE; IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2014 SESSION

862-13: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FLORIDA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM CURRENTLY SET TO SUNSET ON DECEMBER 31, 2015.

821-13: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO (I) IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE COUNTY FACILITIES AND PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT NAVIGATORS COULD USE TO EDUCATE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESIDENTS ABOUT AFFORDABLE CARE ACT HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS AND (II) FACILITATE USE BY NAVIGATORS OF SUCH COUNTY FACILITIES AND PROPERTY FOR SUCH PURPOSES; FURTHER DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO REVIEW LEASES AND OTHER

AGREEMENTS THE COUNTY HAS ENTERED INTO WITH OR ON BEHALF OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACILITIES AND PROVIDE A REPORT AS TO AVAILABLE OPTIONS TO REQUIRE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ALLOW AFFORDABLE CARE ACT NAVIGATORS ACCESS TO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACILITIES; URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVISIT ITS DIRECTIVE PROHIBITING NAVIGATORS FROM EDUCATING FLORIDA RESIDENTS AT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACILITIES ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

820-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES, THE SENATE AND HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES AND THE MIAMI-DADE STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO WORK WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CREATE REST STOPS FOR CATTLE BEING TRANSPORTED FROM TEXAS AND OTHER CATTLE-PRODUCING STATES IN THAT REGION TO MIAMI FOR THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, HORSE & CATTLE SHOW

819-13: RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION REQUIRING ONLINE RETAILERS TO COLLECT SALES TAX ON INTERNET SALES TRANSACTIONS

797-13: RESOLUTION APPROVING (1) THE UPDATED LEASE BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA (STATE) AND CO-LESSEES, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (COUNTY) AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) OF THE COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE, 3500 MAIN HIGHWAY, COCONUT GROVE, FL 33133 AND (2) THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND FIU, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AND THE AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN.

772-13: RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE RESTORATION OF NAVAL AIR STATION RICHMOND BUILDING NO. 25 AS THE MIAMI MILITARY MUSEUM.

715-13: RESOLUTION URGING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JEFF ATWATER TO SEND DIVISION OF FUNERAL, CEMETERY, AND CUSTOMER SERVICES EXAMINERS TO CONDUCT ON-SITE INSPECTIONS OF THE CEMETERY GROUNDS LOCATED WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

636-13: RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY FURTHER COST SHIFTS BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATED TO COUNTY MEDICAID CONTRIBUTIONS AND OPPOSING ANY DELAY OR ELIMINATION OF THE TRANSITION TO A MEDICAID ENROLLEES FORMULA; IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE

AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2014 AND 2015 SESSIONS; URGING THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO IDENTIFY THIS ISSUE AS ONE OF ITS PRIORITIES FOR THE 2014 AND 2015 SESSIONS.

633-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE REGULATIONS TO BAN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FROM THE LEFT LANE OF FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AND OTHER EXPRESSWAYS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED ZONES TO ALLOW SUCH COMMERCIAL VEHICLES SAFE ACCESS TO LEFT-LANE EXITS OR OTHER TURNPIKE OR EXPRESSWAY FACILITIES.

631-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS OF FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETES AS PART OF THEIR PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATIONS.

602-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO MAKE A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO FUND THE CURRENT FILM, TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM THAT FOSTERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CREATES JOBS; IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2014 SESSION; URGING THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO IDENTIFY THIS ISSUE AS ONE OF ITS PRIORITIES FOR THE 2014 SESSION.

463-13: RESOLUTION URGING FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND SECTION 828.122, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CLASSIFY FIGHTING OR BAITING ANIMALS AS A FIRST-DEGREE FELONY.

401-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THAT COOK, PREPARE, AND/OR PACKAGE FOOD THAT IS SERVED TO THE ELDERLY THROUGH ADULT NUTRITION SERVICE PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO FREQUENT UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS AND MONITORING.

381-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOT TO CLOSE NW 25TH STREET BETWEEN NW 37TH AVENUE AND NW 42ND AVENUE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

281-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SB 526, HB 387, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION REVISING STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIPT OF A FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS AWARD WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL TEST SCORES; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR, AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON LOW INCOME AND MINORITY STUDENTS OF INCREASING THE MINIMUM NATIONAL TEST SCORES REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RECEIPT OF A FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS AWARD; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO GIVE GREATER CONSIDERATION TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE AS A MEANS OF INCREASING STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIPT OF A FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS AWARD.

261-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT IMPOSES MANDATORY MINIMUM TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT TO DRIVERS WHO ARE FOUND GUILTY OF LEAVING THE SCENE OF A CRASH.

113-13: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE DURING THE 2013 and 2014 SESSION TO PASS LEGISLATION AMENDING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACT TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO INCLUDE LAND PREVIOUSLY USED AS A MILITARY FACILITY.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

Animal Services

- **Animal Control and Cruelty Civil Violation Surcharge Fee:** *SUPPORT* legislation expanding the use of proceeds generated from \$5 surcharge fee on civil violations from training to other operational needs.

Aviation

- **Funding of Capital Projects:** *SUPPORT* full funding of Aviation capital projects included in FDOT's FY 2014-2015 Work Program and *OPPOSE* any efforts that will result in reduction of funding to the work program.
- **Sales Tax Exemptions:** *MONITOR* legislation that would repeal the sales tax exemptions on aircraft.
- **Pilot Programs:** *SUPPORT* funding for enhancement of security and safety, particularly through pilot programs.
- **Telecom Legislation:** *MONITOR* any telecommunications legislation or rules that would negatively impact the Aviation department.

Community Action & Human Services

- **Voluntary Pre-K (VPK):** *SUPPORT* legislation that extends the time within which the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) is used to assess children's

readiness for kindergarten to the first 45 days of kindergarten, instead of the current time line of 30 days.

- **Native Language Testing:** *SUPPORT* legislation that allows children exposed to a second language (dual language learner) to be tested in their native language.
- **In-home Support Services:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$551,000 for in-home support services to 100-125 new frail elderly in lieu of nursing home placement. Services to be provided include in-home support services such as personal care, home making, chore and respite services.
- **Eligibility and Exclusion Criteria for Drug Court Programs:** *SUPPORT* the expansion of eligibility criteria for offenders with multiple charges who are seen in the criminal justice system.
- **Dedicated Funding For The Community Services Block Grant Program:** *SUPPORT* appropriation to augment the current federal funding the state receives through Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act.
- **Elderly High-Risk Nutritional Meals Program:** *SUPPORT* the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act FY 2014. Increase funding to provide supplemental nutritional meals to elderly residents 60 years and over.
- **Increased Funding For Social Services Programs That Focus On Prevention:** *SUPPORT* increased funding for health and social service programs in the state of Florida that focus on crime prevention and decreased incarceration.
- **Community Care for Disabled Adults Waiting List Reduction Program:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$202,000 to ensure help for 422 disabled individuals who are on the waiting list for in-home support.
- **Establishment Of Food Banks At Congregate Meal Sites:** *SUPPORT* appropriation in the amount of \$1million to serve seniors in need.
- **Liberty City Clinic Capital Construction Phase II:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount \$8,714,013 to construct phase II and complete the new clinic in the area of Liberty City.

Corrections

- **Lewd And Lascivious Behavior:** *SUPPORT* legislation creating a new third degree felony offense for lewd and lascivious exhibition by an inmate in the presence of a correctional employee in a county detention facility of jail.

- **Cell Phones as Contraband:** *SUPPORT* a change in legislation to include cellular telephones as contraband.
- **Limited Arrest Authority:** *SUPPORT* legislation that would allow correctional officers limited arrest authority within county detention facilities and their surrounding perimeter.
- **Department of Corrections Certification:** *SUPPORT* legislation that would prohibit county detention facilities to receive periodic state certification from the Department of Corrections (DOC).

Cultural Affairs

- **Cultural Affairs Grants:** *SUPPORT* legislation that would increase funding for statewide cultural affairs programming grants.

Elections

- **Extend days to canvass ballots:** *SUPPORT* legislation that grants the Supervisors of Elections additional days to open, canvass, and process ballots.
- **Replace term “Absentee Ballot” with “Vote by Mail:** *SUPPORT* legislation to discontinue the term “Absentee Ballot” and replacing it with “Vote by Mail”.
- **Limit ballot language for constitutional amendments:** *SUPPORT* legislation that limits ballot language for constitutional amendments to a maximum of 15 words for title and 75 words for all ballot summaries.
- **Removal of Executive Committeepersons from certain ballots:** *SUPPORT* legislation that allows for the removal of the Executive Committeeman and Committeewoman races from the Primary Election ballot during a presidential year.
- **Community Development District (CDD) Elections:** *SUPPORT* legislation that allows Supervisors of Elections to conduct CDD elections via mail ballot as opposed to inclusion in the General Election.

Homeless Trust

- **Challenge Grant Program: *SUPPORT* legislation** for funding to be reinstated for the previously authorized Challenge Grant Program (Section 420.644(4), Florida Statutes.
- **Crisis Outplacement Beds: *SUPPORT* funding** in the amount of \$354,640 to continue the Crisis Outplacement Bed Program.
- **Local Homeless Coalitions: *SUPPORT* legislation** for funding the State's 28 local homeless coalitions.
- **Gap Funding Project: *SUPPORT* funding** in the amount of \$250,000 to continue the Gap Funding Project.

Internal Services Department

- **Modification of Florida Statute 287.055, Subsections (4)(b) and (9)(c)2: *SUPPORT*** a modification of Florida Statute 287.055 Subsections (4)(b) and (9)(c)2 to revise current statutory language which mandates the qualification and selection of no fewer than three firms as the most qualified, for both Step 1 Design-Build (DB), and Architectural and Engineering (A&E) selection processes.

Library

- **State Aid to Public Libraries: *SUPPORT* funding** in the amount of \$33.4 million for the State Aid to Libraries Program.

Office of Management and Budget

- **Revise public hearing date and roll submission deadline for non-ad valorem assessments: *SUPPORT*** adjustment of non-ad valorem public hearing date referenced in Chapter 197 Section 197.3632 (4)(a) and submission of the non-ad valorem assessment roll in Section 197.3632 (5)(a). Currently, the dates included in statute do not allow time to properly hold and transmit the information required under the statute.

Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

- **Tamiami Park Infrastructure Improvements:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$500,000 to fully develop Tamiami Park improvements. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2,000,000.
- **Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP):** *SUPPORT* fully funding the existing Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) program.
- **Mission Everglades at Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens (Zoo Miami) – Black Bear and Florida Panther Exhibit:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$1.5 million for Mission Everglades at Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens (Zoo Miami) – Black Bear and Florida Panther Exhibit. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3 million.
- **Florida Institute of Conservation and Research:** *SUPPORT* legislation to designate the Conservation and Research Department at Zoo Miami as the Florida Institute of Conservation and Research.
- **Exotic Wildlife Control:** *Support* funding for the removal and control of exotic wildlife that poses a significant threat to native ecosystems, native wildlife species, and public health and safety.
- **Camp Matecumbe General Plan Improvements:** *SUPPORT* funding for improvements to Camp Matecumbe, which will serve the needs of the rapidly growing West Kendal Community, as well as preserving a local historic site.
- **Conservation and Stewardship of the Deering Estate at Cutler:** *SUPPORT* funding in amount of \$100,000 for the completion of a Phase I and II Archaeological survey, renovation of the historic houses, land acquisitions and protection of natural resources and sensitive environments. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$2,506,457.

PortMiami

- **Florida Port Council's Legislative Agenda:** Continue *SUPPORT* of the Florida Port Council's efforts in securing dedicated State and Federal funding sources for Florida seaports.
- **Transportation Intermodal Issues:** *MONITOR* bills, rules, regulations and statewide policies involving transportation intermodal issues including but not limited to major

transportation improvement projects as defined in the State Strategic Intermodal System as it relates to access to and from the Ports.

- **Perishables Protocol:** *SUPPORT* the development of new protocols with the cooperation of the State Department of Agriculture and USDA that would allow for the importation of certain fruits and vegetables through the PortMiami.

Public Housing and Community Development

- **State Housing Initiatives Partnerships (SHIP):** *SUPPORT* preservation of the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP), and maintenance or increase in current levels of funding.

Public Works and Waste Management

- **Stormwater Utility Charges /Fees:** *SUPPORT* a modification to Florida Statutes to waive the State's sovereign immunity specifically for stormwater utility charges or fees.
- **Renewable Energy:** *SUPPORT* the department's efforts to preserve waste-to-energy's inclusion in applicable definitions of "renewable energy" and "green energy" and to provide incentives and other support for the product of such renewable energy.
- **Environmental Control:** *MONITOR* activity on legislation that would make changes to previously established legislation providing incremental recycling goals for counties.
- **Solid Waste Grant Program:** *SUPPORT* legislation which would provide for equitable treatment of counties for funding of state solid waste grant programs in counties of over 100,000 residents.
- **Advance Traffic Management Systems:** *SUPPORT* funding to complete implementation and system enhancements to the advanced traffic management systems.

Regulatory and Economic Resources

Agriculture

- **Agritourism Signage Program:** **SUPPORT** the creation of a statewide signage program for agritourism entities in order to increase viability for farmers.
- **Increase viability of our local agricultural industry:** **SUPPORT** funding, programs, legislation and assistance to increase viability of our local agricultural industry and mitigate any effects of invasive pests, diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorm, and other potential damages to our said industry.

Business Affairs

- **For-Hire Transportation and Ambulance Regulation:** **OPPOSE** legislation that preempts the County's ability to regulate for-hire transportation and ambulance companies.

Economic Development and International Trade

- **Reauthorization of the State Enterprise Zone Program:** **SUPPORT** the reauthorization of the State Enterprise Zone (EZ) program for another 10 years.

Environmental Protection

- **Beach Erosion Funding:** **SUPPORT** the maintenance of a dedicated annual funding source for statewide beach erosion control, preferably at the \$30 million per year level.
- **Environmental Resource Permit Program (ERP):** **SUPPORT** amending Section 373.441 of the Florida Statutes to allow a local program to be evaluated and, if found to meet or exceed the requirements of the Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) program, the local program's issuance of the local permit would also constitute the State ERP approval.
- **Inland Protection Trust Fund:** **SUPPORT** maintaining full funding from the Inland Protection Trust Fund (IPTF) for the Florida Petroleum Cleanup Program to remediate contaminated sites.

- **Florida Department of Environmental Protection Water Supply Restoration Program:** *SUPPORT* increased funding to investigate contamination of private drinking water wells and to respond to contamination.
- **Florida Forever Program:** *Support* full funding of the Florida Forever Program.
- **16 County Ecosystem Summit Legislative Priorities –** *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE* for the state legislative priorities associated with the health and welfare of the lakes, estuaries, and riverine systems consisting of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and Lake Worth Lagoon, and all of the bodies of water connected thereto as determined by the 16 member counties.

Planning

- **Preemption of Planning Objectives:** *OPPOSE* - any legislation that would preempt or prevent local governments from accomplishing planning objectives protected under local home rule authority.

Sustainability

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

- *ADVOCATE* for the preservation and enforcement of the Florida Energy Code. Increase compliance by assigning responsible parties to enforce each element of the code. Advocate for the Florida Building Commission, the Energy Technical Advisory Committee, and the several Energy Code Work Groups to ensure that new construction, major renovation and retrofitting, and replacement of equipment increase energy efficiency and promote the use of renewable energy.
- *ADVOCATE* the adoption of the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) as the standard, state-wide. Until this becomes possible, pursue both of the following pathways, the successful adoption of either being acceptable:
 - *SUPPORT* a change in state law that prevents local jurisdictions from enacting more stringent energy performance standards that would better meet local community needs and goals.
 - *SUPPORT* use of the IGCC as a statewide alternate compliance code on a strictly voluntary basis for those individuals or projects that wish to surpass current state energy code minimums, and offer incentives for such voluntary compliance.

- **ADVOCATE** for the use of green building rating systems for new construction and existing buildings as one of several model options for achieving verifiable greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions reductions and improving energy efficiency including but not limited to the National Association of Homebuilders' (NAHB) Green Building Standards, the Florida Green Building Coalition's Green Building Standards, Green Globes' Standards and the US Green Building Council's LEED rating systems.
- **ADVOCATE** for revenue decoupling in the energy markets. Under such a compensation scheme, revenues are "decoupled" from sales and are instead allowed to adjust so that utilities receive fair compensation regardless of fluctuation in sales.
- **ADVOCATE** for the Florida Public Commission to require public utilities to improve and expand incentive structures for renewable energy generation.
- **ADVOCATE** that Florida pass an energy efficiency resource standard (EERS), a target that will help utility companies reduce electricity usage by 15%.
- **ADVOCATE** that the Florida Energy Code adopt the national Home Energy Rating System (HERS) and require a HERS Index less than 88 for Florida Energy Code compliance.
- **ADVOCATE** for a State Renewable Portfolio Standard of at least 20% by 2020 to include a provision with solar energy.
- **ADVOCATE** with the Florida Building Code Commission to ensure that new construction and major renovations include smart meters, pre-wiring of buildings to accommodate future GHG-reducing retrofits such as solar hot water heaters, photovoltaic (PV) panels, or other distributed renewable power sources on rooftops and metered charging outlets in parking garages for electric vehicles.
- **ADVOCATE** that Florida increase the net metering system capacity limit over current 2MW limit and a better rate for renewable energy excess exported back to the grid.
- **ADVOCATE** legislative changes that would facilitate renewable Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) through third party electricity generators.
- **ADVOCATE** minimum statewide solar and wind access laws/guidelines but allow local governments to develop more stringent standards.
- **ADVOCATE** for the adoption of policy changes that make it mandatory that the construction plans and specifications required to be on site during inspections include the full details on which the energy modeling for the project was based.
- **SUPPORT** the allocation of funding to implement the US-1 Clean Transportation Corridor Demonstration Project, developed through a U.S. Department of Energy

Urban Forestry

- **ADVOCATE** to maintain or increase state funding for Urban & Community Forestry Programs, including FDOT funding to plant trees on state roads, or any state programs which help counties become more sustainable and prosperous by increasing carbon sequestration through local planting and/or re-planting programs for trees in urban areas, including public streets and parks.

Regional Climate Change Compact Legislative Program

- **OPPOSE** any infringement on local home rule authority to plan for and adapt to future climate conditions, including sea level rise, precipitation patterns, and temperatures.
- **SUPPORT** greater incorporation of adaptation strategies in state climate/energy policies, legislation, and appropriations priorities.
- **SUPPORT** legislation, programs, and funding that support local governments' adaptation activities, including the establishment and use of Adaptation Action Areas.
- **SUPPORT** legislation and policies requiring state agencies, water manage and industries regulated by the state (e.g. electric utilities) to consider projected sea-level rise and potential storm surge in all infrastructure and facility-siting decisions.
- **SUPPORT** integrated resource planning/least cost planning for electric utilities to ensure that energy efficiency and renewable energy sources are fully considered as strategies for meeting future needs.
- **SUPPORT** energy efficiency and renewable energy finance options to advance greenhouse gas emissions goals, alternative and renewable energy technologies, and green sector economic development.
- **SUPPORT** stringent energy efficiency and conservation targets set by the Florida Public Service Commission pursuant to the Florida Energy Efficiency & Conservation Act, as amended.
- **SUPPORT** rebate programs, tax credits, and other financial incentives that encourage property owners to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy systems.

- **SUPPORT** renewable portfolio standards (RPS) for utilities that would require a set percentage of electricity to be generated from renewable energy sources by a given date.
- **SUPPORT** legislation requiring natural gas companies to reduce the amount of “lost and unaccounted-for” gas.
- **SUPPORT** returning Water Management Districts’ authority, taxing powers, and budgetary control to the situation that existed prior to 2010.
- **OPPOSE** relaxation of prohibitions against leases or permits for oil or gas drilling within Florida’s territorial seas and the Everglades, and **OPPOSE** any legislation limiting the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s authority to block requests for offshore drilling in federal waters off Florida’s coast.
- **SUPPORT** legislation and funding supporting complete implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and policies recognizing that a restored Everglades will help make the region more resilient to sea level rise and extreme weather events.
- **SUPPORT** funding for adaptation planning and no-regrets investments in water management, water supply, conservation land acquisition, transportation, and other infrastructure that provide hazard mitigation and improve immediate and long-term resilience.
- **SUPPORT** prioritized funding for infrastructure investments in Adaptation Action Areas, or other areas subject to the impacts of sea level rise.
- **SUPPORT** funding for the Water Protection and Sustainability Program.
- **SUPPORT** development of electrical vehicle infrastructure, including statewide policies to streamline siting and permitting of electrical vehicle charging stations, siting of charging infrastructure on state property, and inclusion of electric vehicle models and specifications in the state contract system.
- **SUPPORT** legislation that encourages the design, completion, or expansion of integrated networks of non-motorized transportation corridors (such as bike lanes) on a local and/or regional level.
- **SUPPORT** legislation that would provide additional local transit connectivity to existing and proposed regional transit systems (“first and last mile strategy”).
- **SUPPORT** legislation that supports planning and implementation of transit-oriented developments (TODs) on a local and/or regional scale.

Transit

- **Bus Shelters/Benches:** *OPPOSE* any changes to current laws regulating the replacement of bus shelters and bus benches.
- **Toll Revenue Credits:** *MONITOR* and ensure that Toll Revenue Credits (TRC) allocated to MDT, which can be used as local match for federal grants, do not decrease.
- **State Block Grants:** *SUPPORT* current or increase level of funding that comes from state funds that support State of Good Repair projects, as well as capacity-enhancement transit corridor projects.

Water and Sewer

- **Government Cut Force Main Replacement:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for the third phase and final phase of the replacement project from Fisher Island to the Central District Wastewater Plant on Virginia Key by 2015. The total cost of phase three is estimated at \$117 million.
- **72 Inch Force Main Rehabilitation Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2 million to renew the remaining portion of the North District Wastewater Treatment Plant sewage pipeline, which is at high risk of failure. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$23 million.
- **Centrate Disposal Well:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million in order to help comply with the state mandated alternative methods for the disposal and reuse of treated effluent, while reducing nutrient discharges. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$20 million.
- **West District Wastewater Treatment Plant:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for land acquisition for the construction of a new waste water treatment. The project is necessary to meet the State- mandated Ocean Outfalls requirements. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$2 billion.
- **South Miami Heights Water Treatment Plant:** *SUPPORT* funding in amount of \$3 million for the construction of the South Miami Heights Water Treatment Plant. This project is necessary to meet water supply needs of the service area. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$76 million.