

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

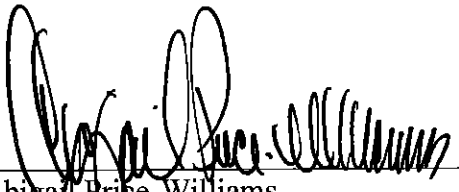
**DATE:** October 29, 2019

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving 2020 state  
legislative guiding principles,  
resolutions urging the Florida  
Legislature adopted by the  
Board, departmental legislative  
requests, and priorities of the  
Property Appraiser and the  
Public Health Trust

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.

  
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Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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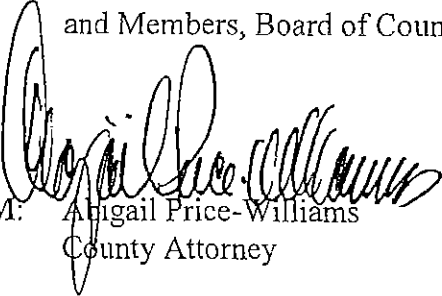


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(Revised)

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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
- ☐ Statement of social equity 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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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10-29-19

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES, RESOLUTIONS URGING THE  
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD,  
DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS, AND  
PRIORITIES OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on January 14, 2020;  
and

**WHEREAS**, committee meetings leading up to the 2020 session began the week of  
September 16, 2019; 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 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**, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that, upon the priorities being approved  
and effective, incorporating any amendments by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County  
Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or  
state legislative delegation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2020 state legislative guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted through and including the September 4, 2019 Board meeting, departmental items, and priorities of the Property Appraiser and the Public Health Trust 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 for the 2020 session the state legislative guiding principles, resolutions urging the Florida Legislature adopted by the Board through and including the September 4, 2019 Board meeting, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Property Appraiser and the Public Health Trust, as set forth in the attached.

**Section 2.** Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the issues set forth in section 1 above for the 2020 session.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. 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:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose “Pepe” Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Eileen Higgins	Barbara J. Jordan
Joe A. Martinez	Jean Monestime
Dennis C. Moss	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

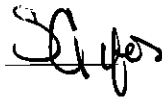
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2019. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

### 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 measures affecting or relating to 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  
2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTIONS**

**R-214-19** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND THE LOCAL OPTION FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX TO INCLUDE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALES IN BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE, THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, AND THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE WHICH ARE CURRENTLY EXEMPT; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION NO. R-764-13 LIMITING THE NUMBER OF STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-1105-18 TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM AS AN ADDITIONAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY FOR THE 2019 SESSION; PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ITEM AS A PRIORITY FOR THE 2020 SESSION; URGING BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE, THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, AND THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE LOCAL OPTION FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX; AND AUTHORIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO LOBBY THOSE MUNICIPALITIES FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**R-215-19** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND THE QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY BE FINANCED THROUGH PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAMS TO ADD SEAWALL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SEAWALL REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS.

**R-319-19** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO EXPEDITE AND COMPLETE BOTH PHASE I AND PHASE II OF THE BISCAYNE BAY COASTAL WETLANDS PROJECT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

**R-417-19** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SB 836 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CREATE PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN PERSONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF INDIVIDUALS USING A PUBLIC SHELTER OR WHO HAVE SUBMITTED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT DATA DETAILING DAMAGE TO THEIR PROPERTIES.

**R-419-19** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, SALE, PURCHASE, OR POSSESSION OF HORSE MEAT.

**R-687-19** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE THE AREA SURROUNDING FLAGLER MONUMENT ISLAND AS A YEAR-ROUND SLOW SPEED ZONE AND ELIMINATE THE EXISTING 35 MILE PER HOUR WATERSPORTS AREA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE WATERCRAFT SAFETY.

**R-969-19** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SB 104 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH THE FLORIDA VETERANS' CARE COORDINATION PROGRAM OR A SIMILAR PROGRAM TO PROVIDE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE REFERRAL AND CARE COORDINATION SERVICES.

**R-970-19** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION.

**R-971-19** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SEAWEED REMOVAL ON BEACHES LOCATED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO STUDY THE CAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN SARGASSUM SEAWEED AND ANY POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO MINIMIZE ITS IMPACT.

**R-979-19** RESOLUTION URGING UNITED STATES PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AND FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO PROVIDE AID AND ASSISTANCE TO BRAZIL IN THE WAKE OF RECENT AMAZON RAINFOREST FIRES.





## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

### DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

#### Aviation

- **Funding of Capital Projects:** *SUPPORT* full funding of Aviation capital projects included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Program. *OPPOSE* any efforts to reduce or redirect the funds in the Work Program.
- **Reduction or Elimination of Tax on Aircraft sales and Leases:** *SUPPORT* efforts to reduce or eliminate state's sales tax on the sale or lease of all aircraft in Florida.
- **Regulatory and Tax Fairness within Car Rental and Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Industries:** *SUPPORT* legislation that provides uniformity for all car rental and peer-to-peer car sharing operators on car rental, airport regulations, fees, and taxes remitted, as well as prioritizing customer transparency and safety.
- **Concealed Weapon or Open Carry of Weapons in Airport Terminal:** *OPPOSE* legislation that alters the areas of an airport in which a person is prohibited from openly carrying a firearm or carrying a concealed firearm.
- **Aviation Fuel Taxes:** *MONITOR* any attempts to waive, reduce or suspend existing aviation fuel taxes on a local or statewide basis.

#### Corrections

- **Bail Reform:** *SUPPORT* allows for the implementation of a Cashless Bail Program.
- **X-Ray Body Scanners:** *SUPPORT* allowing for the use of body scanners on all persons entering the secure confines of a jail/correctional facility.

- **Limited Arrest Authority:** *SUPPORT* providing limited arrest authority by correctional officers within their detention facilities and surrounding perimeter to enhance security and safety.
- **Eliminate Detention of Juveniles in Adult Detention Facilities:** *SUPPORT* eliminating detention of juveniles in adult detention facility or jail.
- **Transfers and Transport Orders:** *SUPPORT* requiring the court to consider alternative means of communication with a state prisoner prior to issuing a transportation order to the local jurisdiction.

## **Cultural Affairs**

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

## **Fire Rescue**

- **Medicaid Supplemental Payments:** *SUPPORT* continuation of medicaid supplemental payments to public ambulance providers through the certified public expenditure and intergovernmental transfer programs.

## **Homeless Trust**

- **Housing First Mental Health Program:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$379,000. This program provides Rapid Rehousing (RRH), which is short- to medium-term rental assistance with supportive services, to permanently house severely mentally ill homeless persons who have a history of arrest or frequent police interactions.
- **Funding for Challenge Grant and continued appropriations for Continuum of Care Lead Agency Staffing Grants:** *SUPPORT* statewide funding in the amount of \$3.2 million in Challenge Grants and \$3 million in Staffing Grants.
- **Updates to Homelessness Statutes –** *SUPPORT* language that will conform state law to current federal law and grant program definitions, as well as clarify statutory responsibilities for local homeless Continuum of Care Lead Agencies. Additionally, preserve financial and programmatic accountability provisions in state law for programs administered by the State Office on Homelessness.

- **Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund:** *SUPPORT* allocating 100 percent of Affordable Housing Trust Fund Revenue for affordable housing, while focusing on the needs of extremely low income, homeless and special needs households.

## **Human Resources**

- **Public Employer's Rights:** *SUPPORT* providing public employers the right to make unilateral changes to its health insurance plans.

## **Internal Services**

- **Safety and Reliability for all Passenger Elevators:** *SUPPORT* the elimination of an exemption from periodic elevator inspections serving only two landings.
- **Beach Access:** *SUPPORT* amending state environmental prohibitions against permanent pathways across beach (from west of sand dunes to high tide line) to provide beach access for people with disabilities.

## **Library**

- **State Aid to Public Libraries:** *SUPPORT* increased funding for the State Aid to Libraries Program to a total of \$33 million.
- **Public Library Construction Grant Program:** *SUPPORT* full funding of all projects eligible for the Public Library Construction Grant Program in the amount of \$8.3 million.

## **Office of Management and Budget**

- **Veterans Court Funding:** *SUPPORT* funding for the veterans court in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County.
- **Adjust Non-Ad Valorem Notice Requirement:** *SUPPORT* legislation allowing for the use of the county website for all the detail information on non-ad valorem rate changes rather than a newspaper of general circulation. Allow the County to place a newspaper ad about the hearing and refer residents to the county's website for the details.
- **Poinciana Industrial Center – Environmental Cleanup:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$3.1 million for the environmental cleanup of Poinciana industrial Center, which includes approximately 23 acres of vacant land zoned for industrial use, adjacent to the FEC corridor.

## **Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces**

- **Ludlam Trail Corridor:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for construction of the Ludlam Trail.
- **Zoo Miami:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$500,000 towards the expansion/renovation of the animal hospital and rehabilitation facilities to provide medical care to endangered wildlife during disasters such as hurricanes.
- **Camp Matecumbe/Pedro Pan Restoration of the Chapel:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$400,000 to match construction dollars from general obligation bond program. The funding is needed for planning, design, permitting and bidding phases of the gym renovation. The total cost is \$3.5 million.
- **Biscayne-Everglades Greenway:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2 million for design and construction of the Biscayne Everglades Greenway Trail. The Biscayne-Everglades Greenway will be the first and only bike trail in the U.S. to connect two national parks and would have an immediate economic impact to Homestead and the surrounding communities. The total cost of the project is \$50 million.

## **Police**

- **Permissible Uses of Drones by Law Enforcement:** *SUPPORT* authorizing the use of a drone for site assessment and management and allow the processing of evidence at a crime scene or traffic crash scene in those instances after a crime or crash has been committed on public property.
- **Release of Information by Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to Local Law Enforcement relating to the lawfulness of a firearm Sale or Transfer:** *SUPPORT* authorizing the release of information to local law enforcement regarding a person's mental "defectiveness" with regard to the ability to possess and purchase firearms.

## **PortMiami**

- **Florida Port Council's Legislative Agenda:** *SUPPORT* the Florida Port Council's efforts in securing dedicated state and federal funding sources for Florida seaports. Additionally, ensure PortMiami infrastructure projects are included in the Florida Department of Transportation's 5-year Work Program.
- **Maritime Policies:** *MONITOR* any bills, rules, regulations and statewide policies involving maritime 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. Also, encourage FDOT to work cooperatively with the PortMiami

and others in the development of intermodal facilities, logistic centers and distribution centers to help accommodate the expected growth in cargo associated with the expanded Panama Canal.

- **Perishable Initiative:** *SUPPORT* efforts to increase perishable shipments to the PortMiami by working with State Department of Agriculture and port stakeholders to develop new protocols for the importation.

## **Public Housing and Community Development**

- **State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP):** *SUPPORT* increasing or maintaining the current funding level for Miami-Dade County.

## **Regulatory and Economic Resources**

(RER Priorities)

- **Beach Erosion Control:** *SUPPORT* consistent and dedicated annual funding for statewide beach erosion control. (DERM)
- **Model Lands North Canal Everglades Wetlands Restoration Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$600,000 for the design, permitting and construction of a project to backfill the Model Lands North Canal and re-create wetlands destroyed by construction of this County canal. (DERM)
- **S-20 Collector Canal Everglades Wetlands Restoration Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$700,000 for the design, permitting and construction of a project to backfill the S-20 Collector Canal to re-create wetlands destroyed by construction of the canal and to disable two nearby culverts that impact regional Everglades hydrology.

(RER Additional Requests)

- **Signage for Agri-tourism:** *SUPPORT* language that creates a statewide signage program for agri-tourism entities in order to increase the viability of local farmers. (AGRICULTURE)
- **Increase Viability of Local Agricultural Industry:** *SUPPORT* funding, programs, legislation and assistance to increase the viability of the local agricultural industry and mitigate any effects of invasive pests, diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorm and other potential damages to the industry. (AGRICULTURE)

- **Laurel Wilt Disease:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the mitigation of Laurel Wilt Disease affecting Miami-Dade County's avocado industry. (AGRICULTURE)
- **State Film Production Retention & Recovery Program:** *SUPPORT* language to create a new State Production Retention & Recovery program for the film and entertainment industry. (FILM)
- **16 County Ecosystem Summit:** *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE* for the state legislative priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit associated with the health and welfare of the lakes, estuaries and riverine systems consisting of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, the Lake Worth Lagoon, and all bodies of water connected thereto. (DERM)
- **Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact:** *SUPPORT* the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact's state legislative program as it relates to issues concerning infrastructure investments, regional and state coordination on adaptation and resilience, Adaptation Action Areas, program funding and implementation restrictions, climate science, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), oil exploration and drilling, and Everglades restoration as well as *SUPPORTING* standing positions on federal policy and appropriations funding issues. (RESILIENCE)
- **Florida Energy Code:** *ADVOCATE* that the existing Florida Energy Code be preserved, enforced and made stronger each cycle in terms of energy efficiency and energy code compliance by continually updating the code at a minimum every three years and adopting the national Home Energy Rating System (HERS) and requiring a HERS Index less than 88 for Florida Energy Code compliance. (RESILIENCE)
- **Conversion of Septic to Sewer Systems:** *ADVOCATE* for additional funding to support the conversion of septic systems to sewer systems especially in areas vulnerable to chronic flooding and sea level rise.
- **Aggregated Whole-Building Data:** *ADVOCATE* for the Florida Public Service Commission to require all local utilities to collect aggregated whole-building data from Miami-Dade County and all local governments' largest buildings (20,000 square feet and above for government-owned buildings and 50,000 square feet and above for private sector buildings) and provide this data to building owners or managers and local government representatives. (RESILIENCE)
- **Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Hot Water System Installations:** *ADVOCATE AND SUPPORT* legislation and/or constitutional amendments that support small scale distributed solar photovoltaic and solar hot water system installations such as Power Purchase Agreements and oppose any changes that would weaken existing net metering policies. (RESILIENCE)

## Solid Waste Management

### (Legislative Requests)

- **Waste-to-Energy: SUPPORT** language pertaining to renewable energy by expanding the definition of “customer-owned renewable generation” to allow government owned waste-to-energy facilities utilizing municipal solid waste as fuel to transmit the energy generated from the waste-to-energy facility to a site that is not adjacent to the facility.
- **Illegal Dumping: SUPPORT** language increasing penalties for illegal dumping and expand the definition of “law enforcement officer” to include “county enforcement officer”.
- **Renewable Energy: SUPPORT** language preserving the inclusion of waste-to-energy in applicable definitions of “renewable energy” and “green energy” and provide incentives and other support for the production of such renewable energy.
- **Recycling Goal Credits: MONITOR** language relating to sections 403.7032 and 366.91, Florida Statutes, which pertains to municipal solid waste utilized for the production of renewable energy counting toward Florida’s long- term recycling goal.
- **Shopping Cart Removal Fee: SUPPORT** language reimposing an administrative fee to cover the cost of collection and storage of shopping carts removed from the public right-of-way.
- **Litter Control and Electronics Recycling: SUPPORT** legislation that would require equitable allocation of solid waste grants, utilizing a population-based methodology, for programs such as litter control and prevention and electronics recycling that are funded through the waste tire fee.
- **Trash Collection: Oppose** legislation that would require refunds when trash is not picked up and/or that would prevent counties and municipalities from establishing acceptable levels of recyclable materials contamination.

### (Appropriations Requests)

- **Heavy Fleet Purchase of a Fully Electric Automated Side Loading Garbage Truck and Charging Station: SUPPORT** funding in the amount \$560,000 for a fully electric garbage truck to test the capabilities of the technology, generating zero emissions, reducing noise, and eliminating fuel leaks during transport. In addition since DSWM produced electricity at its Energy from Waste plant, the electric vehicle could ultimately be fueled by the garbage collected.
- **Mosquito Control Larvicide Program: SUPPORT** funding in the amount of \$112,000 for additional equipment to manage and mitigate the mosquitos within the County, which is currently underserved.

- **Landfill Gradient System:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$300,000 for a Landfill Gradient System that will enable optimal compaction of the waste disposed at landfills. The global positioning system uses satellites and user interface to provide operators with a visual representation of the area that's being compacted and the number of passes each lift of waste has received. The reduction in passes will result in productivity efficiencies, lowering fuel consumption, operational costs and wear and tear.

## Transportation and Public Works

- **Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan:** *SUPPORT* Florida Department of Transportation funding of existing programs and maintain funding levels. The SMART plan cost is estimated at \$3.6 billion to \$7.4 billion for six rapid transit corridors (depending on the mode chosen between those being evaluated) and inclusive of the costs of nine Bus Rapid Express Transit routes.
- **Allowable Uses in Transportation Facilities within Public Right-of-Way:** *SUPPORT* expanding the allowable uses within right-of-ways as defined by State statutes.
- **The Underline Trail:** *SUPPORT* state funding of the Underline which will connect neighborhoods by transforming a ten-mile stretch beneath the Metrorail system into a linear park.
- **Traffic Signal Emergency Power Systems:** *SUPPORT* funding to provide emergency back-up power to the critical intersections identified by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Miami-Dade County. The County needs approximately \$4.6 million to address 100 out of the 600 intersections identified by FDOT. The total cost of the project is approximately \$34 million.
- **Transportation Infrastructure:** *SUPPORT* legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for transportation infrastructure projects. DTPW wants to ensure that increased level of funding be allocated to public transportation projects. The County has approximately \$4.7 billion in unfunded Capital Projects.
- **Waterborne Transportation:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for the establishment of waterborne transit routes that connect and supplement the County's larger public transportation system. This project will address congestion caused by the reconstruction of I-395 and neighboring causeway bridge repairs.



## Water and Sewer

- **State Incentives for Utility Infrastructure Resiliency and Cost-Effective Nutrient Management:** *SUPPORT* legislation to provide state incentives to address alternatives to septic tanks that are contributing to water contamination; extension of public water supplies to replace private wells threatened by ground water contamination and saltwater intrusion; and cost-effective use of alternative water supplies appropriate to local conditions and need.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
PROPERTY APPRAISER  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

PEDRO J. GARCIA  
PROPERTY APPRAISER

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## 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Promote legislation requiring property appraisers to consider restrictive covenants imposed by local governing bodies in its real property assessments.
- Advocate for amendments that provide tax savings for some of the most vulnerable taxpayers including widows, widowers, blind persons, and persons totally and permanently disabled.
- Support amendments to increase the period of time in which homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from a prior homestead to a new homestead ("portability").
- Support changes to the current Value Adjustment Board process that promote efficiency and create a more transparent process.
- Amend Florida law to allow property appraisers to waive penalties and interest when no intent to defraud is found.
- Add provisions that clarify the requirements for multiple building parcels as defined in section 193.027, Florida Statutes.

RESOLUTION NO. PHT 09/2019 – 046

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2020 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

*(Nathan Ray, Associate Vice President, Governmental Relations, Jackson Health System)*

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust (the "Trust") recognizes the need to establish its Federal and State legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption, the Trust is required to submit its Federal and State legislative priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2020 Federal and State Legislative Package; and

WHEREAS, the list of the Trust's Federal and State Legislative Priorities is attached hereto and made a part hereof and requires approval of the Public Health Trust; and

WHEREAS, the President and Chief Executive Officer recommends approval of the attached priorities and of submission thereof to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the Public Health Trust's 2020 Federal and State Legislative Priorities, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and declares it to be an official action of the Public Health Trust, and provided further that the President, or his designee, is directed to submit the 2020 Federal and State Legislative Priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2020 Federal and State Legislative Package.

**Agenda Item 5 (b)**  
**Public Health Trust Board of Trustees**  
**September 24, 2019**

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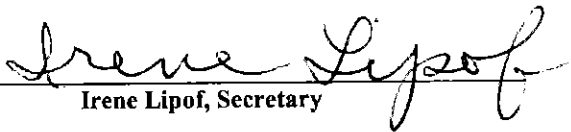
The foregoing resolution was offered by Irene Lipof and the motion was seconded by Walter T. Richardson as follows:


Joe Arriola	Aye
Nicholas X. Duran	Aye
William J. Heffernan	Aye
Mojdeh L. Khaghan	Absent
Irene Lipof	Aye
Amadeo Lopez-Castro, III	Aye
Walter T. Richardson	Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

**PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Irene Lipof, Secretary

Approved by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office as to form  
and legal sufficiency 



**TO:** Joe Arriola, Chairman  
and Members, Public Health Trust Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Carlos A. Migoya  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** September 24, 2019

**RE:** 2020 Federal and State Legislative Priorities

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees approve the 2020 Federal & State Legislative Priorities.

**Scope**

The legislative priorities encompass the major issues likely to impact Jackson Health System during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature and during ongoing legislative and regulatory activity in Washington, DC. The priorities will be incorporated into Miami-Dade County's proposed 2020 Federal & State Legislative Package.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact to setting the Trust's legislative priorities. Policy and funding changes made by the Legislature in reflection of these priorities can have a significant impact on the health system.

**Track Record/Monitor**

Chief of Staff to the President, Esther Caravia-Abolila and Associate Vice President of Government Affairs, Nathan Ray will monitor the advancement of these priorities throughout the year.

**Background**

The 2020 Federal & State Legislative Priorities are being presented to the Strategy and Growth Committee for approval, followed by final Board approval and inclusion in the Miami-Dade County Proposed 2020 Federal & State Legislative Package.

The specific priorities recommended for 2020 are attached.

## **2020 Legislative Priorities**

### **FEDERAL PRIORITIES**

- Defend any changes to the Federal 340B drug discount program that would limit hospital and patient eligibility.
- Propose amendments to the current methodology for the 1115 Medicaid Waiver to allow the State of Florida to use Medicaid shortfall in order to draw down the full \$1.5 billion in Low Income Pool program.
- Monitor and oppose any attempts to reduce Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funding.
- Monitor surprise medical billing legislation.

### **STATE PRIORITIES**

- Advocate for appropriations to mitigate losses created by a dwindling supplemental payment system that continues to erode financial support for treating uninsured and underinsured patients.
- Protect against further cuts in state-appropriated funding.
- Monitor hospital licensure standards.
- Monitor Advanced Birthing Center legislation.
- Monitor changes to reimbursement rates.