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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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

DATE: December 16, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving 2015 state legislative guiding principles, "urging" resolutions adopted by the Board to date and departmental legislative requests

Resolution No. R-1144-14

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 _____

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12-16-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-1144-14

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES, "URGING" RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD TO DATE AND DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

WHEREAS, the 2015 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on March 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, committee meetings leading up to the 2015 session will begin shortly; 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 2015 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 2015 session as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the state legislative priorities for the 2015 session.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman			**aye**
Bruno A. Barreiro	**absent**	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**absent**
Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**
Audrey M. Edmonson	**absent**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**absent**	Jean Monestime	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**absent**	Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**
Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**	Juan C. Zapata	**absent**

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of December, 2014. 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2015 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
2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS

1. R-1087-14: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to create a program providing state funding for historic county courthouse preservation and restoration.

2. R-1086-14: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would restrict the use of firearms at gun ranges to individuals age 15 and above; or alternatively would allow local governments to regulate children's use of firearms at gun ranges.

3. R-1085-14: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to amend the Marchman Act to provide that the procedures for the involuntary assessment and treatment of individuals who are substance abuse impaired are more similar to Baker Act procedures for the involuntary examination and treatment of individuals who have a mental illness.

4. R-1012-14: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to require sexual predators and transient sexual offenders to wear electronic monitoring devices for the remainder of their natural lives.

5. R-944-14: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to ban the sale of ivory within the State of Florida.

6. R-941-14: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to coordinate with Florida retirement system employers in addition to the State of Florida in setting employer contribution rates.

7. R-914-14: Resolution urging the Florida legislature to reauthorize the Florida Enterprise Zone Program currently set to sunset on December 31, 2015; preliminarily identifying this issue as a critical county priority for the 2015 session; urging the Florida Association of Counties to identify this issue as one of its priorities for the 2015 session.

8. R-827-14:Resolution urging Governor Rick Scott, the Florida Legislature, and the Secretary of Children and Families to empanel experts to (I) investigate, review, and recommend changes in law and policy to protect children throughout Florida from the type of preventable harm which took the life of Javon Dade, Jr.; (II) prioritize at-risk youth through implementation of chapter 2014-224, laws of Florida (SB 1666); and (III) implement increased legal training for Department of Children and Families investigators, to forge stronger relationships with local law enforcement officers, and to ensure that investigators are educated, competent, and thorough in their duties.

9. R-826-14: Resolution urging Congress and the Florida Legislature to pass "equal pay" laws designed to equalize pay disparities between men and women.

10. R-824-14: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would fund film, television and entertainment incentives that foster economic development and create jobs; preliminarily identifying this issue as a critical county priority for the 2015 session; urging the Florida Association of Counties to identify this issue as one of its priorities for the 2015 session.

11. R-566-14: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Florida Department of Health to impose reasonable regulations on the use of liquid nitrogen to create a steaming visual effect in food and drink presentation in bars and restaurants.

12. R-395-14: Resolution amending Resolution no. R-1057-81 as amended by Resolution no. R-1040-13 to change the eastern terminus of the codesignation of NW 36th street/"Doral Boulevard" from Curtiss Parkway (NW 57th Avenue) to NW 67th avenue; urging the Florida Legislature to codesignate that portion of NW 36th street from Curtiss Parkway (NW 57th Avenue) to NW 67th avenue as "Virginia Gardens Boulevard"; approving such codesignation.

13. R-369-14: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation prohibiting licensed and unlicensed agents appearing before the Value Adjustment Board from filing petitions on behalf of property owners without first obtaining the property owners consent and signature.

14. R-280-14: Resolution supporting CS/CS/SB 242, CS/HB 151 or similar legislation that would authorize a representative of a minor to place a security freeze on the minor's consumer report to protect the minor from identity theft.

15. R-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.

16. R-862-13: Resolution supporting reauthorization of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program currently set to sunset on December 31, 2015.

17. R-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.

18. R-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.

19. R-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.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

Animal Services

- **Creation of Tax Authority and/ or New Taxes:** ***MONITOR*** any legislation imposing an additional tax burden and/or creating a taxing authority for the provision of spay and neuter services or similar legislation.

Aviation

- **Funding of Capital Projects:** ***SUPPORT*** full funding of Aviation capital projects included in FDOT's FY 2015-2016 Work Program and ***OPPOSE*** any efforts that will result in a 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.

- **FAA Final Policy on Aviation Fuel Tax Revenue:** ***SUPPORT*** and ensure sate compliance of the FAA's final policy on State Aviation Fuel Tax Revenues; and ***SUPPORT*** any necessary corrective measures or amendments to relevant state laws in order to conform with the FAA's directive.

Community Action & Human Services

- **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 who are 60 years of age or older.

- **Community Care for Disabled Adults Waiting List Reduction Program:** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of $302,000 to ensure help for disabled individuals who are on the waiting list for in-home support.

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.

- **Department of Corrections Certification:** ***SUPPORT*** legislation that would prohibit county detention facilities from receiving 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".

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).

- **Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP):** ***SUPPORT*** modifications to the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP) to increase funding for the development of affordable rental housing for low-income households.

- **Sadowski Housing Trust Fund:** ***SUPPORT*** the exclusive use of documentary stamp tax to fund the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund and increase funding for housing for extremely low-income households without special needs.

- **Local Homeless Coalitions:** ***SUPPORT*** legislation for funding the state's 28 local homeless coalitions.

- **Crisis Outplacement Beds:** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of $544,434 to continue the Crisis Outplacement Bed Program.

- **Gap Funding Project:** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of $250,000 to continue the Gap Funding Project.

Fire Rescue

- **Public Records Exemption for Retired Firefighters and their Families:** ***SUPPORT*** amending state law to include retired firefighters and their families in the group of employees whose information is protected from public records laws.

- **Certified Public Expenditure Program:** ***SUPPORT*** legislation that will promote the creation of a Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Program for Florida's public entity ambulance service providers.

Internal Services

- **Advancement of the Use of Alternate Fuels –** ***SUPPORT*** legislation that offers funding and incentives such as grants, no interest loans, land donation and private partner tax credits to further local governments acquisition of compressed natural gas powered medium to heavy fleet vehicles and equipment, the associated infrastructure for fueling and vehicle/equipment maintenance, and liquefied natural gas seaport specific infrastructure to promote energy independence and environmental improvement.

- **Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act :** ***SUPPORT*** a modification of Florida law to revise provisions that mandate 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 $27.4 million for the State Aid to Libraries Program.

Office of Management and Budget

- **Eliminate Penalties and Interest of Ad Valorem Refunds Processed through Value Adjustment Board:** ***SUPPORT*** a legislative change that eliminates penalties and interest associated with ad valorem tax refunds processed through the value adjustment board (Rescind Section194.014(2).

- **Direct Deposit of Employee Funds:** ***SUPPORT*** a legislative change would allow the County to require direct deposit of payroll and other employee reimbursements.

- **Value Adjustment Board Rescheduling Process:** ***SUPPORT*** a legislative change to allow a petitioner the right to reschedule a Value Adjustment Board (VAB) hearing only a single time.

- **Delinquent Tax Collections Fees:** ***SUPPORT*** a legislative change to allow the Tax Collector to charge an additional fee for the collection of delinquent Tangible Personal Property (TPP) taxes to offset the Tax Collector's delinquent TPP collection cost (Statute 197.332).

Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

- **Matching funds FIND Grant Application for Waterfront Access Study:** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of $300,000 for the Miami-Dade County Waterfront Recreation Access Plan (WRAP). The purpose of WRAP is to identify opportunities for additional publicly accessible shorelines, connectivity of private shorelines, publicly accessible boat ramps and ramp parking, public mooring and docking facilities, environmental restoration areas, eco-tourism and waterfront destinations.

- **Underline (M-Path) Comprehensive Masterplan and Demonstration Project(s):** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of $5 million from Chapter 2014-50, Laws of Florida, for the transformation of an underutilized asset into a walking, biking and riding mobility corridor and linear park.

- **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 (critically endangered) Exhibit. The total cost of the project is estimated at $3 million.

- **Camp Matecumbe General Plan Improvements:** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of $1 million 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.

- **Ludlam Trail Corridor Acquisition:** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of $5 million for land acquisition.

- **West Kendall District Park Expansion:** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of $5 million for the purchase of two parcels totaling 80 acres.

- **Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP):** ***SUPPORT*** fully funding the existing Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP).

- **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.

- **Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative:** ***SUPPORT*** the Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment funding, which would allow for the acquisition, restoration, improvement and management of conservation lands, fish and wildlife habitat, and lands critical to our water supply and outdoor recreation areas.

- **Conservation and Stewardship of the Deering Estate at Cutler:** ***SUPPORT*** funding for the completion of a phase II archaeological survey.

- **FIU Expansion**: ***SUPPORT*** further funding for costs associated with the relocation of the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. and FIU's desired expansion.

Police

- **Body Cameras:** ***SUPPORT*** protection of select and specific public records created by police use of body worn cameras relating to citizens' privacy.

PortMiami

- **50ft Deep Dredge Project:** ***SUPPORT*** efforts to maintain the remaining $2,725,000.00 programmed for 2015 in state funding for the 50ft Deep Dredge Project.

- **Perishables Protocol**: ***SUPPORT*** efforts to increase perishable shipments to the 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.

- **Intermodal Transportation Issues:** ***MONITOR*** legislation 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 they relate to access to and from the Ports. ***SUPPORT*** the development of intermodal facilities, logistic centers and distribution centers to help accommodate the expected growth in cargo associated with the 2015 completion of the expanded Panama Canal.

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

- **Net Metering:** ***SUPPORT*** legislation that would allow local governments that own waste-to-energy (WTE) facilities to use the power produced to offset the electricity they purchase from the local electrical utility via net metering.

- **Stormwater Utility Charges /Fees:** ***SUPPORT*** a modification to Florida Statutes to waive the State's sovereign immunity specifically for stormwater utility charges or fees.

- **Adjust Non-Ad Valorem Hearing Date:** ***SUPPORT*** an adjustment of the non-ad valorem hearing date referenced in Section 197.3632 (4)(a), Florida Statutes and submission of the non-ad valorem assessment roll in Section 197.3632 (5)(a).

- **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 production 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

- **Laurel Wilt Disease Mitigation:** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount $500,000.00 to mitigate the damage and spread of Laurel Wilt disease to Miami-Dade County's avocado industry, which has killed more than 4,000 trees to date.

- **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.

- **Agritourism Signage Program:** ***SUPPORT*** the creation of a statewide signage program for agritourism entities in order to increase viability for farmers.

Business Affairs

- **Film, Television and Entertainments:** ***SUPPORT*** incentives for Film, Television and Entertainment that foster economic development and create jobs.

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

- **Tour Guide Service Company Regulations:** ***SUPPORT*** the removal of tour guide services regulation from state statute.

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.

- **Job Training for Underemployed and Unemployed Workers -** ***SUPPORT*** all federal/state programs that can provide the necessary job training and placement for the underemployed and the unemployed workforce in a variety of sectors. Additionally, ***SUPPORT*** all federal/state programs that address the training and hiring of veterans. .

Environmental Protection

- **Biscayne Bay Surface Water Quality and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Assessment:** ***SUPPORT*** funding for Biscayne Bay Surface Water Quality and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Assessment in the amount of $142,000.

- **Sea Level Rise Mitigation**: ***SUPPORT*** maintaining consistent and dedicated annual funding for statewide beach erosion control in order to mitigate sea level rise. ***OPPOSE*** efforts to repeal existing dedicated funding source for beach erosion control.

- **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.

- **Private Drinking Water Wells:** ***SUPPORT*** increased funding to investigate contamination of private drinking water wells and to respond to contamination.

- **The Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment:** ***SUPPORT*** funding local government land conservation programs from a portion of the proceeds from revenues that are collected as a result of the passage of Amendment 1 on the November 2014 statewide ballot (The Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment).

- **16 County Ecosystem Summit Legislative Priorities:** ***SUPPORT*** **and ADVOCATE** for the 16 County Ecosystem Summit Legislative Priorities.

Planning

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

- **Preemption of Comprehensive Plan Amendments:** ***OPPOSE*** legislation that would preempt or prevent local governments from requiring a supermajority vote for comprehensive plan amendments.

- **Preemption of Local Impact Fee Regulation:** ***OPPOSE*** legislation that would have the effect of repealing or preempting local impact fee regulations.

Sustainability

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

- **PACE - ADVOCATE** for legislation that continues to guarantee local government the right to establish clean energy programs, known as Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), urge the Department of Energy and Housing Finance Authority to agree to PACE program elements and support job creation legislation that promotes energy efficiency and renewable energy, green infrastructure and environmental protection. Investing in clean energy and the greening of existing industries will help put our economy on a stable, long-term path to sustainable growth and job creation.

Regional Climate Change Compact Legislative Program

- **Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact – SUPPORT** the compact's state legislative program as it relates to issues concerning infrastructure investments, national coordination on adaptation and resilience, adaptation action areas, program funding and implementation restrictions, climate science, oil exploration and drilling, Everglades restoration as well as SUPPORTING standing positions on federal policy and appropriations funding issues.

Transit

- **State Transportation Trust Fund:** ***SUPPORT*** legislation that increases funds deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF), and ***OPPOSE*** any future measures that divert funding from STTF for non-transportation purposes.

Water and Sewer

- **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.

- **Government Cut Force Main Replacement:** ***SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of $5 million for the final phase of the replacement project from Fisher Island to the Central District Wastewater Plant on Virginia Key by 2015. The total cost of the third and final phase is estimated at $98 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 plant. The project is necessary to meet the state- mandated Ocean Outfalls requirements. The total cost of this project is estimated at $2 billion.

- **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.

- **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 $150 million.