



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2009 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CRITICAL PRIORITIES

Extend the Miami-Dade County Affordable Housing Surtax

SUPPORT legislation that would extend the Miami-Dade County Affordable Housing Surtax on commercial deeds and mortgages beyond its 2011 sunset date.

Crescent Loophole

SUPPORT legislation which would close the "Crescent Loophole" that currently allows some commercial real estate transfers to circumvent the Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Surtax and State Documentary Stamp Taxes.

Jackson Health System

SUPPORT all legislative requests for JHS and the appropriations request to the Legislature to appropriate funds to Jackson in the amount of \$20 million in general revenue to serve as IGT for the Low Income Pool. Last year, the Legislature allocated \$20 million non-recurring general revenue to Jackson Health System to assist our mission of serving the poor.

Sadowski Act Cap Repeal

SUPPORT elimination of the cap on the Sadowski Act Trust Funds for affordable housing.

Long-Term Mobile Home Park Tenants

SUPPORT resolution urging the legislature to enact appropriate legislation requiring that current long term mobile home park tenants be given the right of first refusal to purchase individual mobile home park parcels when the underlying mobile home park properties are subdivided or change in the use of land is proposed.

Equalize Funding To All Regions of Florida

SUPPORT resolution urging the Florida Legislature to equalize funding based on population to provide each region of Florida, including South Florida its fair share of state funding.

Transit Funding

SUPPORT continued funding of ongoing transit projects.

Preservation of Miami-Dade County Funding

SUPPORT the preservation of funding for all Miami-Dade County programs.



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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Home Rule and Preemption: SUPPORT the preservation of local home rule; and OPPOSE any effort to preempt local authority.

State Funding, Cost Shifts and Unfunded Mandates: SUPPORT the preservation of funding for all 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.

Protect Previous State Funding – SUPPORT efforts to secure the same level of state funding for County programs as last year.



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DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS
(alphabetically by department, then prioritized)

AGRICULTURE

Illegal Dumping - SUPPORT legislation which would increase penalties for illegal dumping on bona-fide agricultural lands.

University of Florida/IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center – SUPPORT funding request by University to provide capitol improvement funding in the amount of \$12,808,976 for the construction of new labs at the University of Florida/IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead, Florida.

BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICE

Florida Building Code and Product Approval - MONITOR legislation regarding the Statewide Product Approval Process and Florida Building Code.

Inactive Permits - SUPPORT legislation that would allow local governments to issue citations for inactive permits to state licensed contractors.

OFFICE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (OCI)

Architectural and Engineering Contracts – SUPPORT legislation that would increase the limits for construction costs and planning activities by architects and engineers in the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA).

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Equal Rights Amendment – SUPPORT passage of a concurrent resolution by the Legislature of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) ratification.

CONSUMER SERVICES

For Hire Transportation Preemption - OPPOSE legislation that would preempt or limit For Hire Transportation that would impact the County's authority to approve or restrict transfers of taxicab, jitney, limousine, or other passenger vehicle for-hire licenses.

Towing, Moving, and Locksmith Regulation – OPPOSE any efforts to preempt the county from regulating the towing, moving and locksmith industries.

Ambulance Preemption – OPPOSE any initiative that would preempt or limit County issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity and regulatory control over public and private ambulance service providers.

Regulate Taxicab Lease Rates – SUPPORT legislation allowing local governments to regulate for-hire transportation lease rates, including taxicab lease rates, which for-hire taxicab chauffeurs pay to for-hire license owners and taxicab companies.

Tour Guides as Sellers of Travel Preemption - SUPPORT legislation that would remove the preemption currently prohibiting local governments from regulating tour guides as a seller of travel, or in the alternative, remove “tour-guide services” from the definition of “sellers of travel” under all sections of Florida Statute 559.

CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

Arrest Authority for Correctional Officers - SUPPORT legislation that would allow correctional officers limited arrest authority within County jail detention facilities and their surrounding perimeter.

Blue Lights for Corrections Vehicles - SUPPORT legislation that would allow vehicles owned or operated by county corrections departments to display blue lights when responding to emergencies.

Revenue stream for additional training for certified law enforcement and correctional officers – SUPPORT an increase in court costs to improve and provide additional training to all certified law enforcement, correctional officers and correctional probation officers throughout the state, similar to what was filed in HB 869 for the 2008 session.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Cultural Affairs Funding - SUPPORT increasing statewide budget allocation for cultural affairs programming, cultural facilities and regional cultural facilities grants.

ELECTIONS

HAVA Funds - SUPPORT the release of federal funds intended for counties to purchase voting equipment through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), but currently being used by the Florida Secretary of State.

Modification of Election Audit Rules – SUPPORT legislation that would allow the county canvassing board to nominate a designee to conduct the post-election manual audit, and to allow the Supervisors of Elections to audit at least 1 percent but not more than 2 percent of randomly selected precincts and/or voting units in a particular election as opposed to the current requirement of an audit of 1 to 2 percent of precincts only.

Expand Early Voting and Hours of Operation – SUPPORT legislation that would allow Supervisors of Elections greater flexibility related to the hours of operation for early voting and the ability to opt out or provide limited early voting for smaller municipal elections.

Expand Facilities that can be used as Early Voting Sites – SUPPORT legislation that would provide the Supervisors of Elections greater flexibility to designate facilities that would better serve the voting population.

Community Development District Elections – SUPPORT legislation that would allow elections for community development districts to be conducted via mail.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Adopt-a-Tree – SUPPORT sources of alternative funding for Miami-Dade County's Adopt-a-Tree program.

FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT

Film and Entertainment Industry Incentive Funding – SUPPORT incentive funding for the Film and Entertainment industry in an effort to spur economic development.

FINANCE

Homestead Tax Deferral – SUPPORT legislation that would extend the deadline to file an application to defer taxes from January 31 to March 31.

NAICS Codes – SUPPORT legislation which would amend FS 205.0535 to authorize counties and municipalities to reclassify local business tax classifications to include nationally recognized business classification systems.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Leases on County Properties - SUPPORT legislation to allow counties greater flexibility in negotiating leases of county property for stores, restaurants and concessions at parks, administrative buildings and other county facilities.

JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM (JHS) (provided directly from Jackson)

Low Income Pool (LIP) - Jackson provides the largest amount of charity care in the state and is the largest provider of tax dollars for the LIP program. Jackson asks the Legislature to maintain current levels of funding and policies for the LIP program, distributing funds based on the level of charity care and Medicaid volumes, and rewarding communities, such as Miami-Dade, for our participation in providing IGT.

Half-Penny Sales Tax Cap - Jackson currently obtains a ½ penny sales tax on all purchases of \$5,000 or less. In order to generate additional funding on a recurring basis, we are going to request the state remove the \$5,000 cap. By removing this cap, Jackson Health System can obtain approximately \$30 million of additional funding.

Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Rates - As the state's largest Medicaid provider, Jackson reimbursement rates have been reduced over the past few years and we are being paid

approximately 7% below cost. We also urge the legislature to find recurring sources of funding for critical programs and services that ensure adequate health access for the poor and needy of the state, such as the Medically Needy Program and Adults & Disabled Program.

Medicaid Reform - It is critical to monitor the implementation and transition of Medicaid reform in the pilot counties of Broward, Duval, Nassau, Clay and Baker as it relates to statewide implementation. The Provider Service Networks, which include Jackson, North & South Broward and Shands Jacksonville are working on legislative fixes to a number of PSN issues related to Medicaid reform. We oppose further expansion of reform into Miami-Dade County without significant changes to the existing pilot.

Managed Care Issues - The managed care organizations are consistently supporting efforts to eliminate fee-for-service payments to hospitals and enroll all Medicaid recipients in managed care plans. This would cause a reduction in payments for Jackson as well as limit care and choice to Medicaid recipients.

Non Contracted Rate Payments Issues - Currently certain hospitals, including JMH, qualify to receive a higher rate of Medicaid reimbursement. Managed care organizations have refused to pass along this higher rate that is embedded in their premiums to those qualifying hospitals in non-contracted situations. The language is unclear and as such we are supporting legislation that would clarify this issue.

Trauma Issues - Jackson will continue to advocate for additional state funding for trauma centers by identifying additional revenue streams, such as increased fines and penalties that will bolster the existing trauma funding.

Transplant Issues - Jackson Health System performs numerous Medicaid organ transplants every year; overall, these cases are performed at a significant loss. The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has recognized the reimbursement inequities associated with transplants. We will work with AHCA to have them submit a legislative budget request to the Governor and The Legislature to enhance transplant reimbursement.

JUDICIARY AND COURT SYSTEM

Traffic Magistrates – SUPPORT a dedicated revenue source, such as a \$3 court cost surcharge on traffic tickets, to fund traffic magistrates

Court System – SUPPORT adequate state funding of the Court System, State Attorneys Offices, Public Defenders Offices, and Regional Conflict Counsel Offices

LIBRARIES

State Aid to Libraries – SUPPORT an increase of state aid to libraries to an allocation of 10 cents for every local dollar spent.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Extend the Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Surtax – SUPPORT legislation that would extend the Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Surtax on commercial deeds and mortgages beyond its 2011 sunset date.

OFFICE OF COUNTYWIDE HEALTHCARE PLANNING

Premium Subsidy Program for Miami-Dade Blue health plan – SUPPORT funding from the Low Income Pool for the Miami-Dade Blue Health Plan Pilot Program.

Liberty City Clinic Capital Construction – SUPPORT funding in the amount of \$22 million for a new health facility in the Liberty City area.

Miami-Dade County Health Department Main Complex, Phase III – SUPPORT funding to construct an additional building at the Miami-Dade Main Complex, to house Children’s Medical Services and the Miami-Dade Health Department Refugee Clinic.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Program Trust Fund – SUPPORT legislation restoring the Emergency Management Program Trust Fund to its original intent as a funding source for local emergency management programs.

Emergency Management Program Assistance – SUPPORT legislation that broadens the base of policies in which the EMPA fee is imposed to include all insurance policies to close the loopholes in the EMPA trust fund.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) – SUPPORT legislation which that allow an entity to have more than three grants active/open at one time and still be allowed to apply for 2 new grants per year.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Mobile Home Relocation Plan – SUPPORT legislation that would assist mobile home owners and tenants and owners in the event of a mobile home park’s conversion to another land use.

PUBLIC WORKS

Venetian Causeway – SUPPORT funding for the design and construction costs for the replacement of the 12 bridges of the Venetian Causeway.

Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge – SUPPORT funding for the replacement of the Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge.

SEAPORT

Transportation Intermodal Issues – MONITOR legislation and other action involving transportation intermodal issues including but not limited to major transportation improvement projects as defined in the State Intermodal System as it relates to access to and from the Port of Miami.

Seaport Capital Program - SUPPORT efforts to secure dedicated funding sources for capital projects at Florida seaports, and continued funding from FDOT to assist the Port of Miami in its capital improvement projects.

Seaport Security - MONITOR legislation related to state security mandates on Florida Ports that both positively and negatively effect operations.

SENIOR ADVOCATE

Local Services Programs – OPPOSE any decrease or elimination of funds for Local Services Programs.

General Revenue Funds – SUPPORT increase in funds for General Revenue programs.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Section 215 of the Federal Power Act – URGE the State of Florida to support changes to rules at the federal level that would restore exemptions of qualifying facilities from certain requirements of Section 215 of the Federal Power Act by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.”

Renewable Energy – SUPPORT legislation that shows DSWM's ongoing efforts to both 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.

Litter Law Penalties – SUPPORT legislation increasing penalties for littering.

Used Electronics Waste Stream – OPPOSE legislation that places disproportionate burdens on local government for segregation, collection and recycling and management of this waste stream relative to other responsible parties, including the state, the electronics manufacturers and retailers, private waste facilities and generators.

Disposal Fee Equity – OPPOSE legislation requiring counties to provide certain waste management services at no cost or at reduced cost and/or any legislation seeking to regulate use fees charged.

WATER AND SEWER

Alternative Water Supply Funding – SUPPORT continuation of partnerships between Water Management Districts (WMDs) and local and regional public or private water utilities; SUPPORT grants of sufficient scale to motivate public or private water utilities to research and develop alternative water supply; SUPPORT significantly increased funding for the alternative water supply development cost-share grant program using dedicated state and WMD funding sources; SUPPORT WMDs must provide an equitable, cost effective distribution of funds among all types of alternative water supply projects (i.e.: reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery, reuse, and desalination (brackish groundwater or surface water, and seawater), regardless of the size of the public or private water utility, that addresses both regional and/or local needs in a cost effective manner; SUPPORT a reduction in the maximum public or private utility contribution to no more than fifty percent.

Water Use Efficiency and Conservation – SUPPORT implementation of Conserve Florida as a statewide Comprehensive Water Conservation planning development tool for utilities and Water Management Districts; SUPPORT legislation that would encourage water conservation efforts, while allocating state resources made available through Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Linking Water Supply and Growth – SUPPORT legislation that would establish a base percentage rate for each WMD's budget to fund alternative water supply projects; and that would require WMDs to dedicate a percentage of their annual growth in ad valorem tax revenues to these projects; SUPPORT increased state and WMD financial support to assist local and regional public or private water utilities with future alternative water supply development.

State Revolving Loan Fund – SUPPORT continued funding of the State Revolving Fund providing low interest loans for eligible water and waste water system projects.

Water Governance and Reservations – MONITOR legislation that would preempt local control over feasibility, reuse, water pricing and comprehensive planning activities; MONITOR proposed legislation on water reservations, continue evaluating the process of developing such reservations and assess the potential impacts to the County.

Fire Hydrants – OPPOSE legislation that would preempt local control and any unfunded mandate requiring internal check-valve devices for fire hydrants.



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DERM

Beach Erosion Control - \$5,858,024

This request is for the State to appropriate funds for several Miami-Dade County beach erosion control activities, including a beach renourishment project administered by the Army Corps utilizing the last remaining borrow site in MDC. The other project is for truck hauling sand in smaller quantities to eroded areas in Miami Beach, Bal Harbour, and Sunny Isles Beach.

Biscayne Bay Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program - \$225,000

The State and MDC have been cooperatively funding this program for over 25 years. This request is for continued State support of this ongoing water quality monitoring program. This program includes monthly collection and analyses of samples from 100 locations in Biscayne Bay, Miami River, and the network of flood control canals.

JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM

JHS Indigent Care - \$20 Million

JHS is requesting \$20 million in general revenue to serve as IGT for the Low Income Pool, which is the same as appropriations request as last year for this project. Last year, the Legislature allocated \$20 million non-recurring general revenue to Jackson Health System to assist our mission of serving the poor.

HOMELESS TRUST

Jail Diversion Gap Funding - \$500,000

This appropriations request is required to continue the Gap Funding Project to assist homeless individuals served by the 11th Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project's Jail Diversion Program.

HUMAN SERVICES

Elderly High Risk Nutritional Meals Program - \$671,250

Appropriations request is to fund this program that provides supplemental nutritional meals to elderly County residents who are assigned as “high risk” and/or in danger of malnutrition who participate at congregate meal sites.

ITC

Jay Malina International Trade Consortium Trade Missions Program - \$100,000

This program provides opportunities to Miami-Dade businesses interested in conducting and supporting various trade initiatives. Funding for this program would be used to conduct ITC led business development missions, attract additional business participation on ITC missions, conduct research associated with trade, and conduct seminars and workshops expanding trade.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Deering Estate at Cutler - \$500,000

These funds shall be used to support a list of projects for the improvement of Deering Estate at Cutler. In particular, these improvements would provide enhanced environmental stewardship of the Estate’s natural resources, enhanced stewardship of the Estate’s historical and archeological resources, and better public use of the Estate’s 444 acre public facility.

Florida Exhibit at Metrozoo - \$500,000

This funding request is for construction of a \$3M Florida Black Bear and Florida Panther complex within the planned \$31M Florida exhibit at Metrozoo.

POLICE

Join a Team, Not a Gang - \$200,000

Funding request is to support a gang prevention program which currently serves 21,000 children in 200 schools and is currently staffed by 1 sergeant and 24 officers.

PUBLIC WORKS

High Crash Intersection Improvement - \$500,000

These funds will allow the improvement of traffic mobility, capacity and operational safety in Miami-Dade County as well as improve quality of life and safety to the residents.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Tire Fee Revenue

SUPPORT a majority of total funds generated through waste tire fees being distributed back to the counties in which they are generated for solid waste programs.

Development of New Construction Materials for the Beneficial Use Waste-to-Energy Ash - \$250,000

SUPPORT a research project to make beneficial use of ash produced by Miami-Dade County's Waste-to-Energy plant. This plant produces more than 100,000 tons of ash annually. The ash has been landfilled since start-up of the facility 24 years ago and about 3 million tons of ash is available from this stockpile. Currently, limerick is used to construct the roadbed of new streets, widening or for the complete reconstruction of existing streets. Ash is an alternative solution to the increasing cost of virgin material, the increasing demand by competing businesses and the potential for severe restrictions in limerick mining in SE Florida.

TRANSIT

Orange Line Phase 2&3 - \$613,000,000

SUPPORT funding for the Metrorail Extension. Phase 2 is a 9.5-mile extension of the Metrorail system serving the communities along NW 27th Avenue with seven new stations from NW 82nd Street to NW 215th Street. Phase 3 is approximately 10 - 13 mile Metrorail extension from the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) at Miami International Airport (MIA) to Florida International University (FIU) and points west to SW 137th Avenue. FDOT recognizes heavy rail as a priority method of transportation.

Bus Procurement Plan - \$6,000,000

SUPPORT funding for an enhanced bus fleet that will allow Miami-Dade County to improve regional transportation links and provide better connectivity to the existing bus routes, Metrorail, Metromover, Tri-Rail and Broward County Transit.

7th Avenue Transit Village - \$2,000,000

SUPPORT funding for the Transit Village. The Transit Village will be built to ultimately enhance current transportation services and revitalize the area located at the Southeast corner of NW 7th Avenue and NW 62nd Street, and provide immediate access to I-95.

Transit Security System - \$2,500,000

SUPPORT funding for upgrades to the Transit Security System that will enable Miami-Dade County to enhance and install security and surveillance systems throughout the County's transit properties and vehicles. Enhancements include the installation of real-time surveillance systems throughout transit operations and maintenance facilities, upgrading onboard bus surveillance, and placing digital monitoring and recording systems on revenue vehicles.

WASD

Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Rehydration Pilot Project – \$2,500,000

SUPPORT funding project to investigate the applicability of using highly treated wastewater effluent to replace the historic freshwater flows that once were discharged into the coastal wetlands of Biscayne Bay. The total amount of funding needed for this project is 11,150,000 over the course of five years. The full scale project will increase the quantity and improve the quality of water currently discharged into Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park.

Ocean Outfall Abandonment Planning - \$500,000

SUPPORT funding for initial planning to comply with the new requirement to eliminate ocean outfall discharges of treated wastewater. This planning will determine the feasibility and cost of various options to comply with the requirements of the law within the current timeframes. Because of the size and complexity of the wastewater system that is impacted by these requirements, the planning and design work will extend over several years.

South Miami Dade Potable Water Transmission Pipelines - \$5,500,000

SUPPORT funding for the construction of 36-inch Potable Water Transmission Pipelines in South Miami-Dade County; approx. 36,080 linear footage. This project will enable residents and businesses in areas of South Miami Dade to connect to Miami-Dade County Water Distribution System, and provide them with potable water and fire protection. This project will bring the community up to the required Miami-Dade Code.

Miami-Dade County Floridian Aquifer Blending Wells - \$5,300,000

SUPPORT funding project to develop additional water resources from the upper Floridian Aquifer and to use that water for blending with water from the Biscayne Aquifer prior to treatment. The Floridian Aquifer Blending Wells will be the first Alternative Water Supply Project that Miami-Dade County will implement. Through the installation and operation of the Floridian Aquifer Blending Wells, the demands on the Biscayne Aquifer will be reduced, Miami-Dade County will be able to produce drinking water to allow for growth and development as well as implement alternative water supply technologies.



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BCC RESOLUTIONS
(listed numerically with sponsors)

R-404-08 Water and Sewer Utilities (Jordan) - RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REINSTATE LANGUAGE PROHIBITING MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES FROM CHARGING A SURCHARGE TO CONSUMERS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY AS "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION".

R-422-08 Fight Identity Theft by Closing Loopholes (Diaz) - RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO FIGHT IDENTITY THEFT BY CLOSING LOOPHOLES THAT REQUIRE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO MAKE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AND OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

R-442-08 Long-Term Mobile Home Park Tenants (Sosa, Jordan) - RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION REQUIRING THAT CURRENT LONG-TERM MOBILE HOME PARK TENANTS BE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL MOBILE HOME PARK PARCELS WHEN THE UNDERLYING MOBILE HOME PARK PROPERTIES ARE SUBDIVIDED OR CHANGE IN THE USE OF LAND IS PROPOSED.

R-444-08 Reinstate Language Prohibiting Water and Sewer Surcharge (Rolle) - RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REINSTATE LANGUAGE PROHIBITING MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES FROM CHARGING A SURCHARGE TO CONSUMERS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY BASED ON WATER SURCHARGES IMPOSED BY THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI.

R-786-08 Require Restaurant Menus to Display Prices on All Menu Items (Sosa, Heyman, Martinez) - RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND/OR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION TO REQUIRE RESTAURANTS TO DISPLAY PRICES ON ALL MENU ITEMS INCLUDING SPECIALS.

R-787-08 Equalize Funding To All Regions of Florida (Sosa) - RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON

POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING.

R-939-08 Silver Alert Legislation Act (Sosa, Gimenez, Martinez, Souto, Diaz, Moss, Rolle) - RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION CREATING A SILVER ALERT PROGRAM FOR MISSING ELDERLY PERSONS.

R-1066-08 Leasing Alligator Alley to a Private Firm (Sorenson, Sosa) - RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF FLORIDA LEASING ALLIGATOR ALLEY TO A PRIVATE FIRM; OPPOSING ANY DIVERSION OF ALLIGATOR ALLEY REVENUE AWAY FROM EVERGLADES RESTORATION AND SOUTH FLORIDA ROAD PROJECTS; URGING THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMISSION NOT TO APPROVE ANY LEASE OF ALLIGATOR ALLEY; URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL STATUTES AUTHORIZING FDOT TO LEASE ALLIGATOR ALLEY TO A PRIVATE FIRM.

R-1069-08 Urging To Increase Statutory Fee for Service of Process (Heyman) - RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE STATUTORY FEE FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS TO BETTER REFLECT THE ACTUAL COST OF SERVICE OF PROCESS.

R-1070-08 Collect on Delinquent Tangible Personal Property Taxes (Heyman) - RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION PROVIDING TAX COLLECTORS WITH ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO COLLECT ON DELINQUENT TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

R-1072-08 Miami-Dade Elder Abuse Task Force (Sosa, Diaz, Gimenez, Heyman, Martinez) - RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MIAMI-DADE ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE INCLUDING EXPRESSLY PERMITTING THE USE OF "GRANNY CAMERAS" IN NURSING HOMES TO DETER ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT; REQUIRING ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES TO HAVE VITAL MEDICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON STANDARDIZED FORMS 24 HOURS A DAY; AND CHANGING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES IN CREOLE IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

R-1245-08 2011 Sunset of the Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Surtax (Barreiro, Jordan, Rolle) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION REPEALING THE 2011 SUNSET OF THE MIAMI-DADE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURTAX PROGRAM.

R-1246-08 Red Light Cameras (Gimenez, Souto) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF

CAMERAS AT INTERSECTIONS WITH TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE RED-LIGHT RUNNING AND "BLOCKING THE BOX".

R-1247-08 Discounts for Carbon Monoxide Detectors (Martinez, Gimenez, Sosa, Rolle) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION, AND THE CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING HOMEOWNERS DISCOUNTS ON THEIR PROPERTY INSURANCE IF THEY INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.

R-1248-08 Tax Credit Application Withdrawals (Moss, Jordan) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION TO ADDRESS THROUGH RULEMAKING OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THE WITHDRAWAL OF TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS HAS ON REMAINING APPLICATIONS FROM THE SAME COUNTY.

R-1250-08 Mortgage Brokerage Guaranty Fund (Sorenson, Edmonson, Sosa, Gimenez, Jordan) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REINSTATE AND FUND THE MORTGAGE BROKERAGE GUARANTY FUND; TO STRENGTHEN LAWS RELATED TO LICENSING AND REGULATION OF MORTGAGE BROKERS; AND TO BEGIN LICENSING AND REGULATING LOAN ORIGINATORS.

R-1251-08 "Crescent Miami" Loophole (Sorenson, Heyman, Edmonson, Jordan) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION CLOSING THE "CRESCENT MIAMI" LOOPHOLE THAT CURRENTLY ALLOWS SOME COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS TO CIRCUMVENT THE MIAMI-DADE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURTAX AND STATE DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAXES.

R-1253-08 Notices of Disapproval of Renewal Applications for Homestead Exemption (Sosa, Gimenez) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND SECTION 196.011(6) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES TO REQUIRE THE PROPERTY APPRAISER TO DELIVER BY CERTIFIED MAIL NOTICES OF DISAPPROVAL OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

R-1432-08 Penalties for Violating Vessel Speed Limits (Barreiro, Sosa, Heyman, Sorenson) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A SEPARATE CATEGORY OF VESSEL SPEED VIOLATIONS IN MANATEE PROTECTION ZONES THAT CARRIES A HIGHER PENALTY.

R-1433-08 Provide Funding for Illuminated Street Signs on State Roads (Moss, Sosa, Souto, Edmonson) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ILLUMINATED STREET SIGNS ON STATE ROADS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

R-1434-08 Urging Funding Roadside Beautification (Moss, Souto, Edmonson, Jordan, Rolle) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMS AT NO LESS THAN 1.5 PERCENT OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; AND TO RETAIN EXISTING LANGUAGE IN STATUTE THAT REQUIRES FDOT TO SPEND NO LESS THAN 1.5 PERCENT OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS ON ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMS.

R-1435-08 Criteria for the Creation of a Community Redevelopment Agency (Moss) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND 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.

R-1436-08 Funding and Support to Erradicate the Red Bay Ambrosia Beetle (Sorenson, Sosa, Edmonson, Jordan, Souto) RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE RED BAY AMBROSIA BEETLE AND PREVENT THE DESTRUCTIVE SPREAD OF LAUREL WILT DISEASE INTO AVOCADO CROPS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

R-1437-08 Pass Legislation Improving Voting for the Elderly Persons (Sosa, Jordan, Rolle) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION PROVIDING COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS THE AUTHORITY TO SET THEIR OWN GUIDELINES FOR VOTING BY THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO IMPROVE THE VOTING EXPERIENCE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

R-1438-08 Assess Kindergarten and Other Early Childhood (Jordan) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DEVELOP A QUALITY RATING SYSTEM TO ASSESS PREKINDERGARTEN AND OTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE PROGRAMS AND PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION ONLINE SO THAT PARENTS HAVE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

R-1439-09 Invest in Infrastructure (Diaz, Souto, Rolle) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAKE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS IN THE PORT OF MIAMI AND OTHER EXISTING LARGE SEAPORTS IN FLORIDA, RATHER THAN PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF THE PORT OF PANAMA CITY IN FLORIDA'S PANHANDLE.

