

Memorandum



Date: March 12, 2014

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
County Mayor

Subject: Tri-County Compact

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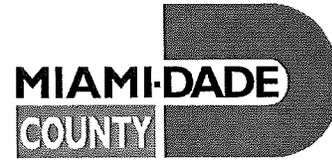
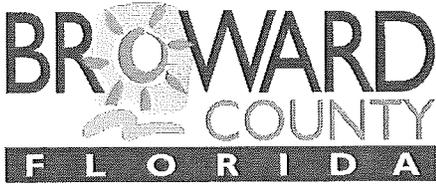
A long standing priority of this Board has been the maximization of South Florida's political clout in Tallahassee. In keeping with this goal, I have reached out to my colleagues in Broward and Palm Beach over the last few months. At a meeting on February 14, 2014, Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief and Palm Beach County Mayor Priscilla Taylor came to County Hall and agreed on an agenda for a Tallahassee trip that aligns our regional interests to maximize a legislative return for South Florida. I am pleased to announce that the attached draft Tri-County 2014 State Legislative Compact resulted from that meeting and will be signed in Tallahassee by the three County Mayors on Thursday morning. The three Mayors will then advocate for the issues in the Compact throughout the day Thursday with key members of the Senate and House. The compact was derived largely from the policies adopted by this Board on economic development, transportation, and natural resource conservation.

The compact signing will mark a significant milestone –for the first time in modern history, the three Mayors of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach will be speaking with a united voice before the Tri-County Delegation and the leadership of the Senate and House. I want to thank Chairwoman Sosa for agreeing to sponsor a resolution formally adopting this compact for placement on the next available Board agenda.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Alex Ferro, Director, External Affairs, at 305-375-1206 should you have any questions.

Attachment

c: Office of the Mayor Senior Staff
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Robert A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
Jess McCarty, Assistant County Attorney



**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA MAYORS' TRI-COUNTY
2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE COMPACT**

WHEREAS, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties, three Home Rule Charter counties (the "Compact Counties") which together constitute the Tri-County Area of Southeast Florida, share in common a strong quality of life deeply rooted in the area's vigorous economy, environmental resources of global significance, and rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Counties and their respective populations, totaling more than five and a half million residents, are similarly impacted by legislation enacted by the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Counties desire to support state legislation which fosters efficient mobility, economic development, and environmental protection and restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature, the Governor and executive branch agencies may offer positive initiatives for the tri-county area, and the Compact Counties wish to partner with the state to realize the enactment and reasonable implementation of such initiatives in a manner that enhances economic opportunity and the quality of life for all the tri-county area's residents; and

WHEREAS, at times, the Florida Legislature, the Governor and executive branch agencies may undertake initiatives detrimental to the area's residents or the counties' exercise of power to protect the health, safety and welfare of the area's residents, and the Compact Counties desire to work with the state to shape those initiatives consistent with the vision contemplated through this compact; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, February 14, 2014, the Mayors of the Compact Counties met to discuss common legislative initiatives, interests and issues; and

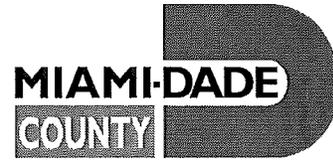
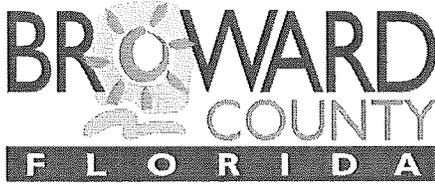
WHEREAS, the Compact Counties agree that by working together they are able to leverage greater advocacy for legislation which supports the counties' goal to tirelessly serve their residents; and

WHEREAS, a united vision for the tri-county area coupled with coordinated and collective action, will best serve the citizens of the region; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE THREE COUNTIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY AREA OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA (the "Compact Counties"), that each county shall work in close collaboration with the other counties who are parties to this Compact to:

SECTION 1: Regional Transportation. Support a regional vision for transportation, heighten traffic efficiency, improved public transit, smooth flow of traffic on roads and highways, that;

- 1) Supports revenue fair share through legislative and DOT action that keeps 100% of managed lane revenue collected in South Florida in the area for local transportation projects;



- 2) Supports passenger rail (e.g., All Aboard Florida along the Florida East Coast Railway corridor linking the Tri-County Area and Orlando); supports funding of quiet zones along the FEC corridor; and
- 3) Supports increased Funding for transit, including funding that would allow the development of a Beach Corridor Transit Connection in downtown Miami.

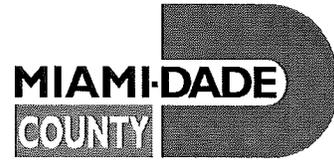
SECTION 2: Economic Development. Enhance the economic climate of South Florida through:

- 1) **Film and Television Incentives** - Support legislation and appropriations that provide for additional tax credits for film and television production and for the expansion of the Florida Film and Television Incentive Program over at least the next five years;
- 2) **Reauthorization of Enterprise Zones** – Support reauthorization of the Enterprise Zones Program in Florida to continue the incentive program that contributes to job creation in some of our most disadvantaged areas and that will currently sunset at the end of 2015; and
- 3) **Homelessness Resources** - Support the creation of enhanced funding sources to help provide services and rapid re-housing to the growing number of homeless children, families, and individuals.

SECTION 3: Natural Resources.

- 1) **Coastal Flooding** - Support initiatives that would prioritize funding for coastal flooding in South Florida, including initiatives by the Southeast Regional Climate Change Compact.
- 2) **Beach Renourishment** - Support appropriations for Beach Renourishment that are directed to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Beach Renourishment program; Water Projects - Support legislation and appropriations that enhances the development of alternative water supply sources and directs financial resources to qualified local water projects.
- 3) **Everglades Funding** - Support continued funding for the complete implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as fundamental to Everglades Restoration.

SECTION 4: Home Rule, Preemption, Unfunded Mandates and Cost Shifts. Oppose any bills that would adversely affect or preempt local Home Rule; Oppose additional unfunded mandates and cost shifts.



Adopted by each Board of County Commissioners and signed by the Mayor thereof on each date reflected below:

County

Date

Mayor's Signature

Broward County:

Barbara Sharief, Mayor

Miami-Dade County:

Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor

Palm Beach County:

Priscilla A. Taylor, Mayor