



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2018 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.



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS

R-879-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION, AND THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES, TO ALLOW GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO USE ENERGY GENERATED FROM ONE GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHER NON-CONTIGUOUS PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE SAME GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR TO REQUIRE THAT GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES RECEIVE THE MARKET RATE FOR ENERGY PRODUCED AT THEIR FACILITIES.

R-885-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI IN THE OPERATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE INFECTIOUS DISEASE ELIMINATION ACT NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PILOT PROGRAM.

R-886-17 RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD FURTHER LIMIT THE ABILITY OF COUNTIES AND CITIES IN FLORIDA TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS.

R-887-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

R-888-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF STATE FUNDS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND DEDICATED RESOURCES FOR IMPACTS TO PUBLIC

SAFETY AND HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH MEDICAL MARIJUANA, AND TO PROVIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH GREATER ABILITY TO REGULATE MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

R-892-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SB 72, SB 90 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MAKE TEXTING WHILE DRIVING A PRIMARY OFFENSE; PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION; AND EXPRESSING THE INTENT TO ADD MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF THE FL DNT TXT N DRV COALITION.

R-893-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOCATE TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TELEVISION, FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ANY STATE REVENUE GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRAM.

R-898-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI MILITARY MUSEUM EDUCATION CENTER.

R-900-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO INCREASE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

R-901-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO EXPAND THE SERVICES OFFERED AT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S FREDERICA WILSON AND JUANITA MANN HEALTH CENTER TO INCLUDE DENTAL AND PEDIATRIC SERVICES.

R-902-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO BAN TEXTING WHILE OPERATING A BICYCLE, SKATEBOARD, HOVERBOARD, SEGWAY, MOPED OR SIMILAR VEHICLE.

R-905-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT EQUAL PAY LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES IN PAY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.

R-777-17 RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT, AND THE FLORIDA

LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

R-708-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE DIVERSION FIRST MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM.

R-650-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE TO EXAMINE (I) THE CONFIGURATION OF THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE (HEFT) SOUTHBOUND OFF-RAMP AT SW 211TH STREET WITH RESPECT TO SAFETY CONCERNS RELATED TO VEHICLES USING THIS OFF-RAMP TO TRAVEL WESTBOUND ON SW 211TH STREET, AND (II) THE FEASIBILITY OF REDESIGNING THE CONFIGURATION OF THIS OFF-RAMP TO ADDRESS ANY SAFETY CONCERNS.

R-647-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO IMPLEMENT STRONGER PENALTIES FOR DUMPING LITTER.

R-72-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS OF PERMANENT, TEMPORARY, AND TRANSIENT RESIDENCE IN THE FLORIDA SEXUAL PREDATORS ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE OR AGGREGATE DAYS NECESSARY FOR BOTH SEXUAL PREDATORS AND OFFENDERS TO ESTABLISH A NEW RESIDENCE.

R-71-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING THAT VIOLATIONS OF THE STATE RESIDENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY A SEXUAL PREDATOR OR OFFENDER CLAIMING A TRANSIENT RESIDENCE SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, CARRY A SENTENCE OF COMMUNITY CONTROL WITH ELECTRONIC MONITORING.

R-65-17 RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT EITHER PROHIBITS THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED WEAPON OR FIREARM INTO A GOVERNMENT BUILDING OR ALLOWS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPOSE SUCH REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO BUILDINGS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT.



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DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

Aviation

- **Funding of Capital Projects: *SUPPORT*** full funding of Aviation capital projects included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Work Program.

Corrections

- **Lewd or Lascivious Behavior: *SUPPORT*** language that would revise Section 800.09, Florida Statutes, making lewd or lascivious exhibition by an inmate in the presence of a correctional employee in a County detention facility or jail a third degree felony offense.
- **Cellular Telephones as Contraband in a Detention Facility: *SUPPORT*** amendment of Section 944.47, Florida Statutes, regarding cellular telephones with modification of the language to address county and municipal facilities into FS 951.22 to ensure parity with state institutions in the ability to prosecute individuals bringing potentially dangerous items, like cellular telephones, in its facilities.
- **Limited Arrest Authority: *SUPPORT*** revisions to Section 901.15, Florida Statutes, giving limited arrest authority for correctional officers within jail detention facilities and perimeters only.
- **Eliminate Detention of Juveniles in Adult Detention Facilities: *SUPPORT*** revisions to Section 985.265, Florida Statutes, eliminating detention of juveniles in adult detention facility or jail.

- **Commitments and Classification; Transfers: *SUPPORT*** adding language to Section 944.17, Florida Statutes, Commitments and classification; transfers which would require judges consider other means of communication prior to issuing a transportation order to the local jurisdiction to transport a prisoner to court.

Cultural Affairs

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

Homeless Trust

- **Crisis Outplacement Beds: *SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of \$355,000 to continue the Crisis Outplacement Bed Program.
- **Gap Funding Project: *SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of \$250,000 to continue the Gap Funding Project.
- **Challenge Grant and Staffing Grant Programs: *SUPPORT*** funding Challenge Grant at \$5.2 million statewide and Staffing Grant programs at \$3 million.
- **Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund: *SUPPORT*** 100-percent of affordable housing trust fund monies for affordable housing, with an increasing focus on the housing needs of extremely low income, homeless and special needs households.

Internal Services

- **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.
- **Visitability Statute: *SUPPORT*** inclusion of a visitability provision in the Florida Building Code that requires minimum basic visitability provisions for single-family homes.
- **Florida Workers' Compensation: *SUPPORT*** a change to the 1996 Florida Uniform Permanent Impairment Rating Schedule as it relates to Florida Workers' Compensation Chapter 440 Section 112.18, Florida Statutes.

Library

- **State Aid to Public Libraries:** *SUPPORT* increased funding for the State Aid to Libraries Program in the amount of \$35 million.
- **Public Library Construction Grant Program:** *SUPPORT* full funding of all projects recommended by the State Library as eligible for Public Library Construction Grant funding.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue

- **Medicaid Emergency Ground Transportation:** *SUPPORT* \$30 million statewide for the continuation of the certified public expenditure program for medicaid emergency ground transportation.

Office of Management and Budget

- **Adjust Non-Ad Valorem Notice Requirement:** *SUPPORT* an adjustment under Chapter 197 Section 197.3632 (4)(b), Florida Statutes, allowing for the use of County website for all the detail information on rate changes rather than the paper of general circulation. Allowing the County to place the ad in the newspaper about the hearing and refer residents to the County's website for the details.

Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

- **Ludlam Trail Corridor Acquisition:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for land acquisition for the Ludlam Trail.
- **Zoo Miami:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2.4 million towards the expansion/renovation of the animal hospital and rehab facilities.
- **Camp Matecumbe/Pedro Pan Restoration of the Chapel:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$275,000 to match construction moneys from general obligation bond program.
- **A.D. Barnes / Disability Services Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for design and construction of a 3,000 square foot building, new entrance pavilion, re-roofing existing cabins and main bathroom renovations.
- **Biscayne-Everglades Greenway:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 for design and construction of the Biscayne Everglades.

Police

- **Post Incident Crime Scene Processing by Law Enforcement Using a Drone:** *SUPPORT* an amendment to Section 934.50, Florida Statutes, Searches and seizure using a drone, to add an additional exception.

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 FDOT's 5-year Plan.
- **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.
- **Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method:** *MONITOR* Florida Department of Environmental Protection's rulemaking process in regards to the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method and in regards to a potential change in policy for maintenance dredging permitting and no mitigation requirements.

Regulatory and Economic Resources

- **Beach Erosion Control:** *SUPPORT* consistent and dedicated annual funding for statewide beach erosion control.
- **South Dade Wetlands Preserve Land Acquisition:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$500,000 to acquire privately owned lands from willing sellers within the South Dade Wetlands Environmentally Endangered Lands Preserve in Miami-Dade County.
- **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 11,000 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.

- **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. This project is not part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan project planned for this area and would be implemented by Miami-Dade County. This canal is not part of the Central and South Florida Flood Control Project.
- **Agri-tourism Signage: *SUPPORT*** language that creates a statewide signage program for agri-tourism entities in order to increase the viability of local farmers.
- **16 County Ecosystem Summit: *SUPPORT*** 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.
- **Development of Regional Impact Review / Everglades Protection Area: *SUPPORT*** any bill that would reinstate Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review for applications located within two miles of the boundaries of the Everglades Protection Area and allow an applicant to voluntarily submit to DRI review.
- **Enterprise Zone Program: *SUPPORT*** reinstatement of the Enterprise Zone Program.
- **Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact: *SUPPORT*** the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact's state legislative program, as well as standing positions on federal policy and appropriations funding issues.
- **Local Government Flood Risk Reduction Projects: *SUPPORT*** legislation and funding for a matching fund program for local government flood risk reduction projects resulting from Adaptation Action Area designations or the risk reduction policies and actions included in the coastal elements of comprehensive plans pursuant to Chapter 2015-69, and legislation to add flood mitigation to the list of eligible uses of Florida Communities Trust funding.
- **Land Acquisition Trust Fund: *SUPPORT*** Land Acquisition Trust Fund funding for regional priorities, including living shorelines, beaches, coastal and coral reef protection, preservation of native habitat areas, and maintenance of existing conservation lands.

- **Beach Renourishment Projects Funding Criteria:** *SUPPORT* legislation altering the funding criteria for beach renourishment projects to include shoreline protection measures beyond placement of sand, including dune projects.
- **Sea Level Rise:** *SUPPORT* legislation requiring assessment and evaluation of state agency efforts to address sea level rise and other weather impacts.
- **Florida Energy Code:** *ADVOCATE* for the preservation and enforcement of the existing Florida Energy Code by continually updating the code at a minimum every 3 years, as authorized in State Statutes, by making it stronger each cycle in terms of energy efficiency and energy code compliance.
- **International Green Construction Code:** *ADVOCATE* for the adoption of the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) as part of the statewide Florida Building Code (Base Code).
- **Home Energy Rating System:** *ADVOCATE* that the Florida Energy Code adopt the national Home Energy Rating System (HERS) and require a HERS Index less than 88 for Florida Energy Code compliance.
- **Collection of 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.
- **Power Purchase Agreements:** *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 (PPAs) and oppose any changes that would weaken existing net metering policies.
- **Supermajority Vote for Comprehensive Plan Amendments:** *OPPOSE* any bill or joint resolution filed for consideration by the Florida Legislature that would preempt or prevent local governments from requiring a supermajority vote for comprehensive plan amendments.
- **Local Impact Fee Regulations:** *OPPOSE* any bill or joint resolution filed for consideration by the Florida Legislature that would have the effect of repealing or preempting local impact fee regulations.
- **Agricultural Land for Urban Uses:** *OPPOSE* any bill or joint resolution filed for consideration by the Florida Legislature that would promote the conversion of viable

agricultural land for urban uses and/or restrict local government review of such applications.

- **Florida Building Commission to Incorporate into the Florida Building Code Post-Hurricane Emergency: *AMEND*** permitting procedures that may be employed by local jurisdictions during a Governor declared State of Emergency.
- **Florida State Statute Regarding Hoisting Equipment: *AMEND*** including power-operated cranes, to allow the local regulation for hurricane preparedness of this equipment.

Solid Waste Management

- **Waste to Energy: *SUPPORT*** Waste to Energy-Generated Electricity by mandating that the Public Service Commission adopt rules requiring that investor-owned utilities purchase a minimum amount of WTE-Generated Electricity as a public policy to reduce the state's fossil fuel consumption.
- **Illegal Dumping: *SUPPORT*** an amendment to the Florida Litter Law to expand the definition of “Law Enforcement Officer” and increase penalties for illegal dumping commensurate with the serious societal, environmental and economic impacts resulting from this unauthorized activity.
- **Renewable Energy: *SUPPORT*** the continued 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*** Sections 403.7032 and 366.91, Florida Statutes, which pertain to municipal solid waste utilized for the production of renewable energy counting toward Florida’s long term recycling goal.
- **Litter Control and Prevention and Electronics Recycling: *SUPPORT*** legislation that would require equitable allocation of solid waste grants for programs such as litter control and prevention and electronics recycling that are funded through the waste tire fee, utilizing a population based methodology.
- **Mosquito Control Surveillance Program: *SUPPORT*** funding for a mosquito control surveillance program that would be utilized to quickly screen for mosquito borne viruses and address immediate health concerns.

- **New Mosquito Control Facility:** *SUPPORT* funding for a new facility to replace the outdated and undersized Miami-Dade County Mosquito Control Facility.
- **Mosquito-Borne Illness Community Outreach:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$1.5 million for Mosquito-Borne Illness Community Outreach Campaign to inform and engage the public in mosquito control efforts, such as combating the Zika virus. \$218,000 was allocated from the Miami-Dade County General Fund for the Mosquito Control Program. The total cost of the project is \$1.7 million.

Transportation and Public Works

- **Transportation and Infrastructure Projects Funding:** *SUPPORT* additional state funding for transportation and infrastructure projects; *SUPPORT* legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for transportation and infrastructure projects.
- **Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan:** *SUPPORT* Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funding of existing programs and maintain funding levels. The SMART plan cost is estimated at \$3.6 billion.
- **Underline:** *SUPPORT* State funding of the Underline which will connect neighborhoods by transforming a ten-mile stretch beneath the Metrorail system into a linear park. The total cost is \$120 million.
- **Transportation Disadvantaged:** *SUPPORT* legislative changes to use the same formula for Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds that is currently used for the Public Transit Block Grant Funds Allocation Requirements in Chapter 341, Florida Statutes.
- **Express Bus Service on Turnpike from Express Lane Revenues:** *SUPPORT* funding for a transit component on Turnpike Express Lanes.
- **Define Transit Projects as Eligible for Strategic Intermodal System Funding through FDOT:** *SUPPORT* making Transit Projects eligible for Strategic Intermodal System funding to increase funding opportunities for the SMART Plan.
- **Miami-Dade County C-100 Canal Outfalls Retrofit Drainage Improvement Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$326,250 for thirteen existing outfall pipes discharging into the C-100 canal which are severely deteriorated and in need of repair. The total cost of the project is \$435,000.

- **Miami-Dade County Various Pump Station Storm Hardening Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$52,200 to construct structures to harden and protect pump station equipment exposed to damage at vulnerable stations. The structures at these stations will provide protection and allow personnel to safely operate and maintain the stations during and storm event. The total cost of the project is \$69,600.

Water and Sewer

- **Incentives for Provision and Use of Reclaimed Water:** *SUPPORT* legislation that provides regulatory and financial incentives to utilities to provide and utilize reclaimed water through aquifer storage and other means to enhance local water supply where, based on local conditions, it is economically and technically feasible to do so.
- **Extension of Water Service:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2.5 million for the extension of water service for residents with contaminated wells. The total cost to extend service to all unserved residential development within the service area is \$240 million.
- **Extending Sewer Service to Unserved Properties:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2.5 million to extend sewer service to properties now served by septic tanks. The total cost of the project exceeds \$2.6 billion.
- **Ocean Outfall Treatment System Mandate:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2 million for land acquisition for a new wastewater treatment plant. The total land acquisition cost will total \$15 million. A new wastewater treatment plant is part of the plan to comply with the state ocean outfall requirements. This plant is expected to cost over \$2 billion.
- **Ocean Outfall Nutrient Reduction Mandate:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for the construction of two disposal wells and a pump station. This will divert nutrient-rich process water from the central district wastewater treatment plant to industrial injection wells instead of circulating back through the plant for disposal through the ocean outfall. In addition, ground water contaminated with ammonia from the City of Miami's Virginia key landfill will also be disposed in these injection wells, thereby reducing potential contamination to Biscayne Bay, a state aquatic preserve. The total cost of the project is \$42 million.