



OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2021 State Legislative Critical Priorities

1. **Home Rule and Preemption:** Support preservation of local home rule; oppose any effort to preempt local authority.
2. **Septic to Sewer Conversions:** Resolution No. R-881-20 urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to provide funding to assist local communities with eliminating septic systems and converting to sewer system connections.
3. **Managed Toll Lanes:** Resolution No. R-1270-19 opposing managed toll lanes, also known as express lanes, on State Road 826/Palmetto Expressway and urging the Florida Department of Transportation to eliminate the managed toll lanes and to restore State Road 826 to a toll-free expressway.
4. **Biscayne Bay:** Resolution No. R-884-20 urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to provide additional funding for Biscayne Bay.
5. **Septic to Sewer PACE program:** Resolution No. R-1093-20 urging the Florida Legislature to expand the qualifying improvements that may be financed through Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs to include conversion from septic tanks to sewer systems and other sewage treatment improvements.
6. **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.
7. **Protect Previous State Funding:** Support efforts to secure the same level of state funding for County programs as last year.
8. **Rename Dixie Highway as Harriet Tubman Highway:** Resolution No. R-168-20 urging the Florida Legislature to rename that portion of West Dixie Highway/State Road 909 from Northeast 119th Street to Northeast 163rd Street as "Harriet Tubman Highway"; and that portion of South Dixie Highway/U.S. Route 1/State Road 5 from the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line to State Road 9A/I-95 Northbound as "Harriet Tubman Highway".

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9. **COVID-19 Statewide Pandemic Preparedness Plan:** Resolution No. R-316-20 urging the Florida Legislature and Governor Ron DeSantis to (1) establish a statewide pandemic preparedness plan to coordinate actions to combat the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and any future potential pandemics, and (2) make such plan all-encompassing to include all regions in the state, as well as counties, cities and state-licensed hospitals and other health care facilities.
10. **COVID-19 Demographic Information in Publicly Released Data:** Resolution No. R-444-20 urging the United States Congress and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to include race, ethnicity, and other demographic information in publicly released data pertaining to individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and urging the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Health to provide such demographic information in publicly released data at the state level.
11. **COVID-19 Public Health Trust Emergency Relief Funding:** Resolution No. R-755-20 supporting additional Federal and State emergency funding relief for the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, Florida, during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to enact legislation or take any necessary action to identify such additional emergency funding relief.
12. **Septic to Sewer:** Support funding to address failing septic systems and convert compromised septic systems to centralized sewer infrastructure in order to protect public health and water quality.
13. **Transportation Infrastructure Project Funding:** Support legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for transportation infrastructure projects; ensure that increased level of funding is allocated to public transportation projects. The County has approximately \$4.7 billion in unfunded capital projects.