



OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2022 State Legislative Critical Priorities

1. **Workforce Housing Loan Program:** Resolution No. R-827-21 urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that (1) amends the definition of “workforce housing” set forth in section 420.5095, Florida Statutes, to allow housing projects located throughout the state of Florida that target households with incomes up to 120 percent of area median income (AMI) to participate in the community workforce housing loan program, or alternatively, (2) amends such definition to allow housing projects that target households whose incomes do not exceed 120 percent of AMI, and that are located in counties with large proportions of their population being cost burdened, to participate in the program, subject to approval of such counties, governing bodies in their sole discretion (Garcia)
2. **Biscayne Bay Restoration Priority:** Reduce use of Septic Systems: ADVOCATE for sustained funds to address failing septic systems and convert septic systems to centralized sewer infrastructure in order to protect public health and water quality, including sewer line extensions and financial assistance to property owners required to retrofit to sewers
3. **Senior Housing Repair Program (SHARP):** SUPPORT funding in the amount of \$2 million for the SHARP, which includes home repairs and rehabilitation services provided to elderly homeowners including electrical upgrades, HVAC upgrades, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, bathroom and kitchen upgrades, improved accessibility, roof repairs or replacement, and flooring upgrade

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4. **Expanded Property Tax Exemption:** Resolution No. R-216-21 urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation providing expanded property tax exemption for widows, widowers, blind persons, and persons totally and permanently disabled (Garcia)
5. **Public Records Exemption Relating to Murder Investigations:** Resolution No. R-826-21 urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to expand public records exemptions relating to murder investigations in order to protect the identity and statements of witnesses and key details of the crime for a certain period of time (Diaz)
6. **South Dade Trail:** Resolution No. R-966-21 urging the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the construction of improvements to the South Dade Trail (Cohen Higgins)
7. **Shore Power Resilient Port Project:** SUPPORT matching funding in the amount \$15 million for the PortMiami Shore Power Program. The collaboration between the Cruising industry, PortMiami, FPL, and the State will be a national leader in clean air and climate resiliency. The electrification of Port infrastructure provides significant operational efficiencies for Port businesses. The total cost of the first phase of the project extending Shore Power infrastructure to 5 Cruise Terminals is \$55 million
8. **Ludlam Trail Corridor:** SUPPORT funding in the amount of \$5 million for construction of the Ludlam Trail

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9. **The Underline Trail:** SUPPORT state funding of the Underline which will connect neighborhoods by transforming a ten-mile stretch beneath the Metrorail system into a linear park
10. **Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan:** SUPPORT Florida Department of Transportation funding of existing programs and maintain funding levels
11. **Expand the Local Option Food and Beverage Tax:** Resolution No. R-1198-21 urging the Florida Legislature to expand the food and beverage tax to include food and beverage sales in Bal Harbour, Miami Beach, and Surfside (Sosa)