

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(34)


TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving 2022 state legislative guiding principles, resolutions urging the Florida Legislature adopted by the Board, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Property Appraiser

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-5-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE
GUIDING PRINCIPLES, RESOLUTIONS URGING THE
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD,
DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS, AND
PRIORITIES OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER

WHEREAS, the 2022 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on January 11, 2022;
and

WHEREAS, committee meetings leading up to the 2022 session began the week of
September 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which
directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state
legislative agendas, respectively, to the Board, to include all “urging” resolutions and other
resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to
date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13,
which directs that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two
separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the
Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board “urging”
resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 also provides that, upon the priorities being
approved and effective, and after incorporating any amendments made by the Board, the Chair of
the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the
respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2022 state legislative guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted through and including the September 1, 2021 Board meeting, departmental items, and priorities of the Property Appraiser are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Approves for the 2022 session the state legislative guiding principles, resolutions urging the Florida Legislature adopted by the Board through and including the September 1, 2021 Board meeting, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Property Appraiser, as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the issues set forth in section 1 above for the 2022 session.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman | |
| Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman | |
| Sen. René García | Keon Hardemon |
| Sally A. Heyman | Danielle Cohen Higgins |
| Eileen Higgins | Joe A. Martinez |
| Kionne L. McGhee | Jean Monestime |
| Raquel A. Regalado | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of October, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2022 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. *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 the previous year.
- **Promote Partnerships:** *SUPPORT* partnerships with the state, other counties, municipalities, statewide associations, and any other entity that would help create favorable outcomes for the County.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTIONS

R-216-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING EXPANDED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, BLIND PERSONS, AND PERSONS TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED.

R-371-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SB 1944, HB 1567, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD FACILITATE THE EFFECTIVE REMOVAL OF REDUNDANT UTILITY AND COMMUNICATIONS POLES.

R-373-21: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL (SB) 806 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT EXEMPTS THE SALE OF DIAPERS AND INCONTINENCE PRODUCTS FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN THE TAX PACKAGE.

R-377-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION DECREASING THE SOUND LEVEL LIMIT FOR OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES AND INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SUCH SOUND LEVEL LIMITS; URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ESTABLISH MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH SOUND LEVEL LIMITS.

R-516-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WILL OF THE VOTERS TO DECIDE WHETHER AND HOW TO ALLOW GAMING AND GAMBLING IN FLORIDA AND TO PRESERVE THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REGULATE GAMING OR GAMBLING WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.

R-605-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CODESIGNATE THE PLAZA AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTHWEST 23RD AVENUE AND SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET AS “ARTURO DIAZ ARTILES PLAZA,” AND APPROVING SUCH STATE CODESIGNATION.

R-675-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING LOCAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ENFORCE STATE STATUTES RELATING TO AT-RISK AND DERELICT VESSELS.

R-826-21: RESOLUTION 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.

R-827-21: RESOLUTION 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.

R-828-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION EXEMPTING CERTAIN LOCAL ADVISORY BOARDS FROM ANY STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT A QUORUM BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AND AUTHORIZING LOCAL ADVISORY BOARDS TO ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CONDUCT MEETINGS BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY.

R-829-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION.

R-830-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES TO REOPEN ITS FACILITIES AND MAINTAIN DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES IN COUNTIES THAT HAVE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTORS.

R-831-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE CREATION OF A STATE-MAINTAINED ONLINE SEARCHABLE DATABASE OF ALL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS REGISTERED IN THE STATE; OR ALTERNATIVELY, URGING THE DIVISION OF FLORIDA CONDOMINIUMS, TIMESHARES AND MOBILE HOMES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN SUCH A DATABASE.

R-832-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO CANCEL OR CEASE DEVELOPMENT OF FDOT'S FINANCIAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (FPID) NO. 439545-2, WHICH IS A PROPOSED PROJECT TO WIDEN THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE FROM CAMPBELL DRIVE TO SOUTH OF PALM DRIVE ON U.S. 1 AND TO CONSTRUCT A 20-FOOT ELEVATED FLY-OVER ABOVE THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 1 AND PALM DRIVE.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS BY POLICY AREA

Policy Area: Operations

Miami-Dade Aviation Department

- **Funding of Capital Projects:** ***SUPPORT*** full funding of Aviation capital projects included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Five Year Work Program. ***OPPOSE*** any efforts to reduce or redirect funds in the Work Program.
- **Reduction or Suspension of Existing Aviation Fuel Taxes:** ***OPPOSE*** efforts to waive, reduce or suspend existing aviation fuel taxes on a local or statewide basis.
- **Reduction or Elimination of Tax on Aircraft Sales and Leases:** ***SUPPORT*** efforts to reduce or eliminate state's sales tax on the sale or lease of all aircrafts in Florida.
- **FDEP investigations of Per-and Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS):** ***MONITOR*** on-going FDEP investigations that could federal, state and local facilities. ***SUPPORT*** legislation that provides exemptions to liability from the costs associated with any investigation or clean-up an any third-party claims as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires airports to use these substances for aircraft firefighting purposes.

PortMiami

- **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.
- **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 that PortMiami infrastructure projects are included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Five Year Work Program.
- **Perishable Initiative:** *SUPPORT* efforts to increase perishable shipments to PortMiami by working with State Department of Agriculture and port stakeholders to develop new protocols for their importation.

Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

- **Ludlam Trail Corridor:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for construction of the Ludlam Trail.
- **Zoo Miami:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$500,000 towards the expansion/renovation of the animal hospital and rehabilitation facilities to provide medical care to endangered wildlife during disasters such as hurricanes.
- **Biscayne-Everglades Greenway:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million to secure funding on Biscayne Trail Segment D Phase 1 and 2 between SW 328 St. and SW 137 Ave. in design, construction, construction engineering and inspection (CEI) phases.

Regulatory and Economic Resources

(RER Priorities)

- **Beach Erosion Control:** *SUPPORT* consistent and dedicated annual funding for statewide beach erosion control. (DERM)
- **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.

- **Biscayne Bay restoration priority: Model Lands North Canal Everglades Wetlands Restoration Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$300,000 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. (DERM)
- **Biscayne Bay restoration priority: C-103 Canal Biscayne Bay Watershed Land Acquisition Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for the acquisition of wetlands and abandoned agricultural fields necessary for the restoration of Biscayne Bay's watershed and improvement of water quality within the C-103 Mowry and Military canal basins and the adjacent waters of Biscayne Bay.
- **Biscayne Bay restoration priority: Biscayne Shores 1 and 2 Stormwater Pump Stations Retrofit & Improvements:** *SUPPORT* matching funding in the amount of \$2 million for the construction of flood prevention improvements designed to protect Biscayne Bay from pollution. Upgrades will provide operational resilience through independent functionality (currently both stations are tethered to each other). These pump stations are located at NE 109 Street and NE 110 Street on Bayshore Drive, respectively.
- **Biscayne Bay restoration priority: Biscayne Shores 3 Stormwater Pump Station Retrofit & Improvements:** *SUPPORT* matching funding in the amount of \$1.3 million for the construction of flood prevention improvements designed to protect Biscayne Bay from pollution.. This pump station is located at NE 116 Street and NE 14 Avenue.
- **Lake Belmar New Stormwater Pump Station System:** *SUPPORT* matching funding in the amount of \$3.2 million for flood prevention through construction of a new stormwater pump station and drainage infrastructure discharging through the pump station, serving the area located from NE 91 Street to NE 97 Street, from Biscayne Blvd to NE Bayshore Drive.
- **Laurel Wilt:** *SUPPORT* matching funding in the amount \$150,000 for the mitigation and eradication, prevention, and treatment of Laurel Wilt Disease to protect Florida avocado industry.
- **Entertainment Production High Wage Job Creation Inducement Fund:** *SUPPORT* matching funding for an Entertainment Production High Wage Job Creation Inducement Fund to increase Entertainment Production in Miami-Dade County and create more high wage jobs.

(Additional Requests)

- **Building Recertifications:** *SUPPORT* increasing requirements for building recertifications and condominium requirements in F.S. 553.
- **Body Worn Camera Confidentiality:** *ADVOCATE* for the expansion of body worn confidentiality to Code Enforcement. Modify, through legislative action, F.S.119.071(2)(I) to include code enforcement officer and code enforcement agency to afford the respective body worn camera footage the same confidentiality and exemption from the public record, under certain conditions, as currently afforded to law enforcement officers/agencies.
- **Digital Submittals and E-Signatures:** *SUPPORT* language that allows for digital final plats and e-signature on final plats.
- **Structural Elevations:** *ADVOCATE* for funds to assist property owners elevate existing structures in areas vulnerable to chronic flooding in order to improve safety and reduce health risks and property damage from flood events.
- **Aggregated Whole-Building Data:** *ADVOCATE* for the Florida Public Service Commission to require all utilities to collect aggregated whole-building data from large buildings and provide this data to building owners, building managers and local government.
- **Net Metering:** *ADVOCATE* to maintain existing Net Metering policies for the development of mandatory standards establishing net metering practices for renewable energy generation. *OPPOSE* any actions policies weakening existing policies or practices.
- **Commercial Buildings Energy Tax Deduction:** *SUPPORT* the restoration of the benefit-sharing provisions under the Commercial Building Energy Tax Deduction 179d.
- **Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact:** *SUPPORT* the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact's 2022 state climate, energy and resilience legislative priorities and principles, as approved by the Compact Leadership Committee.
- **Viability of Local Agricultural Industry:** *SUPPORT* Funding, programs, legislation and assistance to increase the viability of our local agricultural industry and mitigate any effects of invasive pests, disease, freezes, flooding, windstorm and other potential damages to our said industry should the need arise.

- **State Entertainment Production Job Creation program:** *SUPPORT* any bill to create a new State Entertainment Production Job Creation program for the film and entertainment industry.
- **Enterprise Zone Program:** *SUPPORT* reinstatement of the Enterprise Zone Program or similar program.
- **Planning Objectives:** *OPPOSE* any bill filed that would preempt or prevent local governments from accomplishing planning objectives protected under local home rule authority.
- **Pre-existing Zoning Approvals:** *OPPOSE* language that would require Miami-Dade County or municipalities within to recognize pre-existing zoning approvals in the local government's comprehensive plan.
- **Comprehensive Plan Amendments:** *OPPOSE* any language that would preempt local governments from requiring a supermajority vote to amend comprehensive plans.
- **Impact Fees:** *OPPOSE* language that would repeal or preempt local impact fee regulations.
- **Agricultural Land Uses:** *OPPOSE* language promoting the conversion of agricultural land for urban uses or restricting local government review of such applications.
- **Local Licensing:** *SUPPORT* reinstatement of local licensure for construction trades including painting, flooring, cabinetry, interior remodeling, driveway or tennis court installation, hurricane shutter installation, handyman services, decorative stone, tile, marble, granite, or terrazzo installation, plastering, stuccoing, caulking, and canvas awning and ornamental iron installation preempted last year and *OPPOSE* any dilution of local oversight of home improvement and repair industry.
- **State Contractors:** *MONITOR* any legislative changes that may affect how Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) can regulate State Contractors with respect to willful violations of the code, i.e., failure to get mandatory inspection – expired permits.

Department of Solid Waste Management

- **Waste-to-Energy:** *SUPPORT* language pertaining to renewable energy by expanding the definition of “customer-owned renewable generation” to allow government owned waste-to-energy facilities utilizing municipal solid waste as fuel to transmit the energy generated from the waste-to-energy facility to a site that is not adjacent to the facility.

- **Recycling Goal Credits:** *MONITOR* language relating to 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.
- **Florida Litter Law:** *SUPPORT* legislation that amends the Florida Litter law to allow the clerk of the courts to add the name of a violator for failure to pay civil penalties to the Tax Collector under section 320.03, Florida Statutes.
- **Shopping Cart Removal Fee:** *SUPPORT* language re-imposing an administrative fee to cover the cost of collection and storage of shopping carts removed from the public right-of-way.
- **Compensation of Private Waste Companies:** *SUPPORT* language that repeals the requirement of local governments to compensate private companies for “displacement.”
- **Volkswagen Grant Program:** *SUPPORT* language amending the Volkswagen grant program to include the purchase of public sector electric heavy vehicles, such as waste collection and transfer trucks, as eligible expenditures.
- **Equitable Allocation of Grants:** *SUPPORT* language that would require equitable allocation of solid waste grants, utilizing population-based methodology, for programs such as litter control and prevention and electronics recycling that are funded through the waste tire fee.
- **Mattress Recycling Program:** *SUPPORT* legislation to implement a statewide mandatory disposal fee to be charged at the time of mattress purchases to fund a mattress recycling program.
- **Heavy Fleet Purchase of a Fully Electric Automated Side Loading Garbage Truck and Charging Station:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount \$590,000 for a fully electric garbage truck to test the capabilities of the technology which include zero emissions, reduced noise, and the elimination of fuel leaks during transport.
- **Landfill Gradient System:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$300,000 for a Landfill Gradient System that will enable optimal compaction of the waste disposed at landfills. This allocation will allow for the purchase of two devices – one for the South Dade Landfill and another for the North Dade Landfill at a cost of \$150,000 each.

Department of Transportation and Public Works

- **Transportation Infrastructure Project Funding:** *SUPPORT* legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for transportation infrastructure projects. DTPW wants to ensure that increased level of funding be allocated to public transportation projects. The County has approximately \$6.3 billion in unfunded capital projects.
- **Tamiami Trail Flyover Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$17.5 million for a new flyover bridge to provide access to the SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, which connects the two fast-growing west and southwest areas in Miami-Dade County to the airport and Downtown Miami. The total cost of the project is approximately \$35 million.
- **Venetian Causeway Bridge Replacements:** *SUPPORT* matching funding in the amount of \$19.5 million for the replacement of functionally obsolete bridges, provide wider/protected bike lanes and wider sidewalks for better utilization and increased safety for users of the Causeway. The total cost of the project is \$122.5 million.
- **New South Dade Bus Maintenance Facility:** *SUPPORT* matching funding in the amount of \$28 million for Bus Service operating in South Dade. Routes serving this region are almost 20 miles from the nearest current Bus Maintenance Facility, requiring significant wear and tear on equipment as well as increased fuel and personnel expenses. The total cost of the project is \$56 million.
- **Relocate and upgrade Downtown Intermodal Terminal:** *SUPPORT* matching funding in the amount of \$17.5 million for relocation and consolidation of bus service in the downtown area. As part of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, this project will provide a centralized bus terminal integrated with Metrorail, Metro mover, Tri-Rail, and Brightline services. The total cost of the project is \$35 million.
- **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.

Water and Sewer Department

- **Energy Optimization at Wastewater Facilities:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$1 million to upgrade and expand electrical metering and data analytics at wastewater facilities. The total cost of the project is \$1.5 million.

- **Hurricane Safe Harbors for Water Plant Operators:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2.25 million for the design and construction of safe harbor facilities for water plant operators during extreme weather events. The total cost of the project is \$4.5 million.
- **Water Facility Security Improvements:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount \$2.2 million for security upgrades at water facilities including water treatment plants, wellfields, and pumping stations. The total cost of this project is \$4.4 million.

Policy Area: Community Services

Animal Services Department

- **Pet Adoption Records:** *SUPPORT* legislation to exempt animal adopter information from public record.
- **Animal Rescue Organizations:** *SUPPORT* legislation mandating animal rescue organizations sterilize dogs and cats prior to rehoming.
- **Animal Care Professional Public Records Exemption:** *SUPPORT* legislation exempting public animal care services employee information through a public records request.

Community Action and Human Services Department

- **Increase Access to Opioid Treatment:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$1.24 million to serve Opioid Disorder Use clients. This allocation will provide for 14 beds and expand outpatient treatment for Opioid Use Disorder clients, reducing waitlists and delayed entry into the Drug Court Diversion and Treatment Program. This funding will also include three new counselors, treatment for an additional 120 clients, and provide 8,000 more screenings per year. The total cost is \$1.24 million.
- **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 upgrades.
- **Head Start and Early Head Start Match Funding:** *SUPPORT* funding of \$950k to Head Start and Early Head Start Match Funding.

- **Senior Congregate Meals: *SUPPORT*** matching funding in the amount of \$2 million providing for nutritional sound meals to eligible seniors who are assessed as being in danger of malnutrition. The goal of the project is to reduce or delay the need for more expensive nursing home placement and to allow seniors a dignified opportunity to continue the aging process with stability and consistency. The total cost is \$2.5 million, which includes 10 percent required match for Older Americans Funding.
- **In-Home Care and Support Services Waitlist: *SUPPORT*** matching funding in the amount of \$2 million to provide in-home support services to elderly and young adults with disabilities who need assistance with daily living. The goal of the project is to reduce or delay the need for more expensive nursing home and/or assisted living placement, allowing both seniors and young adults with disabilities to continue to thrive. The total cost is \$2.25 million, which includes 10 percent required match for Older Americans Act Funding.
- **Community Services Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 2019: *SUPPORT*** language to amend the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and modernize the Act. ***SUPPORT:*** language from the state recommending that members of Congress, especially those who serve on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, maintain funding for the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program at or above the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 level of \$745 million through the annual appropriations process

Cultural Affairs Department

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

Homeless Trust

- **Housing First Mental Health Program: *SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of \$562,000. This provides Rapid Rehousing (RRH), a short- to medium-term rental assistance program which offers supportive services to permanently house severely mentally ill homeless persons with a history of arrest and frequent police interactions.
- **Funding for Challenge Grant and Continued Appropriations for Continuum of Care Lead Agency Staffing Grants: *SUPPORT*** statewide funding in the amount of \$3.2 million in Challenge Grants and \$3 million in Staffing Grants.

- **Revise the Florida Mental Health Act:** *SUPPORT* language that revises chapter 394, Florida Statutes, regarding Mental and Substance Abuse known as the Florida Mental Health Act.

Public Housing and Community Development

- **Allow Counties to Establish Income Rent Limits for Housing Programs:** *SUPPORT* legislation that allows counties to set income and rent limits for affordable and workforce housing programs not less than those set by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
- **Greater Public Housing Authority Discretion for Affordable Housing Surtax Program Allocation Percentages:** *SUPPORT* legislation that gives discretion to change the percentages of funds used for rental and homeownership assistance.

Library Department

- **State Aid to Public Libraries:** *SUPPORT* increased funding for the State Aid to Libraries Program to an overall total of \$21.2 million.
- **Public Library Construction Grant Program:** *SUPPORT* full funding of all projects eligible for the Public Library Construction Grant Program in the amount of \$10.2 million.

Policy Area: Public Safety

Miami-Dade Police Department

- **Release of Information by Florida Department of Law Enforcement to Local Law Enforcement Relating to the Lawfulness of a Firearm Sale or Transfer: *SUPPORT*** authorizing the release of information to local law enforcement regarding a person's mental "defectiveness" with regard to the ability to possess and purchase firearms.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department

- **Medicaid Supplemental Payments: *SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of \$136 million for the continuation of the supplemental payment program for Medicaid Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT).

Miami-Dade Corrections Department

- **Cashless bonds: *SUPPORT*** cash bail alternatives supporting the legislature's intent of creating a presumption in favor of release except in the case of violent offenders by authorizing each judicial circuit to enter an administrative order to impose nonmonetary bond conditions for all non "dangerous crime" as defined by Chapter 907 and offenses for which the State Attorney is not seeking a term of incarceration. Additionally, require the use of a risk assessment tool for use in pretrial determinations in lieu of cash bail.

Policy Area: Finance

Human Resources Department

- **Direct Deposit for Employees: *SUPPORT*** legislation to allow the County to mandate direct deposit of payroll and other employee reimbursements via the Automated Clearing House (ACH).

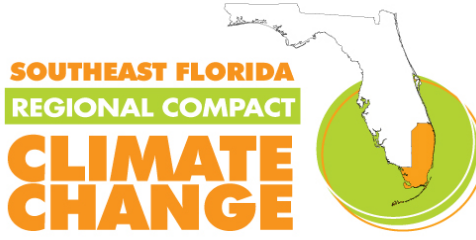


INITIAL REGULAR SESSION 2022 ISSUES

1. Support continuance of seaport priority funds in Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget. To include, \$25 million FSTED Program Funds; \$35 million Strategic Port Investment Initiative Program; and other FDOT seaport funding issues.
2. Support full use (no sweeps) of FDOT State Transportation Trust Fund.
3. Monitor and oppose any legislation filed in Regular Session 2022 that would preempt local seaport authority/planning.
4. Monitor and educate on any legislation filed that would prohibit the purchase of limited source equipment that is readily available to our seaport competitors in the U.S. or Caribbean.

Follow the Florida Ports Council to get the latest news on seaport issues:





**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT COUNTIES
2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Approved by the Compact Leadership Committee – August 11, 2021

Concerning state legislation, regulations, and policies, the Compact Counties and other organizations adopting this document:

SUPPORT refinements to Section 380.093, Florida Statutes (Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan) and related laws to clarify provisions, make provisions more flexible, and improve implementation.

SUPPORT legislation requiring state agencies to incorporate climate resilience in all aspects of capital planning and operations.

SUPPORT legislation to allow regional resilience entities like the Compact to conduct public meetings and workshops by means of communications media technology.

SUPPORT legislation requiring utilities to provide whole-building consumption and billing data to building owners.

SUPPORT policies expanding renewable energy and energy conservation opportunities in Florida and OPPOSE any changes that would eliminate or weaken existing policies.

SUPPORT higher energy, water, and resilience standards for new and existing buildings (including but not limited to energy conservation, renewable energy, drainage, flood elevation, wetproofing, and seawall requirements) to prepare for and lessen the impacts of future climate conditions through legislation, Florida Building Code amendments, and enhanced powers for local governments to enact local building code amendments.

SUPPORT repeal of Section 215.179, Florida Statutes, to restore local governments’ ability to benefit financially from the federal Section 179D tax deduction for installation of certain energy efficiency features in government-owned buildings.



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**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT COUNTIES
2022 STATE CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND RESILIENCE LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

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Background

Southeast Florida is one of the most vulnerable areas in the country to climate change and sea level rise. Recognizing their shared challenges, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties (“Compact Counties”) adopted the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (“Compact”) in 2010. The Compact includes a commitment to develop and advocate for joint state and federal legislative policies. Accordingly, the Compact counties have adopted a State Legislative Program each year since 2011.

The Compact Counties and other organizations adopting this document recognize that the local impacts of global climate change are among the greatest challenges facing southeast Florida in the present and future. Consequently, adapting to climate impacts, mitigating additional damage by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and building community and economic resilience are among the highest priorities for action at all levels of government.

Since 2017, the Compact Counties issue their legislative program in two documents: *Legislative Principles* (this document) and *Legislative Priorities* (published separately).

Concerning state legislation, regulations, and policies, the Compact Counties and other organizations adopting this document:

General Policies

OPPOSE preemption of local environmental policies and regulations pertaining to energy, climate, or resilience issues and any infringement on local home rule authority to plan for and adapt to future climate conditions.

SUPPORT development of a statewide climate action plan which includes greenhouse gas emissions reduction, adaptation, and resilience measures.

SUPPORT greater incorporation of adaptation and resilience strategies throughout state government activities, including:

Requirements for state agencies, water management districts, local governments, and regulated industries (e.g. electric utilities) to account for projected sea-level rise, coastal and inland flooding, potential storm surge, extreme rainfall, and extreme heat in all infrastructure and facility-siting decisions.

Closer coordination among state agencies to share data and implement solutions on climate and extreme weather preparedness, resilience, and adaptation issues.

State funding and assistance for local governments’ adaptation activities, sufficient to meet the

state's significant resilience challenges, including: data development and technical analyses (such as vulnerability and risk assessments); integration of goals, objectives, and policies in Comprehensive Plans and the establishment and use of Adaptation Action Areas; design standards for infrastructure and development in local codes; and project implementation.

Climate, energy, and resilience investments in low-income and front-line communities that strengthen individual and community resilience.

Action to address climate-related public health challenges, including extreme heat.

Action to prepare the state's agricultural community for climate and extreme-weather disruptions.

Action to strengthen the economic resilience of the state to climate change.

Carbon Pollution Reductions

SUPPORT measures to aid the state and local governments to determine sources of greenhouse gas emissions, develop reduction plans and strategies, establish targets, and accomplish reductions.

SUPPORT measures to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions through strategies such as vehicle electrification, development of vehicle emissions standards, policies to reduce vehicle idling, and reduction of vehicles miles traveled.

Energy

SUPPORT all opportunities for renewable energy deployment and energy conservation in Florida, including policies to create renewable energy purchasing options, such as community solar and energy co-ops, and energy conservation incentives, and to prioritize the siting of solar arrays on manmade structures, such as buildings, parking lots, and roadways, rather than on green spaces or agricultural land.

OPPOSE any changes that would eliminate or weaken existing policies that support renewable energy deployment and energy conservation in Florida.

SUPPORT solar-plus-storage installations, especially at emergency shelters and other critical facilities.

SUPPORT measures to move the state to 100% carbon-free electricity generation by 2050, stringent utility energy conservation targets, and meaningful renewable energy programs for electric utilities.

SUPPORT requirements that investor-owned utilities offer a competitively-priced official rate for energy-efficient street lighting and encourage coordination between utilities and local governments to convert older, inefficient streetlighting systems to more efficient ones.

SUPPORT incentives and pilot programs to assist local governments in diversifying their energy supplies and expanding their use of renewable energy.

SUPPORT policies, programs, and funding that prevent utility disconnections of income-constrained households.

SUPPORT legislation and policy to encourage electric utilities to maintain agricultural uses on solar generation facilities located in agricultural zoning districts.

Transportation

SUPPORT electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure to serve the public, local governments, and private sector fleets, including grants, rebates, and other financing and funding,

including policies aimed at low-income residents.

SUPPORT the adoption of Complete Streets policies at the state and local levels, and the establishment of integrated local and regional networks of non-motorized transportation corridors (such as bike lanes).

SUPPORT additional local transit connectivity to existing and proposed regional transit systems (i.e., a “first and last mile strategy”).

SUPPORT the planning and construction of transit-oriented developments.

SUPPORT programs to develop renewable, carbon-neutral sources of transportation fuel.

Oil and Gas Exploration and Production

OPPOSE any oil exploration and drilling in the state or off the coast of Florida, including the within Florida’s territorial waters and the Everglades, including any form of extreme well stimulation, such as hydraulic and acid fracturing, and seismic surveying.

SUPPORT state opposition to oil exploration and drilling on federal lands in Florida and federal waters surrounding Florida and in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico.

OPPOSE preemption of local regulation of extreme well stimulation and oil and gas exploration and extraction.

Resilient Infrastructure and Planning

SUPPORT incentives for both coastal and non-coastal communities to include strategies to increase resilience, reduce energy use, reduce flood risk, and mitigate climate impacts in comprehensive plan elements, such as housing, infrastructure, conservation, land use, and transportation.

SUPPORT efforts to build and retrofit electric utility facilities to be more resilient to flooding and storm events.

SUPPORT statutory and regulatory changes that incorporate future flood risk from climate change and sea level rise into infrastructure planning, permitting, and investment.

SUPPORT greater use of natural and nature-based features to protect against storm surge and adapt to sea level rise.

SUPPORT adaptation of state and local roadways for expected sea level rise.

Resilient Development and Redevelopment

SUPPORT incentives for green and resilient construction standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or mitigate insurance costs in existing and future building stock.

SUPPORT more specific performance-based green building requirements and higher resilience standards for state, regional, and local agencies in new construction and substantial reconstruction, as well as leased facilities owned by government.

SUPPORT higher energy, water, and resilience standards for new and existing buildings (including but not limited to energy conservation, renewable energy, drainage, flood elevation, wetproofing, and seawall requirements) to prepare for and lessen the impacts of future climate conditions through legislation, Florida Building Code amendments, and enhanced powers for local governments to enact local building code amendments.

Natural Disaster Risk Reduction, Adaptation, and Resilience

SUPPORT and maximize linkages between natural disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures, recognizing that the two areas share a common concern of future risk and vulnerability and a common goal of resilience.

SUPPORT the promotion and integration of climate change adaptation in disaster mitigation and recovery planning and projects.

SUPPORT full funding of resilient infrastructure projects identified under the state's Resilient Florida program and significant additional investments in resilience planning and resilient infrastructure, including consideration of formulas to distribute state funding to local governments, water management districts, and regional resilience entities.

SUPPORT integration of climate adaptation measures into pre-disaster mitigation projects and post-disaster rebuilding projects funded through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Program, Stafford Act, and Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

SUPPORT local government participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in the Community Rating System (CRS), provision of technical and financial resources for local governments to implement community-wide flood risk reduction and floodplain protective measures that increase their resilience and improve their NRS scores reduce premiums for NFIP policyholders.

Resilient Water, Coastal, and Land Resources

SUPPORT complete implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, including, but not limited to, projects such as the Central Everglades Planning Project, Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir, storage and treatment in the Northern Everglades, projects that protect east and west coast estuaries, and projects that restore natural flows to Florida Bay.

SUPPORT changes to the Florida Communities Trust program to provide authority and funding for local governments to acquire land to mitigate the effects of sea-level rise, reduce flood risk, and protect potable water supplies.

SUPPORT use of Land Acquisition Trust Fund appropriations under the terms of the Water and Land Conservation Amendment for regional and local priorities such as the Florida Forever land acquisition program, the Florida Communities Trust program, and management of public conservation lands to support nature-based resilience strategies.

SUPPORT protection and restoration of coral reefs, marine ecosystems, and nearshore habitats, such as mangrove forests, wetlands, floodplains, and other nature-based coastal protection.

SUPPORT the independence, authority, and finances of the state's Water Management Districts consistent with Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, to protect water resources in the State.

Funding and Financing for Climate and Resilience

SUPPORT additional funding for the DEP Office of Coastal Protection and Resilience and its local government assistance programs.

SUPPORT additional funding for the South Florida Water Management District to support resilient infrastructure investments.

SUPPORT creation of a green bank or state investment fund to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

SUPPORT funding for applied academic research into climate change and associated topics.

SUPPORT finance options for residents, businesses, and local governments, including grants, rebate programs, tax credits and Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs.

SUPPORT increased state funding for transit and transportation projects that reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips.

SUPPORT funding for alternative water supply development, adaptation and resilience planning, and no-regrets investments in water management, water supply, conservation land acquisition, transportation, and other infrastructure that provide hazard mitigation and improve immediate and long-term resilience.



2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Promote legislation requiring property appraisers to consider restrictive covenants imposed by local governing bodies in its real property assessments.
- Advocate for amendments that provide tax savings for the most vulnerable taxpayers including widows, widowers, blind persons, and persons totally and permanently disabled.
- Support changes to the current Value Adjustment Board process that promote efficiency and create a more transparent process.
- Amend Florida law to clarify that for property tax purposes, a change of ownership occurs at the time a deed is executed.
- Add provisions that clarify the requirements for multiple building parcels as defined in section 193.027, Florida Statutes.