

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

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

DATE: December 17, 2020

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
Successor County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving 2021 state
legislative priorities; waiving
requirements of Resolution No.
R-764-13 limiting number of
state legislative priorities

Resolution No. R-1269-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Acting Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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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	Amended
Veto	_____		Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)
Override	_____		12-17-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-1269-20

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES; WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION
NO. R-764-13 LIMITING NUMBER OF STATE LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the 2021 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on March 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, committee meetings leading up to the 2021 session will begin the week of January 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2001, the Board approved Resolution No. R-232-01, which directs County staff and lobbyists to limit legislative initiatives and funding requests to those that have been approved by the Board, while allowing County staff and lobbyists to respond to issues that arise over the course of the legislative process, and support, oppose, or amend legislation moving through the legislative process in the County's best interest; 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 and state legislative packages 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 federal or state legislative 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 2021 state legislative priorities as determined by this Board 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. Waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-764-13 limiting the number of state legislative priorities and approves the attached state legislative priorities for the 2021 session as determined by the Board.

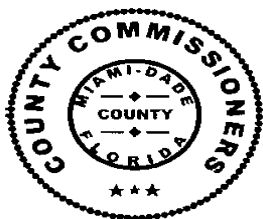
Section 2. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the 2021 state legislative priorities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Acting Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by

Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sen. Rene Garcia** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Acting Chairwoman	aye		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2020. 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: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters "JMM" in a stylized, cursive font.

Jess M. McCarty
Michael J. Mastrucci

Miami-Dade County
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".
- 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.