

## MEMORANDUM

Amended  
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

**DATE:** October 19, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving 2022 state  
legislative priorities

Resolution No. R-995-21

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

  
Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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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

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|----------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Approved | _____ | Mayor | Amended<br>Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1) |
| Veto     | _____ |       | 10-19-21                            |
| Override | _____ |       |                                     |

RESOLUTION NO.           **R-995-21**          

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE  
PRIORITIES

**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 (10) 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 2022 state legislative priorities as determined by the 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:

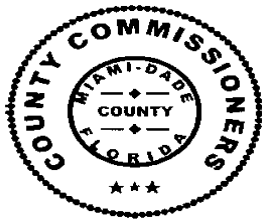
**Section 1.** Approves the attached state legislative priorities for the 2022 session as determined by the Board.

**Section 2.** Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the 2022 state legislative priorities.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> 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: **Melissa Adames**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by Executive Assistant County Attorney  
as to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters "JMM" followed by a stylized flourish.

Jess M. McCarty

## 2022 State Legislative Critical Priorities

1. **Workforce Housing Loan Program:** 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.
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 upgrades.
4. **Expanded Property Tax Exemption:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation providing expanded property tax exemption for widows, widowers, blind persons, and persons totally and permanently disabled.
5. **Public Records Exemption Relating to Murder Investigations:** 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.
6. **South Dade Trail:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the construction of improvements to the South Dade Trail.
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.

## 2022 State Legislative Critical Priorities

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.