

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: March 15, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the 2022
federal legislative package,
including "urging" resolutions
adopted by the Board to date,
guiding principles, departmental
legislative requests, and priorities
of the Public Health Trust

Resolution No. R-276-22

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)
3-15-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-276-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 FEDERAL
LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, INCLUDING “URGING”
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD TO DATE,
GUIDING PRINCIPLES, DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE
REQUESTS, AND PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
TRUST

WHEREAS, the 117th United States Congress began on January 3, 2021 and will end on January 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative package 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 directed 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 provided that, upon the priorities being approved and effective including any amendments 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, on December 4, 2018, this Board approved Resolution No. R-1267-18, which:

1. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to timely remit the federal legislative package, after its approval by the Board, to the County's federal contract lobbyists for feedback and to prepare a report detailing the findings of said feedback prior to the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities, with such report being placed on the Board agenda as a supplement to the item providing for the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities;

2. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include in the draft federal legislative package the federal legislative requests from the Public Health Trust, if available; and

3. Requested that the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, starting in December 2019 and each year thereafter, present the draft legislative package for the following year to the Board for consideration in December; and

WHEREAS, the provision of Resolution No. R-1267-18 directing the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to seek the input of the County's federal contract lobbyists after the Board approves the federal legislative package necessitates the Board approving the federal legislative package at one meeting and then deciding on federal legislative priorities at a subsequent meeting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2022 federal legislative package, including "urging" resolutions enacted by the Board to date, guiding principles, departmental legislative requests and priorities of the Public Health Trust is 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:

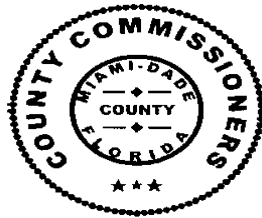
Section 1. Approves the 2022 federal legislative package, including “urging” resolutions adopted by the Board through the March 1, 2022 meeting, guiding principles, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Public Health Trust, as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the 2022 federal legislative package.

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

	Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye	
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Sen. René García	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	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of March, 2022. 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

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By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMM", is written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Home Rule and Preemption:** ***SUPPORT*** preservation of local home rule; ***OPPOSE*** any effort to preempt local authority.
- **Federal Funding, Cost Shifts and Unfunded Mandates:** ***SUPPORT*** preservation of existing federal funding for County programs; ***SUPPORT*** direct Federal funding to Counties and cities; and ***OPPOSE*** any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the federal government to the County, and any reductions in County revenue or formula funding from the federal government. ***OPPOSE*** any measure that would adversely affect County revenues.
- **Protect Previous Federal Funding:** ***SUPPORT*** efforts to secure the same level of federal funding for County programs as last year.
- **Promote Partnerships:** ***SUPPORT*** partnerships with other counties, municipalities, national associations, and any other entity that would help to create favorable outcomes for the County.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FEDERAL RESOLUTIONS

As of March 1, 2022, and in chronological order by passage

R-754-21: RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. AND THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO CONDEMN THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE PROTESTS, AND SUPPORT THE CUBAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND BASIC NEEDS BY VARIOUS AVENUES, INCLUDING BY MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, BY PUBLICLY DENOUNCING THE CUBAN DICTATORSHIP FOR ITS VIOLENCE AGAINST THE CUBAN PEOPLE, BY RECOGNIZING THE PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF DEMOCRACY, BY USING ALL AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY TO ALLOW THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION IN AND OUT OF CUBA, BY DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION, AND BY COORDINATING AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT FOR HUMANITARIAN AID AND SUPPORT TOWARD A DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION

R-997-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SABRINA COHEN FOUNDATION ADAPTIVE RECREATION CENTER

R-1073-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADOPT S.2756 AND H.R. 5142 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE 13 SERVICEMEMBERS KILLED ON AUGUST 26, 2021, AT THE HAMID KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

R-1114-21: RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. AND SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY J. BLINKEN TO ADOPT A 'FRIEND-SHORING' POLICY TARGETED AT REDIRECTING UNITED STATES BUSINESS SUPPLY CHAINS FROM CHINA TO DIPLOMATIC ALLIES IN LATIN AMERICA

R-1115-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SENATE MEMORIAL 302 AND HOUSE MEMORIAL 63 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE THE EPIDEMIC OF SUICIDE AMONG VETERANS AND FULLY FUND SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS

BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO FULLY FUND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS

R-1116-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADOPT S. 2990, H.R. 5557, THE DEMOCRACIA ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY FOR THE PEOPLE OF CUBA AND TO RESTRICT OR REDUCE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE CUBAN DICTATORSHIP

R-1172-21: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S BID TO HOST THE NINTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS IN SUMMER 2022 ("SUMMIT") AND ALL EFFORTS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF; URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO SELECT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO HOST THE SUMMIT; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIR, THE JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE COUNTY'S BID TO HOST THE SUMMIT, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

R-1188-21: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO URGE THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TO REEVALUATE AND AMEND NFPA STANDARDS 1851 AND 1852 TO ALIGN THE SERVICE LIFE OF FIRE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING WITH OBJECTIVE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS THAT CORRELATE TO THE ACTUAL CAPACITY OF THE EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT FIREFIGHTERS DURING ITS INTENDED USE, RATHER THAN MERELY THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE; URGING THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TO REEVALUATE AND AMEND NFPA STANDARDS 1851 AND 1852 TO DO THE SAME

R-67-22: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2022 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

R-71-22: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 2981, H.R. 3172, THE HELPER ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A MORTGAGE LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND TEACHERS

R-72-22: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 3031, H.R. 5653, THE CLEAN WATER ALLOTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2021, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION REFORMING THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

R-165-22: RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDER THE 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS BY POLICY AREA

Policy Area: Transportation and Ports

Miami-Dade Aviation Department

- **Strengthen Federal Passenger and Cargo Screening Staffing – *ADVOCATE*** for sufficient staffing to both address lengthy passenger wait times and delays in cargo processing. Maintaining the safety and security of the traveling public is a top priority for Miami International Airport (MIA). MIA continually works with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to protect passengers while providing an efficient passenger and cargo screening process. But staffing shortfalls from these government agencies have proven to be an on-going challenge.
- **Airport Improvement Program (AIP) - *SUPPORT*** authorizing the Airport Improvement Program at no less than \$3.35 billion for the traditional AIP account in FY22 — the same amount provided in the current fiscal year. Of that amount, approximately \$127.2 million would go toward administration expenses, \$15 million for the Airport Cooperative Research Program, almost \$41 million for Airport Technology Research and \$10 million for the Small Community Air Service Development Program.
- **Supplemental Airport Improvement Program Funding - *SUPPORT*** an additional \$400 million in supplemental AIP discretionary grants — the same as the current level. Of that amount, approximately \$80 million would be reserved for earmarks, which are officially known as “Community Project Funding” requests.
- **Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) - *ADVOCATE*** for clean-up funding and airport protections from extensive and costly liability issues resulting from PFAS contamination at Miami International Airport (MIA) and urge the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to authorize non-PFAS containing firefighting foams. The FAA still requires Part 139 certified airports to use firefighting foam containing PFAS. The airport community successfully lobbied Congress to direct the FAA to expedite testing of alternative fire-fighting foams and to certify a PFAS-free firefighting foam by the end of 2021. The FAA has not yet approved PFAS-free foam. Because the federal government has mandated that airports use aircraft firefighting foam which contains

PFAS, we urge Congress to ensure that any legislation moving forward includes federal financial and legal responsibility specific to airports for actions resulting from that use.

- **Omnibus Travel and Tourism Act of 2021 - *SUPPORT*** the recovery of the travel and tourism economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Omnibus Travel and Tourism Act includes provisions that elevate travel and tourism matters at the Department of Commerce, promote travel and visitation goals for international travelers to the United States, updates the Department of Transportation's National Travel and Tourism Infrastructure Strategic Plan, and requires a study and report on the impacts of COVID-19 on the travel and tourism industry.
- **Unruly Passengers in Terminals and Aircraft – *SUPPORT*** legislation to mitigate the potential for interference with the safety and security of airport terminals and flights. As partners in aviation safety, MIA does not tolerate violent and unruly behavior on passenger aircraft or at our airports. We urge Congress to pass strong legislation to combat this epidemic. MIA also supports business practices and protocols to mitigate the potential for interference with a crewmember, assaults, and threats of assault of other passengers that threaten the safety and security of flights.
- **FAA Reauthorization Act of 2023 - *SUPPORT*** the timely passage of an FAA Reauthorization bill in 2023 which will provide airports with the needed certainty to tackle important safety and security projects funded through the essential Airport Improvement Program. In 2018, Congress passed, and the President signed the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The five-year Act authorized funding for FAA programs and services from FY 2019 through FY 2023. To maintain our leadership position, we must make needed infrastructure upgrades and security enhancements to provide for a safe and efficient travel experience for a growing number of passengers.

PortMiami

- **Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act (IIJA) - *MONITOR*** agency activities surrounding the roll out of the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) which was signed into law on November 15, 2021. The new law comprises a massive infrastructure package that includes a 5-year surface transportation reauthorization title and new spending on transportation programs.

The IIJA includes numerous policy modifications and investments in programs of interest to ports, most of which will be rolled out within 45-90 days of enactment.

- **Build Back Better Act (BBB) - *SUPPORT*** Senate approval of the port-related provisions in the House-passed Build Back Better Act, including:

- \$600 million (over five years) via the Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDG) for projects that support “supply chain resilience, reduction in port congestion, the development of offshore wind support infrastructure, environmental remediation, and projects to reduce the impact of ports on the environment;”
- \$2.675 billion for Grants to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports, including a new EPA grant program for the purchase or installation of zero emission equipment for ports, including shore power. Emissions are inclusive of those produced by an ocean-going vessel at berth. Committee staff advised that the legislation is intended to apply to ALL ocean going vessels.
- **Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDG) – SUPPORT** House/Senate conference approval of the 2022 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill, including \$230 million for the PIDG, which can be used for **Shore Power** infrastructure.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2022, enacted on December 27, 2021, includes an amendment to the Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDG) which allows for grants for shore power connections at cruise berths. While the language was requested by PortMiami, it is applicable to cruise ports nationwide.

- **GSA/CBP Land Ports of Entry Modernization and Construction Program in IIJA - SUPPORT** the inclusion of waterway ports of entry in following scope: Modernize and improve Land Port of Entry at our nation's Northern and Southwest Border. Allows the construction and modernization at all ports on CBP's 5-year plan and those identified as a priority for upgrades. Port modernization improves border security and efficient flow of travel and trade across our land border.
- **Electric Ferry Pilot Program in IIJA - SUPPORT** the inclusion electric tugs in the grant program for the purchase of electric or low-emitting (methanol, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, coal-derived liquid fuels) ferries. Requires that at least one grant be awarded to the State with the largest Marine Highway System and a bi-ferry service with an aging fleet.
- **Maritime Transportation System Emergency Relief Act (MTSERA) - SUPPORT** funding for MTSERA in the 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill as requested by the American Association of Port Authorities.
- **Miami Harbor Navigation Improvements & Miami Harbor Feasibility Study - ADVOCATE** for additional General Investigation appropriations, pursuant to Energy and Water Development appropriations, FY 2023, 2024 and 2025. The USACE ongoing feasibility study on the Miami Harbor, which will result in recommendations for channel modifications, has been fully funded by a partnership with the USACE and the County, based upon a three-year timeline. The Jacksonville District has requested

a waiver for an extended study which will require additional funding through FY 2024. Timely allocation will assure that the study stays on its revised schedule, with a final plan by 2025.

- **Infrastructure investments and process streamlining** - *ADVOCATE* for administrative and legislative initiatives which: i) Accelerate the timeline for delivery of largescale infrastructure projects, including navigation projects; and ii) Reduce the timeline needed to secure modifications to federal navigation projects. Support policy initiatives which provide for a seamless transition between the USACE feasibility study and the Preconstruction, Engineering and Design (PED) phase.
- **Maritime CBP and USDA Staffing** – *ADVOCATE* for additional resources by the FY 2023 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) staffing is essential to the effective and efficient administration of the nation’s port security policy. For America’s international gateways to function more effectively and safely, CBP must be adequately funded to assure there are adequate agents assigned to seaports. PortMiami will work in conjunction with the American Association of Port Authorities to seek maximum funding levels for FY 2023.
- **Donor and Energy Transfer Ports (D&ET) PROGRAM** - *ADVOCATE* for maximum funding levels by the FY 2023 Energy and Water Development appropriations bills. The House and Senate 2022 Energy and Water Development (E&W) appropriations bills are pending final conference consideration at this time. \$50 million is the anticipated final allocation for FY 2022, upon enactment.
- **Seaport Climate Change and Resiliency** – *ADVOCATE* for climate change/resiliency initiatives which support seaports adaptation efforts, including any follow up to the report released by the House Select Committee on Climate Change in 2020 - “Build a Cleaner and More Resilient Maritime and Shipping Sector”, which recommends investments in climate resiliency projects for U.S. ports in future water resources (WRDA) legislation.
- **Cold Treatment Production on Port** – *ADVOCATE* for stakeholders at the USDA, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Florida seaports to develop an agreement/plan to safely finish cold treatment at Florida ports. Prior to 2019, cold treatment perishables could not enter U.S. ports south of the 39th latitude unless perishables completed fifteen (15) days of cold treatment at 33 degrees F. outside of the U.S. requiring Florida-bound fruits grown in Latin America to be shipped to ports like Port of Philadelphia and Port of Wilmington, DE, contributing to highway congestion, increased emissions, and loss of shelf life. Recent updates by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA) now permit all U.S. ports to request authorization to bring in completed cold treatment produce as well as to continue cold treatment at Florida ports.
- **Local Enforcement Authority of Unauthorized Drones** - *ADVOCATE* for amending the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018. Currently, federal, state, and local agencies are prohibited from engaging with drones to prevent

criminal or accidental incidents from happening. Under Title 18 of the United States Code, it is illegal to willfully damage or destroy an aircraft, and drones are considered as such. Title 18 also prevents law enforcement from using tailored jamming or protocol manipulation to interdict drones because it is considered intruding on a “protected computer.” The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 provided the Department of Defense with relief from Title 18 restrictions in order to protect certain military installations and assets; however local and state law enforcement did not receive the same relief.

Department of Transportation and Public Works

- **Transit Build Back Better Framework – *SUPPORT*** the passage of the Build Back Better Framework for Transit and alternative fuel investments. The House Committee on Rules posted revised legislative text that reflects most of the Framework. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the bill provides:
 - \$10 billion for a new, innovative program providing competitive grants for public transit access to affordable housing and to enhance mobility for low-income riders and residents of disadvantaged communities;
 - \$10 billion for the planning and development of public high-speed rail projects; and
 - Additional investments in climate incentive grants and neighborhood access and equity grants.
 - It also creates a manufacturer’s tax credit equal to 30 percent of the cost of electric or hydrogen fuel-cell transit buses; extends the alternative fuel tax credit; and extends and substantially increases the alternative fuel vehicle property tax credit.
- **SMART Plan Funding - *SUPPORT*** funding and financing for all corridors in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.
 - ***ADVOCATE*** for accelerated review of East-West Bus Rapid Transit Project and Northeast Commuter Rail Corridors currently in the FTA evaluations process.
- **Discretionary Transit Grants – *SUPPORT*** of US Department of Transportation grant funds that would establish and operate Bus Rapid Transit corridors along some of Miami-Dade County's busy corridors.
- **Letter of No Prejudice for P3 Projects - *URGE*** the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to remove requirements such as completion of project risk assessment, capital and operating financial plan, and readiness reviews, for the approval of Letter of No Prejudice requests for Public-Private Partnership (P3) projects.

- **Fully Fund State of Good Repair (SGR) grants - *SUPPORT*** funding for DTPW for several critical, but not fully funded improvements projects, which could qualify for State of Good Repair (SGR) grants including continuing support for SGR grants that can fund projects for improvement or modernization of Metrorail and Metromover guideways, replacement of escalators and overhaul of elevators at Metromover stations, the acquisition of battery electric buses and retrofitting of garages to service CNG and electric buses.
- **Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credit - *SUPPORT*** the extension or making permanent of the federal \$0.50/gallon alternative fuel excise tax credit, which covers compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), propane autogas and other alternative transportation fuels.
- **Autonomous vehicles - *SUPPORT*** funding for the acquisition of autonomous vehicles, and the participation in demonstration programs. Also, support the removal of potential roadblocks to the integration of this innovative, transformational automotive technology that can significantly improve safety, mobility, and sustainability.
- **National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices' (NCUTCD) recommendations - *ADVOCATE*** for legislation to reform speed limit setting standards and guidance in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and other Federal documents. The Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") and USDOT should take prompt action to expedite the MUTCD update. The prevailing speed limit setting method in the US instructs traffic engineers to set speeds based on the 85th percentile speed of free flowing traffic. This approach was originally recommended in the 1940s based on the engineering assumption that drivers choose their travel speeds according to roadway and weather conditions, and that they always drive at reasonable speeds. Additionally, these supporting studies relied on self-reported crash data and were conducted on two-lane rural highways, devoid of any multimodal activity. FHWA should replace guidance that makes use of the 85th percentile methodology with consideration of factors such as context of the surrounding area, crash history and pedestrian and bicyclist safety when setting speed limits.

Policy Area: Environment and Resilience

Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

- **Biscayne-Everglades Greenway – *ADVOCATE*** for funding and/or authorize programs to assist in the Design and Construction of the 43-mile world class Biscayne-Everglades Greenway that will traverse and serve both incorporated and unincorporated portions of Miami-Dade County connecting Biscayne National Park to Everglades National Park providing a safe and scenic route to the parks without concern for vehicular traffic. The greenway will connect to a variety of other trails in the South Dade Greenways Network and will incorporate South Florida Water

Management District, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and County owned rights-of-ways. The project will provide for both recreation and alternative transportation. The funding will be used to complete trail extensions to the west of NE 12 Av. with connections to the existing South Dade Trail / East Coast Greenway along the Busway and downtown Homestead along SW 320 St. (E. Mowry Dr. and W. Mowry Dr.)

- **Ludlam Trail Corridor - *ADVOCATE*** for funding for the construction of the Ludlam Trail. The Ludlam Trail Corridor is an approximately 5.6 mile long, generally one-hundred-foot wide, former railroad corridor that extends from NW 7 St. just south of Miami International Airport to SW 80 St. just north of Dadeland Mall between 69th – 70th Avenues. This funding request will help reduce an estimated \$60,000,000 in unfunded needs for various phases of Ludlam Trail development for the phased conversion and activation of this abandoned railway corridor into a public bicycle and pedestrian corridor. This corridor will be owned, developed and maintained by Miami-Dade County and is an important element of the County-wide network of bicycle and pedestrian trails for non-motorized alternative transportation, and recreational uses.
- **ZooMiami – *ADVOCATE*** for funding and/or authorize programs to assist in the expansion/renovation of the Animal Hospital and Rehab Facilities to also serve the need for treatment, recovery, and rehabilitation of numerous endangered species, in South Florida. This would dramatically enhance the ability in the South Florida region to be able to treat, rehabilitate, recover, and release endangered species in collaboration with our partners at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and regional NGOs. Zoo Miami's geographic location, extensive staff with expertise in multiple scientific fields, and ongoing collaborative in situ and ex situ species recovery programs with imperiled Florida species make it the most desirable and effective location for such enhanced facilities within the state.

Regulatory and Economic Resources

- **Defending Domestic Produce Production Act of 2021 S. 2080 – *SUPPPORT*** Senate Bill S. 2080, which protects domestic produce production through mechanisms that were promised but left out of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement ("USMCA"). This bill provides the ability to address the dumping of produce on the market in a fairer way based on seasonal production, instead of the current annual nationwide calculation. (Economic Development)
- **Laurel Wilt Disease - *ADVOCATE*** for continued funding for the mitigation and eradication, prevention and treatment of Laurel Wilt Disease. Include Laurel Wilt Disease as a covered cause of loss under the tree insurance policy and the Tree Assistance Program. (Economic Development)

- **Agriculture Relief - *ADVOCATE*** for funding, programs, legislation and assistance to increase viability of our local agricultural industry and mitigate any effects of invasive pests, diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorm and other potential damages to our said industry. (Economic Development)
- **Beach Erosion Control Sand Sources - *SUPPORT*** efforts to exempt Southeast Florida, specifically Miami-Dade County, from federal prohibition of cost-sharing non-domestic sources of beach sand for beach erosion control/sea level rise mitigation. (Environmental Resources Management)
- **Environmentally Endangered Lands (Wildfire and Prescribed Burning) - *ADVOCATE*** for funding for the following: planning and conducting of prescribed fires in natural areas; installing firebreaks and other control measures; and for hiring crews to remove flammable vegetation. (Environmental Resources Management)
- **Trees and Heat Islands - *ADVOCATE*** for funding to expand tree cover and deploy cool pavements and porous pavement to improve air quality, mitigate urban heat islands, and reduce runoff and heat impacts. (Environmental Resources Management)
- **Central and South Florida Flood Control Project - *SUPPORT*** Action by the US Army Corps of Engineers to reassess the Central and South Florida Flood Control Project given changing climate conditions, especially sea level rise. (Resilience)
- **Flood Risk Mitigation - *SUPPORT*** the protection of and increase of funding for Flood Risk Mitigation, particularly through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation grants and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program and the Department of Housing and Urban Developments' Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation funds. Additionally, ensure federally funded projects are built resiliently. (Resilience)
- **National Flood Insurance Program - *SUPPORT*** efforts to reauthorize, improve, and strengthen the National Flood Insurance Program with provisions that limit premium rate increases and protect affordability, encourage greater program participation, expand the Increased Cost of Compliance Program, emphasize and increase funding for mitigation, and develop accurate flood maps. (Resilience)
- **Environmental and Climate Equity and Justice - *SUPPORT*** efforts such as the Justice40 Initiative to deliver at least 40 percent of overall benefits from Federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities. Also support other efforts that require federal agencies to include considerations of climate equity - the disproportionate environmental and human health impacts of rulemaking on communities of color and frontline communities. (Resilience)
- **Everglades Restoration in Miami-Dade - *SUPPORT*** the State of Florida's request for South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (SFER) funding at \$725 million for FY22 to continue the progress made for Everglades restoration that includes funds for planning

efforts for the Biscayne Bay Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration project (BBSEER). The BBSEER project is essential to Miami-Dade County. BBSEER will restore parts of the south Florida ecosystem in freshwater wetlands of the Southern Glades and Model Lands, the coastal wetlands, and subtidal areas, including mangrove and seagrass areas, of Biscayne Bay, Biscayne National Park. (Resilience)

- **Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact - *SUPPORT*** the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact's federal legislative program (attached). (Resilience)
- **Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems - *SUPPORT*** legislation that: (1) prohibits the weakening of net metering and associated rates; (2) supports feed-in-tariff policies with the following key provisions (a) guaranteed access to the grid; (b) stable, long-term purchase agreements; and (c) payment levels based on the costs of Renewable Energy generation that allow for off-site or "virtual" net metering; (3) creates a federal Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard; (4) supports tax deductions for energy efficiency or renewable energy projects for property owners. (Resilience)
- **Whole Building Data - *SUPPORT*** federal requirement for all utilities to collect aggregated whole-building data from a local government jurisdiction's largest buildings (20,000 square feet and above for government-owned buildings and private sector buildings) and provide this data to building owners or managers and local government representatives for benchmarking and to help identify opportunities to reduce water and energy usage. (Resilience)
- **Microgrids and Smart Grids - *URGE*** the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to develop mandatory standards for establishing microgrids and smart grids, including critical buildings and the geographic areas for prioritizing microgrids. Microgrids are self-contained electric grids that operate both in grid-connected or in island mode offer opportunities to increase resilience, reduce greenhouse emissions, save money, and achieve other policy goals. (Resilience)
- **Cleaner Cars and Trucks – *ADVOCATE and SUPPORT*** strengthening federal vehicle fuel-economy standards and funding and policies that accelerate adoption of light and heavy-duty electric vehicles and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE). (Resilience)
- **Energy Stimulus Funding - *SUPPORT*** stimulus funding for energy, fuel and water conservation and efficiency and solar-based renewable energy. (Resilience)
- **Resilient Building Retrofits - *SUPPORT***- Building envelope and foundation Weatherization programs that would help to fund retrofitting existing buildings. Flooding adaptation plans for underground parking garages, seawall fortification, and cool roof technologies. (Building)
- **Electric Vehicle infrastructure - *SUPPORT***- Electric Vehicle charging station infrastructure, both private and public. (Building)

- **Preemption of local permitting of Broadband electrical systems** ***OPPOSE*** preemption of permitting in private property or right of way.(Building)

Department of Solid Waste Management

- **Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) / Net Metering** - ***SUPPORT*** expansion of the rebuttable presumption of a mandatory purchase obligation under PURPA, minimum term duration standards for power purchase agreements, including Waste-To-Energy (WTE) micro-grids where government owned WTE facilities will be able to provide power to other local government infrastructure (i.e. airports, wastewater treatment plants, etc.) as an offset to electric energy provided by the electric utility during an applicable billing period. Remove regulatory and market barriers preventing local governments from providing self-generated electricity, either directly or via net metering, to other non-contiguous government owned facilities.
- **Electric Vehicles** - ***ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** dedicated funding be provided to large Counties (more than 100,000 residents) for electric garbage trucks. A fully electric garbage truck will have 100% ZERO emissions, reduced fuel, and maintenance costs. An electric garbage truck is very quiet and will cut down on the noise pollution as well. In keeping with the County's sustainability goals, the County's WTE facility can be used to power electric vehicles.
- **Flow Control/Interstate Waste Transport** - ***OPPOSE*** any efforts seeking to amend legislation in response to the April, 2007 Supreme Court decision *United Haulers Assn. v. Oreida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority* (No. 05-1345) which held that flow control to publicly owned facilities is a legislative use of flow control authority. Flow control improves the DSWM's financial position and creates a more stable environment.
- **Market Incentives for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources** - ***SUPPORT*** market incentives to encourage development and operation of alternative, renewable energy production.
- **Mosquito Control Technologies** - ***ADVOCATE*** and ***SUPPORT*** dedicated funding be provided to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or to state or local governments for new and emerging technologies that reduce the risk of mosquito-transmitted diseases. Miami-Dade County is the gateway to the Americas. Miami International Airport (MIA) is among the busiest airports in the world. Many flights carrying passengers from Latin and Central America and the Caribbean deplane at MIA on a daily basis. These passengers are coming from areas where there are reported cases of Yellow Fever, Denge, Zika, and Chickungunya -- all viruses carried by mosquitoes. Miami-Dade County Mosquito Control continues to receive daily referrals from the local Department of Health for all of these viruses. The county wants to be at the forefront of all innovative technologies for mosquito control.

Water and Sewer Department

- **Infrastructure Finance and Programs – *SUPPORT*** the implementation of Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Authority (WIFIA), adequate funding of State Revolving Loan Funds, and federal policy on affordability, climate change, Clean Water Act mandates, and Safe Drinking Water Act mandates, which are all significant factors for WASD capital and operating requirements. The Department has been selected in each of the first four funding cycles for WIFIA projects, in addition to maximizing utilization of the State Revolving Loan Fund program, demonstrating the importance of these federal initiatives to produce results on the ground. A reliable utility system meeting all state and federal requirements is essential for the operation of other departments as well as the continued economic well-being of the County. Miami-Dade County has an \$8+ billion water and sewer capital needs program resulting from aging infrastructure, federal and state regulatory mandates, and changing conditions associated with documented sea level rise. This represents the largest capital burden of any comparably sized utility in the nation.
- **Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Financing – *OPPOSE*** *altering tax-exempt municipal bond financing on public drinking water & wastewater systems, reviews options being discussed at the federal level to cap or eliminate the 100-year-old tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, a move that would cost the sector billions of dollars in infrastructure projects.* For more than a century, tax-exempt municipal bonds have been the most important funding source for water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the United States. Congress should retain the current federal tax exemption for municipal bonds. ***FAVOR*** the amendment of federal tax laws to permit once again the refinancing of existing tax-exempt bonds with new tax-exempt bonds at more favorable rates. Substantial savings to utility customers can be achieved by lowering the cost of borrowing needed to finance facilities required to provide a reliable and compliant water and sewer system.
- **Sound Science for Public Health and Environmental Protection – *SUPPORT*** the research, funding, and policy by which the Environmental Protection Agency and other pertinent federal agencies can assess risks and develop cost-effective technologies and management strategies to mitigate those risks for the protection of public health and the environment through the setting of standards, the provision of technical assistance to utilities, and the integration of programs to optimize results and avoid counterproductive conflicts.
- **Funding for COVID Utility Revenue Losses – *SUPPORT*** federal funding to support utility revenue losses due to the inability of customers to pay water and sewer bills, resulting in a significant increase in utility revenue losses that are likely to be uncollectible in the future.
- **PFAS Legislation Protecting Water and Sewer Utilities from Liability – *SUPPORT*** legislation that provides liability protection to utilities for which contamination of water supplies and wastewater has occurred as a result of per and polyfluoralkyl

substances (PFAS). The cost of controlling these substances in both drinking water and wastewater is likely to be very high, and determining that these compounds are hazardous wastes under the Superfund Act (CERCLA) would constitute an extreme hardship on utilities in the absence of some liability relief. Funding to address the cleanup of these compounds will be necessary. Research to establish scientifically based standards for treatment and cleanup targets is essential, along with finding cost-effective treatment technologies.

- **Needs-Tested Funding for Utility Customers – *SUPPORT*** legislation that provides needs-tested funding to utility customers for whom utility costs are becoming unaffordable. Water and sewer services are daily necessities of life regardless of income, and utilities are legally constrained in using customer revenues to subsidize financially challenged customers.
- **Funding for Septic to Sewer Conversion – *SUPPORT*** legislation providing funding in the form of federal grants and loans to facilitate septic to sewer projects where it is shown that septic systems are contributing to public health risks or environmental degradation of significant resources such as Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park. Funding is needed for the public infrastructure as well as for the cost of connection for private property owners.
- **Watershed Collaborations Among Local Government – *SUPPORT*** legislation that provides funding for technical support, data collection and sharing, and joint planning and infrastructure projects that address risks associated with watershed issues to promote the collaboration of local governments in the area. Recognize cost-sharing and provide prioritized funding for regional and watershed approaches through existing and emerging programs.
- **Federal Funding Inclusion of State Programming Criteria – *OPPOSE*** the addition of state programming criteria in federal funding programs distributed to local communities. This will ensure that the intent of the federal legislative programs is maintained while allowing for the efficient use of federal funding resources and maximizing benefits to the intended recipients.

Policy Area: Community Services

Community Action and Human Services Department

- **Community Services Block Grant Act (CSBG) - *ADVOCATE*** for legislative action that will support the reauthorization and amendment of the CSBG Act to adopt performance requirements and performance benchmarks to be included as part of the performance measurement system under this Act.

- **Older Americans Act (OAA)** - **ADVOCATE** and **SUPPORT** for increased federal funding through the OAA to meet the demand for services for the growing senior adult population, thereby helping seniors avoid or delay institutionalization, while remaining in their homes and in the community.
- **Access to Opioid Treatment (residential and outpatient)** - **ADVOCATE** and **SUPPORT** for a dedicated and increase in funding for residential and out-patient treatment to serve Opioid Use Disorder residents with a dual emphasis on diversion and rehabilitation.
- **Community Violence and Trauma Interventions** - **ADVOCATE** and **SUPPORT** for funding to develop and implement strategies from a public health approach to reduce community violence and trauma.
- **Protection for Haitian Migrants** – **ADVOCATE** and **SUPPORT** for expanding legal protections for Haitian Migrants and **ADVOCATE** for providing federal funding to assist welcoming communities in Miami-Dade County.
- **Protection for Afghan Migrants** – **ADVOCATE** and **SUPPORT** for expanding legal protections for Afghan Migrants and **ADVOCATE** for providing federal funding to assist welcoming communities in Miami-Dade County.

Cultural Affairs Department

- **Federal Funding for the Arts** - **SUPPORT** continued increases in federal funding for the arts, specifically for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities, Assistance for Arts Education, Creative Arts Therapies in Veterans Healthcare Networks and Institute for Museum and Library Services. For FY 2022 (still under consideration), support the U.S. House increase in NEA and NEH funding to \$201 million (from the currently authorized 2021 levels of \$167.5 million for each). Encourage the Senate to approve these increases. In addition, support the following:
 - Proposals to support the creative economy and small businesses in the arts. One such proposal is the bipartisan bill introduced in October 2021 entitled “Creative Economy Revitalization Act” (CERA, H.R. 5019, S.2858). This bill would invest in jobs for artists and other creative workers, in support of local economies harmed by COVID-19. CERA would authorize \$300 million through a grant program at the U.S. Department of Labor, in coordination with the NEA. These grants would go to local, state, tribal, and workforce agencies, as well as public and private nonprofit entities, to support business initiatives to employ creative workers.
 - The Arts in Education for All Act (H.R. 5581) to support and encourage the offering of arts education and programming experiences to Americans, including the youngest learners, K-12 students, and youth impacted by the juvenile justice system.

Homeless Trust

- **Funding for Homeless Programs – *SUPPORT*** expanding HUD’s McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants programs, including the competitive Continuum of Care (CoC) program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) formula grant program which are the cornerstones of our community’s homeless system. In Miami-Dade, ESG grants fund outreach, shelter, prevention and rapid rehousing. The CoC program funds permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing (short- to medium-term rental assistance), transitional housing for youth, and coordinated entry (outreach). The Homeless Trust receives more than \$34 million in direct funding under the Federal CoC program competition, and coordinates with jurisdictions including Miami-Dade, Miami and Hialeah, and the State of Florida to house and serve additional homeless and at-risk households using ESG funding.
- **Funding for Federal Housing Vouchers –*SUPPORT*** increased Federal funding through HUD for Housing Choice Vouchers to assist vulnerable populations, including persons experiencing homelessness. Funding is needed to continue to support existing households, and further support the growing number of renter households with very low incomes. Subsidies must keep pace with rental costs in order for vouchers to be effective in making rental housing affordable.

The Trust currently partners with all four Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) in Miami-Dade (Miami-Dade, Miami, Hialeah and Homestead), as well as the City of Miami and Carrfour Supportive Housing, on voucher preferences and set-asides for homeless and formerly homeless households.

Support funding for the Veterans’ Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers is a vital source of homelessness services for low-income veterans and helped Miami-Dade Effectively End Veteran Homelessness in 2019.

- **Other Federal Funding for Housing and Homelessness Programs**
 - **Home Investments Partnership Program (HOME)**
Maintain or Increase the HOME Program: HOME funds provide funding for affordable housing. HOME ARP funds are supporting the acquisition and rehabilitation of Mia Casa for conversion to Permanent Housing. Mia Casa is currently a quarantine and isolation site for seniors 65+. Seniors are the fastest growing homeless subpopulation, with 1 in 4 persons experiencing homelessness 60+
 - **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
Maintain or Increase Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). CDBG can be used for housing stability/homelessness prevention, affordable housing development and many other human services.

Juvenile Services

- **Justice Assistance Grants Funding - *SUPPORT*** increased funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“Byrne JAG”) program by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. There are proposed cuts to this vital federal law enforcement program that would be detrimental to the County.

Public Housing and Community Development

- **Build Back Better Framework / Reconciliation Process – *ADVOCATE*** for funding increases through the reconciliation process to various housing programs as contemplated in the Build Back Better framework.
- **Flexibility for Public Housing Capital fund and other funds – *SUPPORT*** that any additional funding to the HUD **public housing capital fund** be made flexible in terms of use with other programs such as the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program that promote redevelopment or repositioning. Flexibility in the use of funds allows a change in the traditional method of funding public housing to one that combines private sector resources with reliable project based “section 8” contracts with the government.
- **Rental Assistance Demonstration program - *SUPPORT*** removing 455,000 cap on number of public housing units that can qualify for RAD. ***SUPPORT*** HUD using the Rental Assistance Demonstration program (RAD) to be utilized by Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) that have Capital Fund Financial program debt. (CFFP)
- **Public Housing & Section 8 Housing - *ADVOCATE*** for increased federal funding from HUD for public housing and Section 8 programs. Funding for these programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally funded programs that provide crucial affordable housing and rental subsidies to low-income families.
- **Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) - *SUPPORT*** allowing HUD to permit Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) rated “standard” to qualify for Moving to Work (MTW) status with justification to HUD. ***SUPPORT*** Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to appeal their operating subsidy per unit month (PUM) if there is a wide variance between the existing per unit month (PUM) and Contract Rents under (RAD).
- **Prevent Refederalizing of Central Office Cost Center (COCC) Fees and Funds - *ADVOCATE*** against HUD from re-federalizing of the Central Office Cost Center (COCC). HUD regulations permit COCC funds to be defederalized, permitting flexibility in use of these funds for affordable housing. Lacking County funds, PHCD is dependent on COCC funds to address shortfalls in many operational areas, and limits PHCD’s ability to leverage funds with the private sector.

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - SUPPORT** for increased federal funding for the HUD CDBG program.
- **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program - SUPPORT** continued funding for the HUD HOME program.
- **Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Program - ADVOCATE** for increased funding for the grant program beyond the \$10 million appropriated by Congress. The current amount is significantly inadequate to accommodate all potential emergency and security needs for public housing authorities across the country.

Library Department

- **Institute of Museum and Library Science and Department of Education Federal Library Funding - SUPPORT** increased appropriations to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and to the Department of Education, both of which provide significant funding for programs such as the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Innovative Approaches to Literacy Programs. The current FY 2022 IMLS budget is \$265M, which includes \$197.5M for LSTA projects nationwide. Over the past five years, Miami-Dade Public Library System has received IMS funds through the Library Services and Technology Act in the amount of \$1.2M for projects that include expanding the Homework Help and Tutoring Program, establishing an Adult Learning Academy designed to promote basic adult education (English/Spanish language, high school completion, technology education), and augmenting the teen-focused maker space YOUmedia Miami and Digital Music Studio to new locations within Miami-Dade County.

Policy Area: Public Safety

Miami-Dade Police Department

- **Justice Assistance Grants Funding - ADVOCATE** for an increase in funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“Byrne JAG”) program by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). There are proposed cuts to this vital federal law enforcement program that would be detrimental to Miami-Dade County.
- **Forensic Science Grant Programs at U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, BJA - ADVOCATE** for full funding of the Forensic Science Grant Programs by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, BJA. The grant programs, in priority order, include:

- Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program (Formula and Competitive)
 - DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program
 - Forensic DNA Laboratory Efficiency Improvement and Capacity Enhancement Program
 - National Institute of Justice Research Grants
- **Victims of Crime Funding at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime - *ADVOCATE*** for an increase in funding that supports programs and services focused on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of a crime, as well as continued support while they rebuild their lives.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department

- **Funding from Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Summary commonly referred to as the “Build Back Better” - *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** the Federal government to provide Miami-Dade Fire Rescue funding from the \$4.6 billion appropriated for wildfire risk reduction in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Summary commonly referred to as the “Build Back Better” for technology and infrastructure updates, assistance for telecommunications systems, establishment of a pilot program to provide local governments funding for slip-on tanker units to quickly convert vehicles to fire engines and other federal and state grants. Miami-Dade County is surrounded by flammable natural areas. Though less obvious, there are multiple areas distributed throughout the County that are protected as environmentally endangered lands. As reported in the Local Mitigation Strategy, there have been 13 major wildfires recorded between 1950 and 2017 in Miami-Dade County, with a 20% chance of a wildfire occurring every year. From 2015 through 2020, MDFR responded to 3,667 reported wildfires in the County. Though historically there has not been a high impact on property, it is estimated that more than 600,000 people, or 25% of the County’s population, live within the Wildland/Urban Interface and could be at risk.
- **Funding for FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Teams - *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** the Federal government to properly fund the 28 USAR Task Force’s which comprise the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System under Department Homeland Security (DHS) / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This 6,000 member ready reserve, maintained by local fire rescue agencies across the country, provides our nation with a search and rescue capability which is unmatched. Funding for these task forces at the required level would ensure that teams are properly equipped and ready to respond when needed. Currently, FL-TF1, sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department has a funding shortfall of approximately \$1 Million annually. In other words, funding provided through a Cooperative Agreement with FEMA for the annual sustainment of each task force, is on average short \$1 to \$1.2 million dollars per task force. This requires the local agency to absorb this shortfall. In the last 10 years, FL-TF1 has deployed to every major disaster this nation has experienced including Hurricane’s Katrina, Rita, Harvey, Irma, and Maria as well as the earthquake in Haiti.

- **Reinstate Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team as an active search and rescue task force within the United States Agency of International Development (USAID) Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) - *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*.** MDFR's Team was designated as Florida Task Force One (FL-TF1) for OFDA from 1985 to 2004. During this time, the Task Force responded to more than 40 major incidents around the world. Although a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is not currently announced, as soon as it is made available, MDFR will be applying for reinstatement as an international response search and rescue task force within the USAID OFDA. MDFR's 2020 and 2008 applications were denied.

RESOLUTION NO. PHT 09/2021 – 049

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2022 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

(Carlos A. Migoya, Chief Executive Officer, Jackson Health System)

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust (the "Trust") recognizes the need to establish its Federal and State legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption, the Trust is required to submit its Federal and State legislative priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2022 Federal and State Legislative Package; and

WHEREAS, the list of the Trust's Federal and State Legislative Priorities is attached hereto and made a part hereof and requires approval of the Public Health Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer recommends approval of the attached priorities and of submission thereof to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the Public Health Trust's 2022 Federal and State Legislative Priorities, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and declares it to be an official action of the Public Health Trust, and provided further that the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, is directed to submit the 2022 Federal and State Legislative Priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2022 Federal and State Legislative Package.

**Agenda Item 11.i.
Public Health Trust Board of Trustees
September 28, 2021**

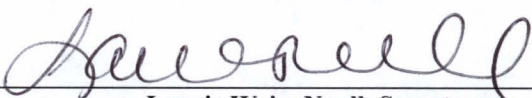
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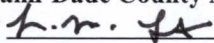
The foregoing resolution was offered by Walter T. Richardson and the motion was seconded by Laurie Weiss Nuell as follows:

Antonio L. Argiz	Aye
William J. Heffernan	Aye
Amadeo Lopez-Castro, III	Aye
Laurie Weiss Nuell	Aye
Walter T. Richardson	Aye
Anthony Rodriguez	Absent
Carmen M. Sabater	Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution as duly passed and adopted this 28th day of September 2021.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
Laurie Weiss Nuell, Secretary

Approved by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office as to form
and legal sufficiency 



TO: William J. Heffernan, Chairman
and Members, Public Health Trust Board of Trustees

FROM: Carlos A. Migoya, Chief Executive Officer
Jackson Health System

DATE: September 28, 2021

RE: 2022 Federal and State Legislative Priorities

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees approve the 2022 Federal and State Legislative Priorities.

Scope

The legislative priorities encompass the major issues likely to impact Jackson Health System during the 2022 session of the Florida Legislature and during ongoing legislative and regulatory activity in Washington, DC. The priorities will be incorporated into Miami-Dade County's proposed 2022 Federal and State Legislative Package.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to setting the Trust's legislative priorities. Policy and funding changes made by the Legislature in reflection of these priorities can have a significant impact on the health system.

Track Record/Monitor

Chief of Staff to the CEO and Associate Vice President Esther Caravia will monitor the advancement of these priorities throughout the year.

Background

The 2022 Federal and State Legislative Priorities are being presented to the Strategy and Growth Committee for approval, followed by final Board approval and inclusion in the Miami-Dade County Proposed 2022 Federal and State Legislative Package.

The specific priorities recommended for 2022 are attached.

2022 Legislative Priorities

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- Advocate for Florida's fair share of the remaining Covid-19 funding and any future provider relief funding.
- Advocate for HHS to renew the Federal Enhanced Medicaid (FMAP) for 2022.
- Defend any changes to the Federal 340B drug discount program that would limit hospital and patient eligibility.
- Monitor and oppose any attempts to reduce Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funding.
- Monitor and oppose any proposed rules that could have a detrimental impact on the organization.

STATE PRIORITIES

- Protect against further cuts in state-appropriated funding in light of the disproportionate losses felt by Florida's hospital industry.
- Advocate to maximize Medicaid reimbursement for Graduate Medical Education
- Monitor policy changes related to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Maintain tort reform and sovereign immunity laws in their current form.
- Advocate for legislation to protect the 340B drug discount program while monitoring and defending against efforts to lessen its benefit to the communities who need it most.
- Work with stakeholders to streamline the process of identifying unidentified patients in an effort to further ensure the health and safety of Jackson patients, visitors, and staff.
- Advocate for changes to allow the Medical Executive Committee to conduct meetings more efficiently.
- Monitor hospital licensure standards.