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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

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

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 19, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving 2024 state
legislative priorities and waiving
requirements of Resolution No.
R-764-13 limiting the number of
state legislative priorities

Resolution No. R-811-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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9-19-23

R-811-23
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES AND WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF
RESOLUTION NO. R-764-13 LIMITING THE NUMBER OF
STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the 2024 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on January 9, 2024;
and

WHEREAS, seven weeks of committee meetings leading up to the 2024 session begin the
week of September 18, 2023; 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 2024 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:

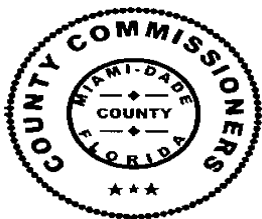
Section 1. Approves the attached state legislative priorities for the 2024 session as determined by the Board and waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-764-13 limiting the number of state legislative priorities.

Section 2. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the 2024 state legislative priorities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastein**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	absent		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of September, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature, likely of the County Attorney, is written over a horizontal line.

Jess McCarty
Michael J. Mastrucci
Javier Zapata

2024 State Legislative Critical Priorities

1. **Community Workforce Housing Loan Program:** Urging the Florida Legislature to amend state law to allow housing projects targeting households with incomes up to 120 percent of area median income to participate in the Community Workforce Housing Loan Program (Resolution No. R-1174-22).
2. **Home Rule and Preemption:** **SUPPORT** preservation of local home rule; **OPPOSE** any effort to preempt local authority.
3. **Biscayne Bay Water Quality Grant Program:** **SUPPORT** sustained funds in the grant program to address water quality challenges. Projects may include stormwater management, wastewater, and other projects.
4. **Homeowner assistance to connect sanitary sewers:** **SUPPORT** funding in the amount of \$10 million to help homeowners with the private property cost of constructing and connecting to sanitary sewer laterals.
5. **SMART Program:** **SUPPORT** advancement of funding for Miami-Dade's Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Program of premium mass transit corridors (North, Northeast, Beach, and East-West) and ensure that legislation affecting formula funding and match programs favors mass transit solutions.
6. **Septic Systems:** **SUPPORT** sustained funding to address failing septic systems and convert compromised septic systems to centralized sewer infrastructure in order to protect public health and water quality.
7. **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.
8. **Outdoor Worker Heat Protection Standards:** **SUPPORT** the provision of state standards or guidelines for heat stress prevention in the workplace and **OPPOSE** preemption of local heat protection guidelines and codes.
9. **Weatherization Assistance Program Expansion:** **SUPPORT** matching funds in the amount of \$4 million for programs to improve the preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing through investments in energy efficiency improvements for lower income homeowners.
10. **Anti-violence initiatives:** **SUPPORT** for matching funding for Miami-Dade Peace and Prosperity programs to reduce community violence and support communities suffering its disproportionate impacts.
11. **Homeowners' Association Laws:** Urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would: (1) strengthen Homeowner's Association (HOA) laws to further enhance protections for HOA members and communities, prevent HOA fraud and mismanagement, and provide enhanced criminal and civil enforcement powers; (2) allocate additional funding and delegate additional powers to the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and related to Homeowners' Associations; and (3) create a Homeowners' Association Ombudsman (Resolution No. R-783-23).

2024 State Legislative Critical Priorities

- 12. 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 or Aviation Grants Program.
- 13. Beach Erosion Control:** ***SUPPORT*** consistent and dedicated annual funding for statewide beach erosion control.
- 14. Biscayne Bay Restoration Support for Data Analytics and Visualization:** ***SUPPORT*** funding to analyze water quality pollution patterns and trends from publicly available datasets to inform the County's reasonable assurance plan (RAP).
- 15. Planning Objectives:** ***OPPOSE*** any bill filed that would preempt or prevent local governments from accomplishing planning objectives protected under local home rule authority.
- 16. Waste Management Sustainability Campus:** ***SUPPORT*** funding for the siting, design, and construction of a new waste management "sustainability campus" to repurpose and recycle the majority of the more than five million tons of waste generated in Miami-Dade County and produce green energy that can be used to operate all co-located county facilities/programs and equipment with renewable, locally sourced energy, potentially saving money for our residents.
- 17. Enhance Florida's commitment to Early Childhood Education:** ***SUPPORT*** expanded funding for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program sufficient to cover the cost of a full-day Pre-Kindergarten Program.
- 18. Senior Meals Program:** ***SUPPORT*** funding of \$2 million in matching funds to support senior meals for needy older residents.
- 19. Senior Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (SHARP):** ***SUPPORT*** expanding existing SHARP programs with funding of \$2,000,000 to restore low-income senior homeowners' homes so that they can continue to reside in safe, clean, and energy efficient housing.