

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES APPROVING THE CITY'S 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables seeks to preserve its Home Rule powers as guaranteed under the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter and the Home Rule Amendment to the Florida Constitution through the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports legislation that permits local regulation over disposable plastic bags and expanded polystyrene and continued local authority to regulate plastic straws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports legislation that provides greater local zoning authority over medical marijuana dispensaries and treatment centers and legislation that preserves local control of transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports legislation that preserves the City's ability to exercise its home rule authority over its poles and rights-of-way for communications facilities, including small cell facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables seeks to maintain legislative language in the Implementing Bill to the Florida Budget to allow the City to reimburse its general fund from moneys it advanced to its own special law enforcement trust fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables has a duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and to that end seeks to continue its use of traffic infraction detectors, also known as red light cameras, and seeks the ability to treat texting while driving as a primary offense; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables seeks to protect general revenues collected from the communications services tax and the local business tax; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports additional sustainable state funding to meet the security mandates of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act and increased funding for the State Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports local control over dockless mobility devices and programs and support legislation that would reconcile inconsistencies in existing Florida law to allow the operation of motorized scooters in bicycle lanes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports legislation that promotes principles of inclusion, including but not limited to, respect for the inherent dignity of individuals, non-discrimination, equality of opportunity, accessibility, equality between men and women, respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports legislation that would ban the sale of fully and semi-automatic assault weapons in the State of Florida and supports related amendments to Section 790.33, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports legislation that would address infrastructure and water distribution issues in and around Lake Okeechobee to reduce the risk of potentially harmful toxic algae blooms and encourages the state to undertake scientific studies and oceanic monitoring of potentially harmful algae blooms, including the red tide phenomenon, in order to effectuate effective policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports the amendment of Section 252.363, Florida Statutes to read “the declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor for a natural disaster tolls the period remaining to exercise the rights under a permit or other authorization for the duration of the emergency declaration”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables seeks to Amend Florida Law to allow “property owners” as well as “resident electors” or “qualified electors” to vote in special elections for the creation and transfer of special taxing districts and in annexation referendums; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports the rights afforded under the Florida Solar Rights Act (Section 163.04, Florida Statutes), but would oppose legislation that would limit the City’s ability to regulate aesthetics as it pertains to the installation of solar panels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables seeks funding for storm water infrastructure, restoration of the city hall complex, the multi-jurisdiction emergency operations center, 911 system upgrades, Ponce de Leon pedestrian and mobility improvements, water quality assessment and dredging evaluation, and the water and lighting efficiency master plan, in addition to the reallocation of a \$1.5 million grant awarded to the City last session for the purchase of land for Fire Station 4;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission accepts the recommendation of the City Manager and approves the foregoing 2019 legislative priorities for the City of Coral Gables.

SECTION 3. That said Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2019.
(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Quesada)
(Yeas: Mena, Quesada, Keon, Lago, Valdes-Fauli)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: J-1)

APPROVED:



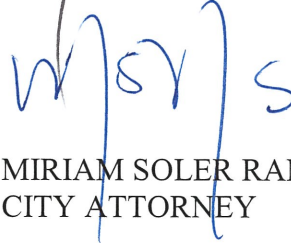
RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:



BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY