



August 20, 2015

Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners
City of Fort Lauderdale
100 N. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners;

During the regularly scheduled Budget Advisory Board (BAB) meeting on August 19, 2015, the board unanimously passed five (5) recommendations related to the FY 2016 Proposed Budget and Community Investment Plan.

Motion I - Support

The Budget Advisory Board has reviewed the FY 2016 Proposed Budget presented by the City Manager and supports adoption by the City Commission.

Motion II - Prioritize

The City should prioritize and reduce annual objectives pursued by each department in order to focus on doing fewer things better.

Motion III - Outsource

Where non-core services are involved the City should consider using third-party providers as often as possible. We believe significant savings and efficiencies can be achieved via outsourcing certain non-core services.

Motion IV - New Positions

In terms of requests for new positions in future budget years, we have two recommendations.

- a) The BAB recommends that the bulk of new hires be focused in areas that drive economic growth, improve expertise in proper urban planning and expand public safety.
- b) For maximum efficiency, new hires should strengthen core competencies and essential services.

Motion V - Capital Facilities

When considering the acquisition or construction of major new capital facilities, City feasibility studies should consider the use or rental of private sector facilities instead, as well as the potential for financing the capital facility through alternative mechanisms such as public/private partnerships.

The Budget Advisory Board recognizes and appreciates the hard work and transparency of the Budget/CIP and Grants Team to ensure a thorough budget process and review.

Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve in this capacity. Please contact me directly should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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Chair
Budget Advisory Board

c: Lee Feldman, City Manager
Stanley D. Hawthorne, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Modarelli, Acting City Clerk
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