



City of Fort Lauderdale

DRAFT FY 2025 City Commission Priorities and Themes

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- Public Safety
- Homelessness Initiatives
- Affordable Housing and Economic Development
- Transportation and Traffic
- Infrastructure and Resilience
- Public Spaces and Community Initiatives

Public Safety

- Right-size personnel to meet the needs of the City's residents, visitors, and workers
- Improve police response times
- Examine and plan for upcoming retirements
- Enhance efforts to recruit high quality police officers to meet staffing needs
- Citywide Gun violence prevention (e.g. explore Cities United partnership)
- Encourage gun safety education and outreach initiatives (e.g. safety devices, training and videos) for the community and in schools
- Strengthen neighborhood relationships with police officers
- Address concentrated crime through prevention (respond to targeted burglaries)
- Continue to partner with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative to understand safety concerns and to develop innovative solutions

Homelessness Initiatives

- Focus on reducing homelessness in the City
- Address homelessness that has expanded past the downtown area into residential communities
- Partner with service providers to ensure that crowds disburse after receiving services
- Target hotspots across the City
- Continue to focus on the Homeless Outreach Team
- Explore utilizing the Court System as the catalyst for providing services (i.e. Community Court)
- Collaborate with the County and the Hospital Districts to revamp the discharge procedures within the City

Affordable Housing and Economic Development

- Economic Development
 - o Enhance skilled labor opportunities (e.g. Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy)
 - o Use Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funds to expand affordable housing opportunities
 - o Address food deserts within the City (i.e. Pop-up Markets)
 - o Explore options to repurpose empty street level spaces (i.e. Zero Empty Spaces Program, Tax abatements)
 - o Repurpose the Federal Courthouse in partnership with GSA
 - o Plan for controlled development
 - o Move forward with plans for a new City Hall
 - o Himmarshee District revitalization



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Affordable Housing and Economic Development (continued)

- Affordable Housing
 - o Provide affordable housing citywide (i.e. not concentrated in one area)
 - o Create an Affordable Housing Masterplan
 - o Work with the County to evaluate the criteria used for housing affordability

Transportation and Traffic

- Enhance bike lanes
- Strategic traffic management and calming (e.g. seek partnerships with developers)
- Continue and enhance Microtransit initiatives
- Focus on pedestrian safety and walkability
- Enhance multimodal transportation options (i.e. ways to reduce traffic congestion and move people efficiently)
- Address failed roadways (e.g. Bayview Drive roadway condition)
- Complete sidewalk gap assessment and explore funding sources for additional sidewalks
- Explore options to ensure sufficient parking
- Continue to explore New River crossing options

Infrastructure and Resilience

- Plan for the future capacity requirements at the George T. Lohmeyer plant
- Enhance waterway quality (e.g. create a Chief Waterways Officer)
- Stormwater drainage cleaning
- Address flooding from upland water sources
- Expand the Utility Undergrounding Program
- Encourage commercial recycling and enhance the Green Your Routine program
- Expedite ordinance creation
 - o Tree Canopy
 - o Trash Ordinance (i.e. addressing medical waste)

Public Spaces and Community Initiatives

- Neighborhood Masterplans
- Increased support for residents to preserve Sailboat Bend's historic district
- Increase ease of historic preservation (e.g. fees, incentives and permits)
- Opportunities for neighborhood driven improvements (i.e. alternative to former NCIP/BCIP Program)
- Continue efforts to mitigate the impact of vacation rental expansion and the Live Local Act
- Address broadband connectivity issues
- Partner with the school board to prevent neighborhood school closures
- Advocate for the reinvestment of city generated ad valorem to the School Board to come back into the City
- Address the gap in educational excellence
- Enhance median maintenance
- Citywide cleanliness and maintenance