



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 3, 2013

TITLE: Resolution – City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida – 2014 Legislative priorities
and appropriation requests

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Mayor and Commission adopt the attached resolution approving the City of Fort Lauderdale’s 2014 legislative priorities and funding requests.

Background

The Commission retained the services of two firms, Ericks Consultants, Inc. and Ronald L. Book, PA. to assist the City with lobbying efforts at the State level. These firms, along with staff, will be advocating for City’s interests during the upcoming legislative session. Through this resolution, the Commission provides direction to City staff, lobbyists and other interested parties as to the official position of the City of Fort Lauderdale regarding issues, pending legislation and funding requests that would affect the operation of local government. In addition, throughout the upcoming year, staff will seek funding for projects and programs that the Commission has prioritized.

The attached document articulates the City of Fort Lauderdale’s 2014 legislative priorities and funding requests based on the City’s FY 2014 Commission Annual Action Plan and the Commission Conference Meeting discussion on November 19, 2013. The Florida League of Cities released its action agenda on November 22, 2013 and it is attached herewith. The Broward League of Cities has not made their 2014 priorities available at this juncture.

Resource Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connection:

1. This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing or supporting multiple initiatives that may impact projects, such as the Crime Rate Strategy and Action Plan, Downtown Walkability Plan, Wave Streetcar, Beach Renourishment Plan, etc.

2. This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.

Attachments:

EX 1 Proposed 2014 Legislative Priorities and Appropriation Requests

EX 2 2014 Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Agenda

EX 3 Resolution

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