



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

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

**DATE:** November 19, 2013

**TITLE:** Old/New Business – Discussion of the City of Fort Lauderdale 2014  
legislative priorities and appropriation requests.

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It is recommended that the Mayor and Commission discuss the attached draft of the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2014 legislative priorities and funding requests in preparation to formally adopt priorities on December 3, 2013.

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 a resolution on December 3, 2013, the Commission will provide 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 draft 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 information obtained from prior commission meetings. Neither the Florida League of Cities nor the Broward League of Cities have made their adopted 2014 priorities available at this juncture so they have not been incorporated into these priorities at this time.

**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.

Attachment

EX 1- Draft City of Fort Lauderdale 2014 legislative priorities and appropriation requests

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