



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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 18, 2012

TITLE: Discussion of the City of Fort Lauderdale 2013 legislative priorities and
appropriation requests

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Mayor and Commission discuss the attached draft of the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2013 legislative priorities and funding requests to direct staff in preparing a resolution to formally adopt City Commission priorities. The resolution will be drafted for adoption at the December 18, 2012 City Commission meeting.

Background

At its meeting of September 5, 2012, 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. 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 2013 legislative priorities and funding requests based on the City's FY 2013 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 2013 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.

Related CAM(s): #12-1305, 12-1981

Attachment:

EX 1: Draft City of Fort Lauderdale 2013 legislative priorities and funding requests

EX 2: Legislative Action Plan

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