

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 510 AND HOUSE BILL 301 IN THE 2022 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION, URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO OPPOSE SENATE BILL 510 AND HOUSE BILL 301 WHICH, IF ENACTED, WOULD REQUIRE MAYORS, CITY COMMISSIONERS, OTHER ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, AND CITY, COUNTY, TOWN, OR VILLAGE MANAGERS TO FILE AN ANNUAL FULL DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS FORM RATHER THAN THE CURRENTLY REQUIRED LIMITED DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS FORM, AND PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION, DIRECTION TO THE CITY'S STATE LOBBYISTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 510 and House Bill 301 in the 2022 Florida Legislative Session would require mayors, city commissioners, other elected municipal officials, and city, county, town, or village managers to file an annual full disclosure of financial interests form (Form 6) rather than the currently required limited disclosure of financial interests form (Form 1); and

WHEREAS, although the full disclosure requirement may be appropriate for statewide and countywide elected officials and larger cities, it is not necessary in smaller cities where the Form 1 has successfully provided the proper balance between providing the voters with sufficient information and the privacy of elected officials; and

WHEREAS, if Senate Bill 510 or House Bill 301 were to be signed into law, such a law may discourage people from running for municipal elected office or applying for city, county, town, or village manager positions; and

WHEREAS, the State should not impose stricter requirements on municipal elected officials, but instead should respect the home-rule authority of municipalities to impose additional financial disclosure requirements if it is the will of the voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, opposes Senate Bill 510 and House Bill 301 in the 2022 Florida Legislative Session, and urges all members of the Florida Legislature and Governor Ron DeSantis to oppose Senate Bill 510 and House Bill 301, and any other similar legislation or amendment that would require municipal elected officials and city managers to file an annual full disclosure of financial interest form (Form 6) rather than the currently required limited disclosure of financial interests form (Form 1).

SECTION 2. That the City Commission directs the City Clerk to transmit copies of this Resolution to the City's state lobbyists, Governor Ron DeSantis, Senate President Wilton Simpson, Speaker of the House Chris Sprowls, the Broward League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, and any other interested parties.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission directs the City's state lobbyists to advocate against Senate Bill 510 and House Bill 301 in the 2022 Florida Legislative Session.

SECTION 4. That if any clause, section, or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2022.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

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