



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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: January 23, 2024

TITLE: Discuss the 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff will use this opportunity to begin the discussion and development of the 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program. Similar to the state legislative program, this is a preliminary discussion to prepare staff and our federal contract team for a comprehensive workshop to approve and finalize this working draft (Exhibit 1) at subsequent Commission meeting dates in mid-February and March.

Background

This federal program will provide staff the opportunity to decide on an effective course of action for advocacy with our federal contract team and Congressional Delegation. The draft will include fundamental principle statements, policy priorities, and appropriation requests. It will also be used for advocacy during the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce’s Washington Summit scheduled for May 2024.

Prior to the 74th Congress (1935-1937), the first session of a Congress officially began on March 4 of odd-numbered years and ended at midnight on March 3 of odd-numbered years. Since 1935, in accordance with the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, Congresses have begun and ended at noon on January 3 of odd-numbered years. Each two-year Congress typically includes two legislative sessions, although third or special sessions were common in earlier years. The City’s federal legislative program will be aligned with the United States’ Congressional Calendar – running from the 118th Congressional Calendar, Session 2 into the 119th Congressional Calendar Session 2.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing The Internal Support Focus Area

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management. This item advances the Fast Forward Fort

Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are United.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – DRAFT 2025-26 Federal Legislative Program

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