

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

2016 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES & FUNDING REQUESTS

This document reflects the official position of the City of Fort Lauderdale regarding Federal issues and pending legislation that would impact the operation of local government. It also provides priorities for the pursuit of funding for various City initiatives.

The City of Fort Lauderdale will ENDORSE and SUPPORT legislation and policies that will:

1. Enhance Department of Transportation resources for transit including for passenger rail and streetcars
2. Promote improved water quality and quantity
3. Encourage energy development and conservation and the development and implementation of alternative energy sources
4. Provide appropriate priority and funding for the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and toward adjusting the Florida Department of Emergency Management and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) sub-allocations to cities based on each city's risk profile assessment
5. Strengthen and expand environmental education, physical activity, and healthy lifestyles for Fort Lauderdale youth while ensuring that they are as protected as possible while participating in parks and recreation programs
6. Garner additional resources toward repeat offenders and other juvenile justice issues
7. Support the development of a new Federal courthouse through both public-private partnerships and regular courthouse authorization and appropriations
8. Provide noise mitigation from the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport
9. Support Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to maintain Community Development Block Grant funding allocations
10. Allow collection of taxes from internet based commerce on an equal basis as traditional retail sales

The City of Fort Lauderdale will OPPOSE any legislation or regulations that will:

1. Create unfunded mandates
2. Restrict or decrease any revenue allocations to local governments
3. Remove or limit the value of the tax exemption for municipal bonds

4. Create onerous and ambiguous new Clean Water Act requirements

The City of Fort Lauderdale will SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT for the following initiatives:

1. Crime reduction
2. WAVE development
3. Federal Courthouse Project
4. Transportation enhancements specifically focused on greenways, complete street initiatives and pedestrian safety
5. Flood prevention and hazard mitigation
6. Riverwalk enhancement and activation
7. Comprehensive homelessness strategy
8. Climate change and sea level rise mitigation
9. Promotion of Fort Lauderdale's marine industry
10. Water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure improvements
11. Fort Lauderdale Beach re-nourishment, revitalization, and enhancement
12. Additional parks and recreational programs and facilities, including athletic fields
13. Juvenile Justice programs
14. Drug prevention and educational programs for Flakka and other synthetic drugs
15. Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport capital projects
16. Enhance the disaster resiliency of our water and wastewater utilities
17. Police body worn cameras
18. Noise Issue at Fort Lauderdale International Airport