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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 2017 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:

- Enhance Department of Transportation resources for transit including for passenger rail and streetcars
- Support the development of a new Federal courthouse through the courthouse authorization and appropriations process
- Promote improved water quality and quantity
- Provide noise mitigation from the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport
- 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
- Garner additional resources toward repeat offenders and other juvenile justice issues
- Secure additional fire rescue equipment, training and other necessary resources to maintain and enhance capabilities
- 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
- Acquire additional resources to address recidivism and other juvenile justice issues
- Support Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to maintain Community Development Block Grant funding allocations
- Support efforts and secure additional resources to address opioid abuse
- Allow collection of taxes from internet based commerce on an equal basis as traditional retail sales
- Encourage energy development and conservation and the development and implementation of alternative energy sources

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

- Create unfunded mandates
- Restrict or decrease any revenue allocations to local governments
- Remove or limit the value of the tax exemption for municipal bonds
- Create onerous and ambiguous new Clean Water Act requirements

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

- Crime reduction
- WAVE Streetcar development
- Federal Courthouse Project
- Transportation enhancements specifically focused on greenways, complete street initiatives, and pedestrian safety
- Flood prevention and hazard mitigation
- Riverwalk enhancement and activation
- Comprehensive homelessness strategy
- Climate change and sea level rise mitigation
- Promotion of Fort Lauderdale's marine industry
- Water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure improvements
- Fort Lauderdale Beach re-nourishment, revitalization, and enhancement
- Additional parks and recreational programs and facilities, including athletic fields
- Juvenile Justice programs
- Drug prevention and educational programs for Opioids and other synthetic drugs
- Enhance the disaster resiliency of our water and wastewater utilities
- Noise Issues at Fort Lauderdale International Airport
- Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport capital projects