



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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 4, 2014

TITLE: Fort Lauderdale 2015 Legislative Priorities and Funding Requests

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Mayor and Commission adopt the attached resolution approving The City of Fort Lauderdale's 2015 legislative priorities and funding requests.

Background

The City's lobbyists, Ericks Consultants, Inc. and Ronald L. Book, PA., will assist the City with lobbying efforts at the State level. These firms, along with City staff, will be advocating for City's interests during the upcoming legislative session. Through this resolution, the Commission provides 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, City staff will seek funding for projects and programs that the Commission has prioritized.

The attached document articulates the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2015 State legislative priorities and funding requests based on the discussion from the Commission Conference Meeting of October 21, 2014.

Strategic Connection:

1. This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing or supporting multiple initiatives that may impact projects, such as the Crime Rate Strategy and Action Plan, Downtown Walkability Plan, Wave Streetcar, Beach Renourishment Plan, etc.

2. This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included in

the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Related CAM: #14-1248 (Conference)

Attachments: 1) FY 2015 State Legislative Priorities and Funding Requests
2) Resolution

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