

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE 2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE PRIORITIES FOR THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Mayor Eugene Flinn and Co-sponsored by Councilmember Karyn Cunningham)

WHEREAS, the Village Council has developed a Legislative Agenda that supports the priorities of the Village of Palmetto Bay for the 2018 Legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council desire to lobby the State Legislature to consider and address these priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village Council hereby approves its 2018 Legislative Agenda, as further detailed in Sections 2, 3, and 4 below.

Section 2: The Village Council hereby supports and approves the Miami Dade County Public Schools 2018 State Legislative priorities, as follows:

A. Increase the state’s investment in K-12 education with a higher Base Student Allocation (BAS) of five percent annually to allow school districts to enhance teacher salaries;

B. Conduct an impartial third-party study to develop a cost of education index which focuses on cost differences integral to educational institutions’ operations reflecting such costs as average teacher salaries, health insurance for employees, property insurance per FTE, and transportation costs per FTE;

1 C. Oppose any diversion of the Local Discretionary Capital Levy
2 revenue from traditional public schools to charter schools;

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4 D. Implement and fund strategies to encourage and attract
5 talented students to enter into the field of education, such as teacher
6 fellowships and loan forgiveness programs;

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8 E. Establish a perimeter of safety around schools and increase
9 penalties for the unlawful firing of a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school.

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11 **Section 3:** The Village Council hereby supports and approves the
12 following priorities for funding and takes positions to support certain
13 legislative policies as follows:

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15 A. Urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would
16 make texting while driving a primary offense;

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18 B. Supporting any legislation that would provide funding for
19 traffic calming projects and public transit improvements and extensions,
20 to include Miami Dade County Smart Plan – Southern Corridor within the
21 Village;

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23 C. Supporting any legislation and requesting funding assistance
24 and partnership opportunities that support the age friendly city initiatives
25 and the development of unique opportunities for individuals with special
26 needs;

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28 D. Supporting the legislative funding requesting and the efforts
29 of the Deering Estate Foundation to continue the planning and
30 improvements to the properties within the Deering Estate;

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32 E. Maximizing all available appropriation and funding
33 opportunities to implement storm water and other needed infrastructure
34 projects throughout the Village;

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36 F. Requesting funding for South Florida Water Management
37 District specifically for canal bank restoration to address the critical
38 erosion needs in the Village of Palmetto Bay;

1 G. Support any legislation requesting funding assistance and
2 partnership opportunities for projects that enhance mobility and create a
3 network of interconnected lanes in support of bicycle and pedestrian
4 activity within the Village, with opportunities for possible expansion
5 outside Village boundaries;

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7 H. Seeking funding assistance for the Village’s FRDAP projects
8 to address park capital improvements.

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10 I. Seek funding through Amendment 1 for park properties in the
11 Village.

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13 **Section 4. Transparency, limitation of solicitation provision:**

14 The Village of Palmetto Bay uses a transparent process for its parks
15 investment and development for its parks master plan process. All
16 legislative requests go through a public process -- codified through
17 resolution -- and that no person or representative of the Village of
18 Palmetto Bay (including, but not limited to, elected officials, charter
19 officers, directors, staff, consultants, and/or lobbyists) may advocate for,
20 solicit, lobby, represent that s/he has authority to request, or accept, if
21 offered, legislative grants, appropriations or even private donations
22 without prior notification and approval of that money before the Village
23 Council, with requisite notice to its residents/stakeholders.

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25 **Section 5.** The above whereas clauses are incorporated by
26 reference.

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28 **Section 6.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon
29 approval.

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31 **Section 7.** The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this
32 Resolution to the Village’s lobbyist.

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34 **PASSED and ADOPTED** this 5th day of February, 2018.

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Attest:

DocuSigned by:
Missy Arocha
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Village Clerk

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Eugene Flinn
Eugene Flinn
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY ONLY:

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Dexter W. Lehtinen
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Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

- Council Member Karyn Cunningham YES
- Council Member David Singer YES
- Council Member Larissa Siegel Lara YES
- Vice-Mayor John DuBois YES
- Mayor Eugene Flinn YES