

RESOLUTION No. 2009-51-996

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S 2009 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution provides that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida and a paramount duty of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution creates a clear mandate for a uniform and high quality education system and for the State to make adequate provision for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has experienced significant budget reductions of nearly \$300 million, and

WHEREAS, Florida employers consistently rank improving education and workforce development as top concerns to the success of their business, and a highly qualified, trained workforce as critical to strengthening our business climate, and

WHEREAS, the education system needs to respond to the workforce needs of Florida's employers, including programs that expand career academies in high schools, align career education with industry standards and workforce demands, and expand options for students to continue their education and enter the workforce, and

WHEREAS, the Pre-K-20 education system is the foundation for Florida's future, providing the talent base for economic diversification and an economic engine for the knowledge economy, and Florida should continue to move its education system at all levels (Pre-K-20) into the top quartile in education quality, student rankings and graduation rates based on national standards, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens believes that funding a high-quality education system in an investment in our state's and our community's ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens believes that adequate funding is needed to achieve a high-quality education system measured by gains in student achievement,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

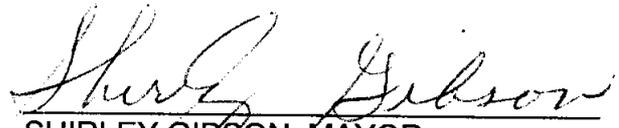
Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby supports Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiative and requests that the Florida Legislature:

- Fulfill its commitment to hold school district operational and capital funding harmless from the impact of property tax reform and budget shortfalls by funding the student enrollment at minimally 2008-2009 levels of \$6,968.29;
- Restore the local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy to 2-mills; and
- Oppose legislation that reduces the number of in-service hours required of teachers providing instruction to English Language Learners.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2009.

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.  
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR SHIRLEY GIBSON

MOVED BY: Councilman Gilbert  
SECOND BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>    </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No) (out of town)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)

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## City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	<i>February 25, 2009</i>		<b>Item Type:</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Other</b>	
			<i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	<b>Ordinance Reading:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
		X	<b>Public Hearing:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>			<b>Advertising Requirement:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Contract/P.O. Required:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	<b>RFP/RFQ/Bid #:</b>				
		X					
<b>Sponsor Name</b>	<b>Dr. Danny O. Crew</b>		<b>Department:</b>		<i>City Manager</i>		

**Short Title:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT CERTAIN ISSUES DURING THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Summary:**

The Regular Session of the Florida Legislature will convene on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. In preparation for the legislative session, staff established a legislative program based on the input from various City Council members and staff. The proposed State Legislative Program documents the City of Miami Garden's legislative priorities in 2009 and will be used to assist our lobbyist in advocating for the City during the current session.

**Proposed Action:**

That the City Council approve the attached resolution adopting the 2009 City of Miami Gardens State Legislative Program.

**Attachment:**

**Attachment A- Proposed 2009 State Legislative Program**

**ITEM K-1) RESOLUTION  
2009 Legislative Session**



## 2009 Proposed City of Miami Gardens State Legislative Program

### POLICY STATEMENTS

#### **Cultural Arts/Recreation and Open Space Program Funding**

**The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports** the preservation of state funding for cultural programs and recreation and opens space programs (City Manager).

#### **Home Rule**

**Miami Gardens City is dedicated** the fundamental concept that government closed to the people is the appropriate authority to serve the needs and requirements of the community. **The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes** legislative efforts to interfere with the governance or administration of local government. (City Manager)

#### **Municipal Memberships**

**The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes** any legislation that seeks to remove a municipality's ability to pay membership dues to organizations that assist in representing municipal interests before the Florida Legislature or any other unit of Federal, State, or local government.

#### **Municipal Revenues**

**The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes** any legislative action that seeks to further limit or reduce local government revenues, including additional constitutional amendments. (City Manager)

#### **Pari-Mutuel Gaming**

**City of Miami Garden City Council supports** passage of legislation creating parity with Indian gaming casino competitors in the nature of regulatory requirements, taxation, or revenue sharing structures and competing product offerings. (Mayor Shirley Gibson)

#### **Proportionate Share of State Funding**

**The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports** the Florida legislature equalizing the proportionate share amount of funding provided to each jurisdiction from state funds based on population of each region in Florida. (Councilman Gilbert)

**Recreation Program Funding**

~~The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports the preservation of state funding for recreational programs and open space preservation grants. (Consolidated Above)~~

**Workforce Housing**

~~Over the past two years, the City of Miami Gardens has experienced a 28% increase in property values. This rapid increase in the cost of housing places the average working resident at a disadvantage when faced with attaining adequate housing for their family. The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports legislation that maintains the availability of workforce housing for residents of the City of Miami Gardens. (City Manager)~~

**LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

**Red Light Cameras**

The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes legislation which seeks to limit a municipality's ability to impose civil penalties for traffic infractions related to red light running and/or restrict a municipality's ability to obtain right of Way permits for the installation of red light cameras with their jurisdiction. (City Manager)

**Water Surcharge Legislation**

The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports legislation which seeks to reinstate limitations on utility rates charged outside municipal boundaries in counties with a population of more than 1.5 million as of the most recent decennial census. (Councilman Oliver Gilbert)

**APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS**

**Drainage Improvements Amount: \$595,000**

The following locations have been identified by City engineers as areas of critical concern; these locations are in need of storm water drainage improvements due to flooding and require immediate attention. Projects involve design and construction of the local drainage system:

- NW 194th Terrace - NW 196th Street / NW 21st Avenue \$175,000
  - NW 167th -175th Street / NW 11th -17th Avenue \$307,500
  - NW 179 Street / NW 32nd Ave - NW 35th Court \$112,500
- \$595,000**