



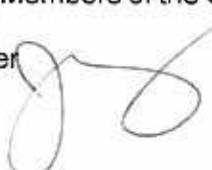
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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 291-2008

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager 

DATE: November 10, 2008

SUBJECT: City of Hollywood, Florida Resolution Regarding Equalizing State Funding Based On Population.

Attached for your perusal is a copy of the City of Hollywood, Florida Resolution No. R-2008-318.

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2008-318

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, URGING THE 2009 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of approximately \$66 billion; and

WHEREAS, the State's fiscal year 2008-2009 budget cut approximately \$5 billion from the previous year's budget of more than \$71 billion; and

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a recently study of the Miami Herald concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, yet only received \$6.69 billion back, resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach County in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than a half billion dollars between what the people of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these three counties receive back in state services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Hollywood, Florida believes that equitable distribution of state funding based on population, as set forth herein, is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That it hereby urges the 2009 Florida Legislature to provide to each region of the State of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of state funding based on population.

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Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors, Chairs and Members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

Section 3: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of Oct, 2008.



PETER BOBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
for the use and reliance of the
City of Hollywood, Florida, only.



JEFFREY P. SHEFFEL
CITY ATTORNEY