

2006 State Legislative Program Additions

ATTAINABLE HOUSING

Broward County, as well as the State of Florida, is experiencing a decline in inventory of rental and ownership affordable housing stock. In order to adequately meet the needs of our increasing population, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports legislation that would provide funding solutions that could be implemented locally in order to fund affordable housing projects and programs. Additionally, the Board of County Commissioners urges the state legislature to remove the cap that was placed on the Sadowski Trust Fund, allocate all available funds to offer relief for our existing and future residents and oppose any diversion of funds to any other programs. 2/7/06

SOUTH FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports a dedicated funding source for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). 2/14/06

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners opposes HB 273/ SB 566 relating to outdoor advertising which pre-empts the home rule of municipalities and counties. 2/21/06

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports HB 913/ SB 178 relating to enhanced restrictions on illegal use of controlled substances. 3/14/06

COURT COSTS FOR DRUG COURT PROGRAMS

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports HB 709/ SB 940 relating to funding of drug court programs through assessment of additional mandatory court costs. 3/14/06

DRUG COURT PROGRAMS

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports HB 175/ SB 114 and SB 444 relating to the use of drug court program model in the treatment of substance abuse. 3/14/06

FLORIDA SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH CORPORATION

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports HB 619/SB 1286 requiring the Florida Substance Abuse & Mental Health Corporation to review and assess activities related to the transformation of the substance abuse and mental health system in Florida. 3/14/06

MENTALLY ILL AT RISK FOR ARREST PILOT PROJECT

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports a request to fund a pilot diversionary program for mentally ill at risk of incarceration. 3/14/06

MENTALLY ILL AT RISK FOR ARREST FORENSIC HOSPITAL BEDS

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports statewide funding to address the lack of forensic beds for mentally ill at risk of incarceration. 3/14/06

SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports HB 527/SB 1008 relating to the coordination of state agency plans for suicide prevention. 3/14/06

FDOT LOCAL ORDINANCE PREEMPTION

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners seeks to repeal legislation that preempts local government authority to regulate the impact of current and future FDOT projects. 3/14/06