

RESOLUTION No. 2008-249-937

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE THE PROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF FUNDING PROVIDED TO EACH JURISDICTION FROM STATE FUNDS BASED ON POPULATION TO EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS' STATE LOBBYISTS TO ADVOCATE FOR SOUTH FLORIDA'S FAIR SHARE OF STATE SPENDING AND TO INCLUDE THIS RESOLUTION IN THE 2009 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature approved a state budget of approximately Sixty-Six Billion Dollars (\$66,000,000,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, and

WHEREAS, a recent Miami Herald report concluded that the residents of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent more than Seven Billion Fifteen Million Dollars (\$7,015,000,000.00) in tax revenues annually to the State of Florida, but only received Six Billion Sixty-Nine Million Dollars (\$6,069,000,000.00) back, resulting in a difference of more than Four Hundred Sixty Million Dollars (\$460,000,000.00) – which equates to a gap of One Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$144.00) for every adult in these two counties, and

WHEREAS, with the inclusion of Palm Beach County, the annual difference will be more than Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) between what the residents of the tri-county area contributed in tax revenue to the State of Florida in comparison to what they received in state services and programs, and

WHEREAS, in these extremely difficult economic times, the residents need the benefits of more state support in these three heavily-populated South Florida counties,


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN OLIVER GILBERT III

MOVED BY: Councilman Gilbert
SECONDED BY: Vice Mayor Watson

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)

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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. EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby urges the Florida Legislature to equalize the proportionate amount of funding provided to each jurisdiction from state funds based on population to each region of Florida, including South Florida and directing the City of Miami Gardens' state lobbyists to advocate for South Florida's fair share of State spending and to include this Resolution in the 2009 State Legislative Package.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Council hereby instructs the City Clerk to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and all the members of the Florida Legislature, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of 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, along with a copy to be sent to the City's state lobbyist.

Section 4. 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 DECEMBER 10, 2008.

City of Miami Gardens

1515-200 NW 167th Street
Miami Gardens, Florida 33169



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Date: **December 10, 2008**

Fiscal Impact: No Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source: N/A

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No

Sponsor Name/Department

Councilman Oliver Gilbert III

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

Advertising requirement:

RFP/RFQ/Bid # _____

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution

2nd Reading

Yes No

Title

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Staff Summary

Based on a recent report in the Miami Herald, it is estimated that the residents of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent more than Seven Billion Fifteen Million Dollars (\$7,015,000,000.00) in tax revenues annually to the State of Florida, but only received Six Billion Sixty-Nine Million Dollars (\$6,069,000,000.00) back, resulting in a difference of more than Four Hundred Sixty Million Dollars (\$460,000,000.00) – which equates to a gap of One Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$144.00) for every adult in these two counties.

Using the most recent population projections for the City of Miami Gardens it could be estimated that this could increase the City's proportionate share of State Funds by up to \$10 Million dollars.

Recommendation:

That the City Council adopt the attached resolution to equalizing the proportionate share amount of state funding provided to each jurisdiction based on population.