

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING STRONG OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 1242 AND HOUSE BILL 991 THAT SEEK TO ELIMINATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES; URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE SENATE BILL 1242 AND HOUSE BILL 991 THAT WOULD RESTRICT OR ELIMINATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES; THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**WHEREAS**, Part III of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, allows a county or municipality to create a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to carry out redevelopment of slum or blighted areas when certain conditions exist; and

**WHEREAS**, examples of conditions that can support the creation of a CRA include the presence of substandard or inadequate structures, a shortage of affordable housing, or inadequate and insufficient roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, CRAs are community redevelopment programs designed to eliminate slum or blight conditions and to enhance quality of life and business conditions for residents and business owners in a community redevelopment area; and

**WHEREAS**, CRAs have proven historically to provide distressed communities with a better environment through improved infrastructure, preservation and growth of business and job opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, these outcomes benefit both cities and the counties and, more importantly, their taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous active CRAs in Florida, established to encourage new investment and job creation in urban areas that became blighted as a result of substantial growth moving away from urban core; and

**WHEREAS**, the Margate CRA has demonstrated its ability to encourage economic growth in the City through investments in infrastructure and local businesses within the CRA district; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1242 and House Bill 991 provide for the termination of all CRAs in Florida at a date certain (September 30, 2045) or the date of expiration of the CRA; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1242 and House Bill 991 prohibit CRAs from starting any new projects or issue any new debt on or after October 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Margate believes that it is in the best interest of the City to express its strong opposition to Senate Bill 1242 and House Bill 991.

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

**SECTION 1:** That the foregoing WHEREAS clauses are hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2:** The City Commission of Margate strongly expresses its opposition to Senate Bill 1242 and House Bill 991 and urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose Senate Bill 1242 and House Bill 991 which seek to eliminate Community Redevelopment Agencies ("CRAs").

**SECTION 3:** The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the Broward County Legislative Delegation and any other interested parties.

**SECTION 4:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER M. JOHNSON  
CITY CLERK

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MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ

RECORD OF VOTE

Ruzzano	_____
Caggiano	_____
Simone	_____
Arserio	_____
Schwartz	_____

