

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA APPROVING THE CITY OF MARGATE STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THE CITY OF MARGATE STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY DELEGATION FOR CONSIDERATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE UP IN PRIORITY LISTED PROJECTS, BASED UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY'S LOBBYIST, WITHOUT FURTHER COMMISSION ACTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the City of Margate considers and follows federal, state, and local legislation that may affect the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Margate has developed Legislative Priorities for the 2025 State Legislative Session outlining the City's position on particular legislative issues; and

WHEREAS, the City recommends that the City of Margate Legislative Priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as a specific part of this Resolution, be forwarded to the Broward County Legislative Delegation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that legislative committee meetings, that have yet to be held, could impact the determination as to which projects will garner more consideration by the Florida Legislature in the 2025 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Margate deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Margate to approve the City of Margate State Legislative Priorities for the 2025 State Legislative Session.

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

**Section 1:** That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

**Section 2:** That the City Commission of the City of Margate hereby approves the City of Margate State Legislative Priorities for the 2025 State Legislative Session attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein and made a specific part of this Resolution.

**SECTION 3:** That the Administration is authorized to move listed projects up in priority, based upon recommendation from the City's lobbyist, without further Commission action.

**Section 4:** That the City Manager is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City's lobbyist to use throughout the 2025 legislative session.

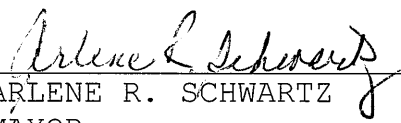
**Section 5:** That the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Broward County Legislative Delegation for consideration.

**SECTION 6:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2025.

ATTEST:

  
JENNIFER M. JOHNSON  
CITY CLERK

  
ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ  
MAYOR

RECORD OF VOTE

Ruzzano	<u>YES</u>
Caggiano	<u>YES</u>
Simone	<u>YES</u>
Arserio	<u>YES</u>
Schwartz	<u>YES</u>



## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2025

***The City of Margate urges Governor Ron DeSantis and the members of the Florida Legislature to provide for the following legislative priorities of the City of Margate.***

### **LOCAL PROJECT FUNDING**

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**Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment and Rehabilitation:** Increasing stormwater delivery capacity for resiliency is necessary to continue protecting the community, property and the environment, while preserving drainage basins and mitigating flood risks.

**Amount Requested: \$500,000**

**Wastewater Digester 2 Rehabilitation Project:** Rehabilitating and upgrading Digester Tank 2 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will improve wastewater treatment efficiency, enhance operational reliability, extend infrastructure lifespan, and ensure compliance with regulatory standards. The upgrades will help prevent system failures, reduce maintenance costs, and maintain environmental and public health protections.

**Amount Requested: \$700,000**

### **The City of Margate SUPPORTS:**

- Legislation that strengthens municipal self-governing powers.
- Legislation that requires full funding of the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Funds be used only for Florida's affordable housing programs.
- Legislation that provides for collaboration between the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and cities to ensure that short-term rental properties abide by state and local regulations, are properly licensed and insured, and comply with state and local taxation requirements as well as industry-accepted safety practices.
- Legislation that provides for new or amended existing ordinances for regulation of the location of municipal short-term vacation rentals.



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- Legislation that provides cities the ability to regulate development and zoning within the municipality.

### The City of Margate **OPPOSES:**

- Any funding reduction in the Florida Digital Cybergrant. The grant helps municipalities protect their networks, allows the sharing of data between awarded agencies, and allows cities to benefit from the state's bulk purchasing.
- Legislation increasing the per occurrence limits on the collectability of judgments against government entities and eliminating the per claimant limit. If such legislation is passed, it would force local governments to increase property taxes to pay for the higher liability amounts, as well as the likely increase in the number of lawsuits filed against government entities, and lead to higher insurance premiums.
- Legislation which preempts local business regulations and prohibits local governments from imposing or adopting any new regulations on businesses, including a local business tax, unless expressly authorized by the Legislature.
- Legislation that reduces funding for school safety and school resource officers and/or that creates an unfunded mandate for municipalities to increase their funding of school resource officers.
- Legislation creating unfunded mandates that would require action on/by municipalities without allocation of State resources to accomplish said action.
- Legislation reducing the local Communication Services Tax (CST) rate.

### **Margate City Commission**

*Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz*

*Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio*

*Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano*

*Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano*

*Commissioner Joanne Simone*

*Cale Curtis, City Manager*

*Larry Vignola, Assistant City Manager*

*Ronald L. Book, P.A., City Lobbyist*