

# **Item # 81**

**Replacement Exhibit 1**

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**

**Regular Meeting**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**



**Intergovernmental Affairs/Boards Section**, County Administration  
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**TO:** Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** C. Marty Cassini, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager   
**DATE:** November 9, 2018  
**RE:** Item #81 - 2019 State Legislative Program

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Attached you will find a replacement draft (both clean and track changes) of the 2019 State Legislative Program. Please note that the Board has discretion to subsequently amend the program to include unforeseen policy proposals moving through the Legislature during session. Please also note that Intergovernmental Affairs/Boards Staff continues to work with Commissioners, Departments, Divisions, and Offices on other policy initiatives, but the research and investigation of such proposals is still being developed and finalized. Some of these issues include consumer protection, elections, and homeless data protection. Any additional proposals will come back for ratification by the Board.

The specific changes to the Program are reflected in the attachment Replacement Exhibit 1 – 2019 State Legislative Program. Changes are explained as follows:

Broward County Priorities (Page 4)

Specific changes to the Broward County Priorities are the result of the 2018 midterm election relating to Amendment 4 – Restoration of Voting Rights and Amendment 9 – Prohibition on Oil and Gas Drilling which both passed by the requisite sixty percent threshold. Both were top Commission priorities during the 2018 Legislative session.

Substance Abuse and Mental Funding was amended to reflect the need to move from short term residential treatment beds to extended acute care beds and holistic wrap around services for persons suffering from substance abuse or mental health disorders.

Legislative Policy Proposals

Added a statement on Constitutional Amendment Implementation. (Page 5)  
Added a statement on the support for Medicaid Expansion. (Page 8)

The Program will also be updated to reflect the outcome of the election for Mayor and Vice Mayor during the County’s Organizational Session on November 27.



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