

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

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2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
3 COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
4 SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 70, STATE FUNDS, FILED
5 BY SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO IN CONNECTION
6 WITH THE 2019 REGULAR STATE LEGISLATIVE
7 SESSION TO PREVENT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE
8 FROM RAIDING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
9 HOUSING TRUST FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR
10 SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11 (Sponsored by Commissioner Nan H. Rich)

12 WHEREAS, the William E. Sadowski Act of 1992 provides a dedicated revenue
13 source for the State and Local Government Housing Trust Funds for the production and
14 preservation of affordable housing, including funding for the local State Housing
15 Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP);

16 WHEREAS, Sadowski Act monies provide funding for the County's SHIP
17 program;

18 WHEREAS, the SHIP program provides funds to local governments as an
19 incentive to create partnerships that produce and preserve affordable homeownership
20 and multifamily housing for very low, low, and moderate income families;

21 WHEREAS, Broward County has a substantial affordable housing need and is
22 one of the most cost-burdened markets in the nation for affordable housing;

23 WHEREAS, a diversity of housing options along income ranges is an essential
24 component of economic development and new job creation;

WHEREAS, affordable housing is housing that is affordable to our workforce,
seniors, individuals with special needs, veterans, youth aging out of foster care, and
homeless individuals;

1 WHEREAS, there are over 84,000 renters in Broward County with incomes at or
2 below 60 percent of average medium income who are cost-burdened and paying 30
3 percent or more of their income for housing;

4 WHEREAS, in FY18, Broward County contributed \$33,978,783 to the State and
5 Local Government Housing Trust Funds pursuant to the Sadowski Act through the
6 documentary stamp tax on real estate transactions, but was only reallocated \$2,457,924
7 in SHIP funding to use towards affordable housing;

8 WHEREAS, Broward County budgeted a total of \$10,000,000 in local funding in
9 FY18 and FY19 for the development of approximately 395 affordable units, made land
10 valued at \$5,000,000 available and priced at below market cost for the development of
11 150 mixed use units in downtown Fort Lauderdale, and conveyed free of charge 40 lots
12 to nonprofit affordable housing developers to construct new single family homes,
13 demonstrating the Broward County's commitment to address this problem;

14 WHEREAS, excess documentary stamp dollars placed in the State and Local
15 Government Housing Trust Funds have historically been swept, fully or in part, and
16 used to balance the state budget;

17 WHEREAS, it is projected that during FY18-19, the documentary stamp tax will
18 generate over \$314 million for the State and Local Government Housing Trust Funds;

19 WHEREAS, the full appropriation of the State and Local Government Housing
20 Trust Funds would create approximately 30,000 jobs and \$4 billion of positive economic
21 benefit for Florida; and

22 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Legislature appropriate all funds in the State
23 and Local Government Housing Trust Funds for their intended purpose—affordable
24 housing, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
2 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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4 Section 1. The Board supports Senate Bill 70, State Funds, filed by Senator
5 Kathleen Passidomo, and any companion bills filed in connection with the 2019 regular
6 legislative session to prevent raiding of the State and Local Government Housing Trust
7 Funds.

8 Section 2. The Board supports appropriating all monies in the State and Local
9 Government Housing Trust Funds solely for Florida's affordable housing programs.

10 Section 3. The Board directs the County Administrator to transmit a certified
11 copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the
12 Chair and all members of the Broward County Legislative Delegation.

13 Section 4. The Board directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the
14 passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above and authorizes and directs the
15 Intergovernmental Affairs/Boards Section to include this item in its future legislative
16 priorities packages.

17 Section 5. Severability.

18 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the
19 invalid portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the
20 remainder of this Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in
21 part, cannot be legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance,
22 such determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other
23 individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

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Section 6. Effective Date.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of December, 2018.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

By /s/ Maite Azcoitia 11/30/18
Maite Azcoitia (date)
Deputy County Attorney

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