

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, 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 TRANSMITTAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 the urban core; and

WHEREAS, the North Miami 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 issuing any new debt on or after October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami believe 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 DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:


Section 1. **Recitals.** The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

Section 2. **Urging State Legislature.** That the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, urge 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. **Transmittal.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, and any other interested parties.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of April, 2025.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST :



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN CHARLES

CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Kevin A. Burns	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)