

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 20, 2010

Consent Regular
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: ADMINISTRATION

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: Resolution No. 1107 of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Florida, urging the Florida Legislature to provide each region of the state, including Southeast Florida and Miami-Dade County, its fair share of state funding based on where revenue is generated.

Summary: N/A

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments: Original Document

Recommended By: _____

Agenda Coordinator

Patty Hndle

4/6/10

Date

Approved By: _____

Assistant County Administrator

Bob Alcein

4/6/10

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 1107

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FLORIDA; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING SOUTHEAST FLORIDA AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING BASED ON WHERE REVENUE IS GENERATED.

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties pay more taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a 2008 study by the Miami Herald confirmed this perception and concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 billion back resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult residing in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach Counties in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than half billion dollars annually between what the people of the three Southeast Florida counties contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these counties receive back in state services and programs; and

WHEREAS, state funding can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to distribute funding to different regions of the state in relation to where revenue is generated to provide each region its fair share of state funding; and

WHEREAS, as state funding becomes more scarce during these difficult budget times resulting in programs and funding being cut, it becomes all the more important that the Legislature equitably distribute state funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands as follows:

- Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to provide each region of the State of Florida, including Southeast Florida and Miami-Dade County, its fair share of state funding based on where revenue is generated.
- Section 2.** Directs the Town Clerk to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm

Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors, Chairs and Members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

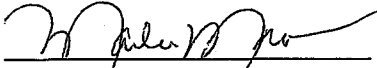
Section 3. Directs the Town's lobbyist to advocate for the issue identified in Section 1 above.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of March 2010.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK



TOWN ATTORNEY