

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”), URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 9, AND SENATE BILL 1054 THAT WOULD AMEND PART III, CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS SUCH ACTS WOULD REDUCE THE ABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN ACCOMPLISHING THEIR REDEVELOPMENT TASKS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida House of Representatives are considering HB 9, and the Florida Senate is considering SB 1054, during the 2019 Florida Legislative session (the “Bills”); and

WHEREAS, both HB 9 and SB 1054 include substantial amendments to the existing statutory provisions that govern Community Redevelopment Agencies in the State of Florida (CRAs); and

WHEREAS, CRAs provide for the implementation of community redevelopment programs that eliminate slum and blighted conditions, and enhance quality of life and business conditions for residents and business owners within a designated community redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, CRAs throughout the state have demonstrated that the use of Tax Increment Revenues dramatically improve economic and social conditions within CRAs redevelopment areas, and that the resulting redevelopment benefits the residents and businesses within the redevelopment areas, as well as the applicable cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, the Bills would significantly revise the manner and process under which CRAs operate and carry out redevelopment policies and programs as provided in existing state law. In addition, the proposed amendments, if adopted, would unduly restrict the ability of CRAs to fund traditional redevelopment activities as authorized by the existing state statutes, and for municipalities to create and continue to operate community redevelopment agencies within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Bills would further greatly restrict allowable CRA expenditures as provided under current state law; and

WHEREAS, the Bills would hinder existing community redevelopment agencies in their collective efforts to implement their respective redevelopment plans, and cause unreasonable challenges to existing CRA’s programs and operations, as well as unduly limit the future creation of new CRAs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

SECTION 1: The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2: The Board of Commissioners of the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of HB 9 and SB 1054 which are currently pending in the 2019 Florida Legislative session.

SECTION 3: The Board of Commissioners of the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency further directs the CRA Executive Director to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, and any other interested parties.

SECTION 5: If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of contempt jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY this ____ day of ____ 2019.

DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT

By: _____
Shelly Petrolia, Chair

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jeffrey A. Costello, Executive Director

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE
APPROVED THIS RESOLUTION
AS TO FORM:

General Counsel
Delray Beach CRA