

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-_____

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE SENATE BILL 1770 AND HOUSE BILL 13 WHICH WILL PHASE OUT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY NEW CRA PROJECTS OR DEBT AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2017; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Part III of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, currently allows a county or a municipality to create a community redevelopment agency (CRA) to carry out redevelopment of slum or blighted areas when certain conditions exist; examples of conditions that can support the creation of a CRA include the presence of substandard or inadequate structure, a shortage of affordable housing, inadequate infrastructure and insufficient roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is considering House Bill (HB) 13, which will terminate all CRAs in the state by 2037, not allow the creation of any new CRAs after October 1, 2017, and not allow any new CRA projects or debt after October 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 1770 will terminate all CRAs in the state by 2037 and will only allow the creation of new CRAs by a super majority vote of a city or county; and

WHEREAS, CRAs have demonstrated that the use of tax increment funding dramatically improves the economic and social outcomes within the targeted areas. These outcomes benefit both cities and the counties within which such cities are located, and more importantly, the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, CRAs have proven historically to provide distressed communities with a better economy through improved infrastructure, job opportunities and housing; their mission is

to make housing and urban areas safer for residents, to preserve and grow businesses, and to provide a sense of place for all who live their; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pompano Beach established the Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (Pompano Beach CRA) on December 20, 1988, with a mission to enhance quality of life by eliminating and preventing blighted conditions in the Northwest CRA District (NWCRA) and the East CRA District (ECRA) through the facilitation of community partnerships, business growth, job creation, and neighborhood revitalization; and

WHEREAS, when the Pompano Beach CRA was established, it adopted community redevelopment plans (the CRA Plans) for the NWCRA and for the ECRA; during its tenure the Pompano Beach CRA has implemented numerous successful programs and initiatives aimed a directly addressing slum and blight, reducing crime, construction of new affordable housing, stimulating job creation, and building needed infrastructure in the City's neighborhoods, all as contemplated by CRA Plans; and

WHEREAS, premature termination of CRAs and/or prohibition of new CRA projects and project financing will cause irreparable harm to existing CRA areas by eliminating the opportunities to complete the initiatives contained in the CRA plans and to undo the success already achieved by disallowing the opportunity to complete the City's community redevelopment initiatives.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Commission support the ability of local governments to create and effectively use CRAs to redevelop and revitalize their urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission have determined that the residents of Pompano Beach and all members of the public should strongly urge the Florida Legislature to

oppose SB 1770 and HB 13 which would phase out CRAs and prevent the Pompano Beach CRA from pursuing any new initiatives or projects after October 1, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: All the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are incorporated fully herein.

SECTION 2: The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach strongly urge the Florida Legislature to **oppose SB 1770 and HB 13** which would phase out CRAs and prevent existing CRAs from commencing any new projects after October 1, 2017.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

SECTION 4: The City Clerk is directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to all State Representatives and State Senators whose districts include the City of Pompano Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____,
2017.

LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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