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Delray Beach, FL 33444

Agenda Item # 10D  
March 9, 2017

~ CRA BOARD SUMMARY ~

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04 - URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO VOTE AGAINST HB 13, AND SB 1770 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.**

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**Background:**

Two bills have been filed in the legislature proposing changes to the statutes governing CRAs: House Bill 13 and Senate Bill 1770. Some of the proposed changes will have a minimal impact on the Delray Beach CRA. Other provisions would be quite restrictive, and could limit the CRA's ability to implement projects in its adopted plan or create new projects.

As currently written the bills would:

1. *Terminate all CRAs in the state by 2037;*
2. *Disallow the creation of any new CRAs after July 1, 2017;*
3. *Not allow existing CRAs to create new projects or incur new debt after October 1, 2017;*
4. *Disallow bond refinancing after 2037;*
5. *Limit all CRA expenditures to a restrictive list (eliminating the phrase "including but not limited to"), which could jeopardize some of the programs and projects already contained within the CRA plan*
6. *Limit all CRA expenditures to those budgeted and submitted to the county commission (whether charter or not);*
7. *All budget amendments must be submitted to the county commission (charter or not).*

The bills as written would hamper existing community redevelopment agencies in their efforts to implement their redevelopment plans and increase challenges to CRAs, their creation, and operations. The attached resolution urges the legislative members to vote against these bills.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve Resolution No. 2017-04 urging the legislature to vote against HB 13 and SB 1770 that would amend Part III, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

**Submitted By:** Jeffrey A. Costello, Executive Director  
Attachment(s): Resolution No.2017-04

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”), URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO VOTE AGAINST HB 13, AND SB 1770 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.**

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 13 and Senate Bill 1770, 2017 legislative session, (the “Bills”) apply to community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) and;

**WHEREAS**, CRAs are community redevelopment programs designed to eliminate slum and/or blight conditions, and enhance quality of life and business conditions for residents and business owners in a community redevelopment area; and

**WHEREAS**, CRAs throughout the state have demonstrated that the use of Tax Increment funding dramatically improved economic and social conditions within the targeted areas, with outcomes that have benefitted redevelopment areas, cities and counties; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 13 and SB 1770 would significantly revise the manner and process under which city created CRAs operate in carrying out redevelopment and policy making for that purpose under state law. These changes would unduly restrict the ability of municipalities to create and continue to operate community redevelopment agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bills would prohibit the creation of any new community redevelopment agencies after July 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bills would disallow any new CRA projects or financing after October 1, 2017 and would greatly restrict allowable expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bills would lead to existing community redevelopment agencies being hampered in their efforts to implement their redevelopment plans, and increase challenges to CRAs, their creation, and operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY MARGATE, FLORIDA:

**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 HB13 and SB 1770.

**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 \_\_\_\_ 2017.**

DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY  
REDEVELOPMENT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reginald A. Cox, Chair

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey A. Costello, Executive Director