

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 28

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE SENATE BILL 1054 AND HOUSE BILL 9 WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF CRAS AND THE CREATION OF NEW CRAS; 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) 9, which will terminate all CRAs in the state by 2039, without a 2/3 vote of the governing body, and not allow the creation of any new CRAs after October 1, 2019 without a county-wide referendum receiving a 2/3 vote of the electorate; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 1054 will terminate all CRAs in the state by 2039, without a 2/3 vote of the governing body, and will only allow the creation of new CRAs by a super majority vote of a city or county, as well as limiting the ability to extend the maturity date of bonds beyond 2039; 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 Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (Pompano Beach CRA) was established 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, the Mayor and the City Commission, acting as the governing body for the Pompano Beach CRA, 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 1054 and HB 9, legislation which will unnecessarily adversely affect the continued efforts and successes of the CRA in Pompano Beach and CRAs throughout the state.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY THAT:

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

SECTION 2: **Opposing Senate Bill 1054 and House Bill 9.** The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, acting as the governing body of the Pompano Beach CRA, strongly urge the Florida Legislature to oppose Senate Bill 1054 and House Bill 9 which would unnecessarily place limitations on existing CRAs and prevent creation of new CRAs without a county-wide referendum.

SECTION 3: The CRA Clerk is directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to all appropriate parties.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on March 19, 2019.



REX HARDIN, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



MARSHA CARMICHAEL, SECRETARY