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City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	December 20, 2017		Item Type: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Resolution	Ordinance	Other <div style="text-align: center;">X</div>	
Fiscal Impact: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X					
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes		No	
						X	
Account Balance:	N/A		Quasi Judicial: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes		No	
						X	
Project Number :	N/A		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:				
Contract/P.O. Required: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	Strategic Plan Priority Area: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Safety</div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Quality</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Vibrant Appeal</div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>				
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Short Title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE FINAL VERSION OF TAX-REFORM LEGISLATION TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ABILITY TO ISSUE REFINANCE BONDS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL APPROPRIATE PARTIES; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary:

Background:

The United States Congress is currently negotiating the final version of tax-reform legislation passed by the House and Senate that limit the ability of states and local governments to refinance bonds. State and local governments issue both tax exempt and non-exempt bonds to fund critical infrastructure including roads, utility projects, housing, parks and other projects critical to local governments and their residents.

The tax provisions, as currently written, would prohibit state and local governments from issuing tax-exempt advance refunding bonds. Advance refunding bonds are bonds that are issued to refinance outstanding tax-exempt debt more than 90 days prior to the date the refinanced debt is repaid. The bill would eliminate the ability to issue tax-exempt bonds to advance refund outstanding bonds. This prohibition would apply to advance refunding bonds issued after December 31, 2017.

This legislative change would limit the ability of state and local governments to lock in interest rate savings while rates are low and avoid the risk of rates having increased by the time the outstanding bonds are permitted to be repaid. The ability to refinance has resulted in millions of dollars in savings over the past several years and impairs state and local government's ability to save money for its citizens and taxpayers.

By approving the attached resolution, the Mayor and City Commission would urge the United States Congress to remove the appropriate sections of both of the House and Senate bills related to advance refunding of tax- exempt bonds.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the City of Hallandale Beach Charter, a Resolution adopted by the Commission is an expression of the Commission on matters of official concern and opinion.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Proposed Action:

The City Commission consider the attached resolution.

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Resolution

Prepared by:

Celeste Lucia

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