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THE PIZZO POST



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A NOTE FROM SENATOR PIZZO

The 2022 Legislative Session has wrapped up and we are officially back in the district. While fighting against bills that failed to address real problems facing our community, we supported legislation that will help Floridians, ranging from providing solutions to the opioid epidemic to establishing a financial literacy curriculum for students.

This year 3,685 bills were filed and 285 passed. Florida's Constitution requires the Legislature to pass only one bill – the budget. During the process, we advocated for funding to support organizations and cities in our district. This year, we brought home over \$9.1 million to fund projects including long-term counseling for Surfside survivors, infrastructure improvements, and new technology for our local police departments.

Our office has grown over the past few weeks. I am pleased to introduce Camila Cisneros, our newest



district aide. Camila was born and raised in Miami Beach and brings a wealth of experience in community engagement and constituent outreach. We are looking forward to having her on the team.

Please accept our open invitation to connect with us, on any matter of importance to you and your family, at our local office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JPizzo".

IN REVIEW: 2022 SESSION

Over the past 60 days of the 2022 Legislative Session we supported legislation that will benefit Florida's families and secured funding for our constituents at home. We passed six bills, including legislation that will keep our streets safe, memorialize the victims of Surfside, and protect animals from abuse.

FUNDING

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|  | Overtown Youth Center | \$1,000,000 |
|  | Jewish Community Services Long Term Transitional Surfside Counseling | \$252,760 |
|  | North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens-Home Delivered Meals | \$350,000 |
|  | Florida Alliance for Assistive Services & Technology General Revenue Recurring Increase | \$305,585 |
|  | Bal Harbour Village ADA Compliant Park Enhancements | \$425,000 |
|  | Miami Shores Village NE 104th Street Roadway Improvements | \$655,000 |
|  | North Miami Pedestrian Bridge Over Biscayne (C8) Canal | \$400,000 |
|  | North Miami Beach Police Department Solving Cold Cases Using New Technology | \$100,000 |
|  | North Miami Septic Tank to Sanitary Sewer Conversion | \$505,481 |
|  | New Horizons After School/Weekend Rehabilitative Program | \$300,000 |
|  | Miami Shores Village NE 104th Street Drainage Project | \$320,000 |
|  | Fort Lauderdale Tarpon River Environmental/Maintenance Dredging | \$100,000 |
|  | North Bay Village Wastewater Pump Station Improvements | \$500,000 |
|  | North Bay Village Stormwater Inlet Filter Installation | \$150,000 |
|  | Bal Harbour Village Jetty Elevation and Safety Enhancements | \$500,000 |
|  | Town of Golden Beach Wellness Center | \$400,000 |
|  | Aventura 213th Street Wall Repairs | \$850,000 |
|  | Broward County Sheriff's Office Digital Forensic Unit Expansion | \$505,481 |
|  | Dade Institute Coding Certification Program | \$250,000 |
|  | Bay Harbor Islands Emergency Backup Generator | \$725,000 |
|  | Surfside Boulevard Improvements | \$250,000 |
|  | Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach | \$333,499 |

LEGISLATION

Stunt Driving on Highways

"Street takeovers," or the blocking of a roadway to perform burnouts, doughnuts, drifts, and wheelies, are incredibly dangerous and put our communities at risk.

With the help of our House sponsor Representative Anthony Rodriguez, we successfully passed legislation that would prohibit these dangerous takeovers.

Assistive Technology Advisory Council

The Florida Assistive Technology Advisory Council works to support people with disabilities and provides technology, allowing them to live as independently as possible.

SB 418, which empowers the Council to better accommodate Floridians, was passed on the floor and was signed into law last week.

98 Points of Light

In honor of the 98 victims who passed away in the Champlain Towers South building collapse, the Legislature has committed to providing funding for a memorial and naming a portion of Collins Avenue, "98 Points of Light Way".

Trade

Senate Memorial 174, urging Congress to negotiate a mutually beneficial trade agreement between the United State and the United Kingdom, has been sent to the Secretary of State.

Sexually Related Offenses

This legislation contains protections for people who are victims of various sexually related crimes.

With the support of Senator Lauren Book, we were able to include language that heightens penalties for perpetrators of sexual activities involving animals.

Drug-Related Overdose Prevention

This session, Senator Jim Boyd sponsored legislation that will tackle the opioid crisis currently facing Floridians.

In an effort to protect our young Floridians, we added a provision in the bill that would put NARCAN, a life-saving medication able to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, in schools.



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Take the time to get engaged with the neighborhood. See all the upcoming events by visiting the city websites!

NEWS RECAP

**"This is what's killing our Floridians,
kids and adults alike,"**

FLORIDA POLITICS

"While opioid use was possibly declining over recent years, the pandemic has caused numbers to increase.

Thursday marked a big day for legislation on substance abuse and mental health in the Senate as lawmakers passed a series of bills tackling the issues.

As senators worked through an agenda of two dozen bills, four proposals made changes lawmakers say will improve the state's substance abuse and mental health support systems..."

**"You wouldn't file a bill about anti-Semitism
without talking to a Jewish legislator,"**

THE MIAMI HERALD

"Florida's Republican leaders made certain this year's legislative session would be emotional.

With potential presidential candidate Gov. Ron DeSantis helping set the agenda, they championed bills that stoked passions and resonated with their base on wedge issues that included sexual orientation, abortion, immigration, voting and the teaching of the nation's racial history.

Lawmakers are set to conclude the session Monday. Throughout the last two months, Democrats and Republicans shared wrenching personal stories during heated debates that devolved into partisan and cultural clashes..."

Aventura

Bal Harbour

Bay Harbor Islands

Biscayne Park

El Portal

Golden Beach

Indian Creek Village

Miami

Miami Beach

Miami Shores

North Bay Village

North Miami

North Miami Beach

Sunny Isles Beach

Surfside

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