



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Steve Geller

Department: County Commission

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2019-445 the title of which is as follows: (Commissioner Geller)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE GLOBAL BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS MOVEMENT; URGING ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS TO RETURN TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS TO END THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS DESIGNATED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Why Action is Necessary

Board approval is necessary for the adoption of a Resolution.

What Action Accomplishes

Enables the adoption of the above-described Resolution.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

The Global "Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions" ("BDS") Movement encourages public and private institutions to exert economic and political pressure on the State of Israel purportedly to encourage Israel to comply with the BDS Movement's view of Israel's international legal obligations and to encourage Israel to adopt more conciliatory approaches to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In reality, however, the BDS Movement does not support a two-state solution where one of the states is the national homeland of the Jewish people. Rather, it seeks to establish a Palestinian state on territories commonly known as the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, and it seeks to ensure the "right of return" to the State of Israel of all Arab residents who resided there in 1948 and all of their descendants, which would create a non-Jewish majority within the State of Israel itself. Thus, the BDS Movement effectively seeks to destroy the State of Israel as a homeland to the Jewish people, and seeks to establish one or two Palestinian-majority states.

Through the adoption of this Resolution, Broward County expresses opposition to the BDS Movement and urges Israelis and Palestinians to return to direct negotiations to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Source of Additional Information

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

None.

Fiscal Impact