Catalyst Miami 2022 State Policy Priorities

Catalyst Miami is an economic justice non-profit in Miami-Dade County that works with thousands of families annually to navigate social services, build grassroots community leadership, and advocate for policy change. Our mission is to identify and collectively solve issues adversely affecting low-wealth communities throughout Miami-Dade County.

Our Health is Our Wealth
Expand healthcare access and achieve health justice by supporting HB27/SB1504, HJR 239/SJR412, HB1181/SB1422, HB419/SB640, HB6079/SB762, HB1074/HB813, HB855/SB1258.

Address our Housing Crisis
Floridians deserve healthy and safe housing that they can afford, as well as a fairer court system. In order to achieve this, oppose HB537/SB884 and support HB819/HB1485/SB1134, HB1131/SB1322, HB511/SB648, HB1335/SB1776, HB6005/SB582.

Guarantee Florida's Future
Taking climate action now is mandatory in order to protect Florida’s very existence. Ensure that our minority, underserved, rural, and low-income communities are protected by supporting HB887/SB732, HB1285/SB1678 and opposing HB741/SB1024, HB463/SB380.

Achieve Economic Justice
Build wealth and economic opportunity for all by supporting HB257/SB428/SB870, HB613/SB234 and opposing HB943/SB1124.

Preserve Local Governments
Restore local freedoms by reinstating and preserving local governments’ ability to legislate around critical issues by supporting HB6113/SB1900 and opposing HB403/SB280, HB569/SB620.

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## Achieve Health Justice

**SUPPORT HB6079/SB762**

**SUPPORT HB1074/HB813**
Reduces criminal penalties for persons with HIV, who under current law face a third degree felony (Sponsors: Sen. Pizzo, Rep. Robinson)

## Address Health Disparities

**SUPPORT HB855/SB1258**
Requires Managed Care Plans (MCOs), which serve many Medicaid recipients, to collect and report health equity data. This would allow the state to make sure communities of color and other minorities are benefiting from programmatic improvements. (Sponsors: Rep. Bartleman, Rep. Duran, Sen. Jones)
**Protect Renters**

**OPPOSE**

HB537/SB884

Supported by out-of-state corporations, this bill would allow a monthly, non-refundable fee to be charged to renters in lieu of a security deposit, further increasing the cost of renting in Florida. (Sponsors: Sen. Boyd, Rep. Mooney)

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**Safe & Healthy Housing**

**SUPPORT**

HB819/HB1485/SB1134


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**Eviction Reform**

**SUPPORT**

HB1131/SB1322
HB511/SB648


**SUPPORT**

HB1335/SB1776

Requires landlords to give 3 months notice prior to evictions for households with children or pregnant women (Sponsors: Sen. Torres, Rep. Nixon)

**SUPPORT**

HB6005/SB582

Removes court registry payment requirement to hear an eviction case (Sponsors: Sen. Torres, Rep. Eskamani)
Green Futures for All

**OPPOSE**
**HB741/SB1024**
Drafted by FPL, makes solar unaffordable to low-income customers by reducing the amount that utilities must pay to customers who generate electricity, and allows utilities to impose new charges, fees, and minimum bills on solar customers (Sponsors: Sen. Bradley, Rep. McClure)

**SUPPORT**
**HB1285/SB1678**
Would set up task force to issue recommendations for “fostering a fair and equitable transition of this state’s energy infrastructure to renewable energy technologies within minority, underserved, rural, and low-income communities.” (Sponsors: Sen. Gibson, Rep. Hinson)

**OPPOSE**
**HB463/SB380**
Would prohibit adoption or enforcement of local or state programs to regulate greenhouse emissions without specific consent from the legislature (Sponsors: Sen. Rodriguez, Rep. Melo, Rep. Botana)

Protect Outdoor Workers

**SUPPORT**
**HB887/SB732**
Requires employers and state agencies to institute protections for outdoor workers from extreme heat, including education and access to water, shade, and rest during working hours (Sponsors: Sen. Rodriguez, Rep. Chambliss)
Create a Fair Tax System

**SUPPORT**

**HB613/SB234**

Creates a state earned-income tax credit for Florida, returning up to $500 to working households (Sponsors: Sen. Jones, Rep. Robinson)

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Protect Living Wages

**OPPOSE**

**HB943/SB1124**

Erases every type of living wage ordinance in the state; reduces non-union, City, and County workers’ wages to the state minimum (Sponsors: Sen. Gruters, Rep. Harding)

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Achieve Economic Justice

**SUPPORT**

**HB257/HB11/SB428/SB870**

Preserve Local Government

**O P P O S E**
**HB569/ SB620**
Allows businesses to sue governments for any legislation that causes at least a 15% loss in revenue for the business. Threatens living wage/minimum wage ordinances, environmental protections, local taxing authority, and more. (Sponsors: Sen. Hutson, Rep. McClure)

**O P P O S E**
**HB403/ SB280**
Requires business impact statements for legislation, delays local decision-making if challenged by corporate interests, and forces local governments to reimburse corporate attorney fees (Sponsors: Sen. Hutson, Rep. Giallombardo)

**S U P P O R T**
**HB6113/ SB1900**
Restores local freedoms by reinstating local governments' ability to legislate around critical issues such as earned sick time, gun safety, rent stabilization, environmental protection, and more (Sponsors: Sen. Torres, Rep. Eskamani)