Catalyst Miami is a nonprofit that works with communities to address immediate needs and build a better future together. Our mission is to build power with frontline communities throughout Miami-Dade County to collectively advance justice and achieve shared prosperity. Our vision is a just society where everyone can lead healthy, prosperous, self-determined lives.

Preserve Local Governments // Democracy

**SUPPORT**

Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials
SB 498 Stewart

Removes ALL the preemption of local laws that regulate plastic products.

**OPPOSE**

Anti-Community ID's
HB1451 Michael
SB1174 Ingoglia

Prohibits counties and municipalities from accepting any community ID’s issued by a person, entity, or organization that knowingly issues ID cards to people who are not “lawfully present” in the U.S.

Voter Registration Applications
HB135 Gossett-Seidman

The DMV would not be able to alter voter registration or party affiliation. It would force you to register as an NPA at the DMV.
Upon request after 72 hours detention a woman can request a pregnancy test, provides sentencing courts the ability to delay the beginning of a sentence on a pregnant individual.

Requires the Affordable Healthcare Administration, in conjunction with the Department Of Health, to establish the Food Is Medicine Pilot Program to provide Medicaid coverage for purchases and deliveries of prescribed health-promoting foods. In conjunction with DOH, to seek federal approval and waivers for the pilot program and requires federal waiver applications to seek matching funds statewide.

Expands Medicaid eligibility for all adults to 138% of the federal poverty level. For example, under the guidelines, a family of four must make under $32,000 to qualify for Medicaid. This would expand the household salary to $43,000 for a family of four.

This bill would revise the definition of the term “survivors” to include parents of unborn children. It would authorize either parent, spouse, or other children to recover any “damages” for the unborn child, such as mental pain and suffering, funeral, and medical expenses. This bill would allow for the "surviving" parent to pursue legal action against abortion providers.

This bill would effectively ban ALL abortions from the moment of fertilization, with no exceptions. The bill restricts all abortions except of instances where an abortion is necessary to preserve the "life of a pregnant woman."
**SUPPORT**

**Flood Zone Disclosures for Dwelling Units**
- HB 1119 Antone
- SB 38 Stewart

This bill would require landlords to make specified disclosures relating to flood zones before the commencement of a tenancy. It would require landlords to notify current tenants of a change in a dwelling unit’s flood zone designation, etc.

**Heat Illness Prevention**
- HB 945 Gottlieb
- SB 762 Rouson

Requires employers to offer water, shade, and training on heat in the workplace. Requires employers have an outdoor heat safety program approved by The Dep. of Agriculture & Consumer Services and the Dep. of Health.

**Mangrove Replanting and Restoration**
- HB 1581 Mooney
- SB 32 Garcia

Requires the Dep of Environmental Protection to adopt mangrove replanting and restoration rules. Mangroves improve water quality and act as natural barriers against floods caused by storms.

**Everglades Protection Area**
- HB 723 Busatta Cabrera
- SB 1364 Calatayud

Requires comprehensive plans and amendments that apply to lands within or near Everglades Protection Area to follow a state coordinated review process.

**OPPOSE**

**Workplace Heat Exposure Requirements**
- HB 433 Esposito
- SB1492 Trumball

Prevents local governments from mandating minimum or living wage of contracted workers. Preempts the passing of heat exposure ordinances.

**Renewable Natural Gas**
- HB 683 Yeager
- SB 480 DiCeglie

Offers cost recovery for energy utility companies (like Duke, FPL, etc.) building and maintaining infrastructure for natural gas plants.
Establishes natural gas "resiliency facilities" to store emergency supplies of natural gas. Allows these facilities to be built on land zoned for commercial, industrial, or manufacturing use. Preempts local government from re-zoning land and prevents local government from rejecting proposals for these facilities based on zoning. Prevents state agencies and local governments from purchasing energy storage devices that are deemed to be made without the use of "forced labor." Gives PSC final approval over retiring power plants, if federal regulations do not align with PSC determinations PSC may involve the state's Attorney General.

Bans the use of Environmental Social or Corporate Governance planning, like climate reduction and social justice, by Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Prevents transit agencies from spending state funds for any marketing, or public awareness campaigns or for any campaign related to environmental or social justice causes.
**SUPPORT**

Working Floridians Tax Rebate
HB 1601 Gantt
SB 1570 Torres

This bill would create the Working Floridians Tax Rebate Program. It would allow Florida residents to claim a state-earned income tax if they already qualified for the Federal Earned Income Tax (EITC). People who qualify would receive up to 20% of their EITC for the statewide return.

Paid Parental Leave
HB127 Gantt
SB128 Berman

The bill would require the state to provide paid parental leave to certain employees for a specified time. It would also prohibit the state from requiring employees to use their annual or sick leave for paid parental leave. It would give new parents, including parents who adopt, 12 weeks of leave time, the opportunity to accumulate any benefits granted under their leave.

**OPPOSE**

Consumer Finance Loans
HB.1347 Brackett
SB.1436 Burton

This bill would raise interest rates for loans/certain state loans. The current Consumer Finance Loans in Florida currently employ tiered interest rates. This moves Florida backward – instead of helping consumers find low-cost loans, FFSA is proposing charging vulnerable consumers up to double the interest rate they pay now.
Address our Housing Crisis // Housing Justice

SUPPORT

**Landlords and Tenants**

HB31 Edmonds  
SB64 Osgood

This bill would limit rent increases of certain residential tenancies by 30% or more. It would require landlords to provide functioning facilities for air-conditioning, and it would require the landlord to notify the tenant if they plan on terminating the arrangement.

**Housing**

HB985 Eskamani

This housing bill would create a statewide department of housing & tenant rights. Its purpose would be to revise any provisions relating to residential tenancies, landlords, & tenants, including requirements for rental agreements, security deposits, notices, evictions, rights to purchase, rent control, impact fees, abandonment of property, & documentary stamp taxes.

SUPPORT WITH AMMENDMENTS

**Development**

HB1239 V. Lopez  
SB 328 Calatayud

This is a bill that updates the "Live Local Act", a law that passed last year related to affordable housing. This updated bill lowers the requirement to qualify for certain property tax exemptions, makes areas that are zoned for "industrial use" no longer eligible for a zoning exceptions to allow affordable housing, changes some of the rules around allowable building height and density, and takes away parking requirements for affordable housing when it’s near transit, making it easier to build. Finally, it gives an additional $100 million to the Hometown Heroes program (for veterans, teachers, etc.) We advocate to: Amend Line 330 to extend exemptions to smaller-scale affordable housing. Much of Miami-Dade's affordable housing is in smaller complexes. Our aim is to preserve the culture of specific neighborhoods, environment, aesthetics and culture where we are developing (Allapattah, Overtown, Liberty City, Little Haiti, Brownsville).
OPPOSE

Employment and Curfew of Minors
HB49 Chaney

The bill would remove restrictions on any 16 and 17-year-olds currently working, such as being allowed to work before 6:30 AM and after 11:00 PM on any day. It would also allow them to work more than 8 hours when they have school the next day. It would also remove the restriction that 16 and 17-year-olds can’t work more than 30 hours a week. Additionally, the bill would remove the mandated breaks that these minors receive during a 4-hour work period.

Mandatory Waiting Period for Firearms
HB17 Rudman
sb 1124 Martin

Currently, the law states that there is a mandatory 3-day waiting period between when a gun is purchased and can be delivered to the buyer (including time for a background check). This bill would remove the 3-day waiting period if the background check or requirements were met sooner to purchase firearms.