

Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency
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March 30, 2022

Dear Commissioners:

We understand that on March 31, 2022, you will be discussing Blueprint's infrastructure. This is the result of a motion passed at your February 24, 2022, meeting to place before the Agency a review and update of the Blueprint interlocal agency agreement and amendments thereto, as well as the historic and current governance structures, including certain hiring practices.

As you consider those items we encourage you include a discussion of the responsibilities of the Intergovernmental Management Committee (hereinafter "the IMC"). Many activities of the IMC involve simple fact finding and the reporting of such facts. Examples of other activities, however, involve:

- 1) Approving certain economic plans (Second Addendum to the Second Amended and Restated Local Agreement, May 9, 2017, Section 2. C. 4.);
- 2) Prescribing duties to certain Blueprint committees (Second Addendum to the Second Amended and Restated Local Agreement, May 9, 2017, Section 6. B.); and
- 3) Awarding contracts up to \$250,000 and for any amount in the approved capital budget (Blueprint Procurement Policy Section 101.07(3)).

Florida's Sunshine Law, as it relates to public meeting and minutes, provides an exemption for a group (by whatever name) that is merely researching and reporting facts to government decision-makers. However, that same "group" is not exempt from the Sunshine Law when it formulates and presents recommendations or when it is transacting public business under authority delegated to it.

We are not aware of noticed meetings of the IMC, the availability for public comment in public meetings of the IMC, or the production of minutes by the IMC.

We strongly encourage you to address compliance with the Sunshine Law by requiring that whenever the IMC is formulating recommendations for presentation to the Agency, or is making decisions and conducting public business, the IMC conduct its business in noticed public meetings, provide for public input and produce minutes of its actions.

Respectfully,

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