



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.H

DATE: JULY 24, 2017

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: FY 2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Background

The Council is required to certify membership fees for the upcoming fiscal year to our member counties by August 1 of each year. The current membership fee is 17.5 cents per capita. This per capita rate was established in 1994, more than twenty-two years ago. Prior to May 1994, the membership rate had been 13.57 cents per capita for a period of ten years. Additionally, from October 2011 through September 2015 the Council froze the membership fee at April 1, 2010 population levels to assist member counties during the financial difficulties of the Great Recession.

Council staff uses the resident population projections for April 1, 2018 (the mid-point of the Council’s fiscal year) prepared by the University of Florida’s Bureau of Economic and Business Research for the Florida Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR). The table below shows the projected resident population for April 1, 2017, and the corresponding fees for each county at the current rate of 17.5 cents per capita.

Population Estimate (residents)	FY 2016-17 April 1, 2017	FY 2016-17 Dues	FY 2017-18 April 1, 2018	FY 2017-18 Dues
Broward	1,867,095	\$326,741.63	1,900,733	\$332,628.28
Miami-Dade	2,730,396	\$477,819.30	2,784,949	\$487,366.08
Monroe	74,319	\$13,005.83	77,295	\$13,526.63
South Florida	4,671,810	\$817,566.76	4,762,977	\$833,520.99

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census; University of Florida’s Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEER); and Florida Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR)

Recommendation

Certify the county membership fees based on the population projections for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

