

## **Empowering People-Powered Politics Over Corporate Interests in the Democratic Party**

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- Passed unanimously by the Campaign Finance Reform working group on 5/17/2017
  - Passed by the Issues Committee on 5/23/2017
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**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee believes that we can lead by example by adopting policy that furthers Democratic progressive ideals in the area of campaign finance reform; and

**WHEREAS**, we Democrats have the opportunity to reform and revive our party by empowering diverse grassroots Democrats at the leadership table and in our communities;

**WHEREAS**, we should strive to build on our successes with the small donor fundraising program; and

**WHEREAS**, the American people are looking to Democrats to PROMOTE people-powered politics in this era of resistance, revival, and reform but are rightly concerned that their voices are drowned out; and

**WHEREAS**, as President Barack Obama said in his farewell address, “When trust in our institutions is low, we should reduce the corrosive influence of money in our politics, and insist on the principles of transparency and ethics in public service;” and

**WHEREAS**, the overwhelming influence of corporate money has damaged public trust in our local, state and federal politics; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee will lead by example and refuse any donations from private prison companies, big sugar, FPL and their parent company Nextera, their registered lobbyists, and any PACs associated with them; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee encourages all Democratic local, state, and federal candidates in Miami-Dade to refuse any donations from private prison companies, big sugar, FPL and their parent company Nextera, their registered lobbyists, and any PACs associated with them; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee instructs the Campaign Finance Reform working group to continue to study corporate influence in our elections and make ongoing recommendations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee instructs the Issues Committee Chair to transmit this resolution and actively work with other county DECs in Florida and the Florida Democratic Party to encourage similar passage in their committees.