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March 10, 2026

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney
Office of the Broward County Attorney
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RE: Facial Inconsistency Between Broward County FY 2027 Cultural Division Grant Guidelines and SB 1134 (CS for CS for SB 1134, First Engrossed); Demand for Compliance Review and Corrective Action Prior to January 1, 2027 Effective Date

Dear Mr. Meyers:

I write as a resident of Broward County to bring to your attention a facial inconsistency between the Broward County Cultural Division’s FY 2027 grant guidelines — currently in implementation — and the provisions of SB 1134, which was passed by the Florida Legislature on March 10, 2026 and is expected to be signed by the Governor imminently. The law takes effect January 1, 2027.

I. The Statutory Prohibition

SB 1134 creates Section 125.595, Florida Statutes, which prohibits Broward County from funding or promoting, directly or indirectly, or taking any official action as it relates to “diversity, equity, and inclusion.” The statute defines that term, in relevant part, as:

“Any effort to . . . [p]romote or adopt training, programming, or activities designed or implemented with reference to race, color, sex, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation.”

Section 125.595(1)(b)(3), Florida Statutes (as created by SB 1134).

The statute further provides that “[a]ny such existing ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, programs, or policies are void” upon the effective date. § 125.595(2). Violations constitute misfeasance or malfeasance in office. § 125.595(4). Any county resident may bring an action in circuit court for declaratory and injunctive relief, damages, and costs. § 125.595(6).

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It should be noted I have sued Broward Schools, pro se, in the Southern District of Florida. While that case was mooted, the District was forced to change its rather unconstitutional policies. I've since learned my lesson — citing *Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski*, 592 U.S. 279 (2021), I don't expect mootness to be available moving forward should this file move to the Courts.

Additionally, Section 287.139, Florida Statutes (as created by SB 1134), requires that any potential recipient of a county contract or grant certify to the county that the recipient “does not and will not use county . . . funds in requiring its employees, contractors, volunteers, vendors, or agents to ascribe to, study, or be instructed using materials relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion.” This certification requirement applies to all contracts executed or renewed after January 1, 2027.

II. The FY 2027 Grant Guidelines

The Broward County Cultural Division’s Cultural Festival Program grant guidelines — which are currently in implementation for FY 2027 awards — describe eligible programming as follows:

“ . . . a day-long series of events designed to showcase various aspects of a given ethnic culture found in Broward County.”

Broward County Cultural Division, Cultural Festival Program Guidelines; see also January 8, 2026 Board Agenda.

This language describes, with remarkable precision, the exact conduct that SB 1134 prohibits: programming “designed . . . with reference to . . . ethnicity.” The grant guidelines do not merely permit ethnicity-referenced programming — they require it as an eligibility criterion. Projects must “demonstrate historical and diverse cultural heritage” to qualify for funding.

In other words, the county’s grant program is currently soliciting, evaluating, and preparing to fund applications for programming that will be facially prohibited by state law on the date the grants are intended to be active.

III. The Facial Inconsistency

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The inconsistency is not a matter of interpretation. It is a textual collision between two documents:

The county’s grant guidelines require applicants to produce programming “designed to showcase . . . ethnic culture.”

The state statute prohibits the county from funding “programming or activities designed or implemented with reference to . . . ethnicity.”

These provisions cannot coexist. Any grant awarded under the current guidelines for ethnicity-referenced programming that remains active after January 1, 2027 will constitute a violation of Section 125.595(2). Any official who authorizes such expenditure after the effective date risks misfeasance or malfeasance charges under Section 125.595(4). Any county resident — including the undersigned — will have standing to bring an enforcement action under Section 125.595(6).

The Section 287.139 certification requirement compounds the problem. Grant recipients whose funded programming is “designed to showcase . . . ethnic culture” will be unable to truthfully certify that they do not use county funds for activities “relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion” as defined by the statute — because the funded activity is, by the county’s own description, designed with reference to ethnicity.

IV. Demand

I respectfully demand that the Office of the Broward County Attorney:

- 1.** Conduct an immediate compliance review of the Broward County Cultural Division’s FY 2027 grant guidelines, scoring criteria, and current application pipeline against the provisions of Sections 125.595 and 287.139, Florida Statutes, as created by SB 1134.
- 2.** Issue written guidance to the Cultural Division regarding which existing and pending grant awards, if any, are consistent with the statute’s effective date of January 1, 2027, and which must be modified, suspended, or terminated to avoid violation.

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3. Identify all FY 2027 contracts and grants that will require Section 287.139 certification and assess whether current grant recipients can truthfully execute the required certification given the nature of their funded programming.
4. Provide a written response to this demand within thirty (30) days indicating what corrective action, if any, the county intends to take to bring its grant guidelines and funded programming into compliance with SB 1134 prior to the January 1, 2027 effective date.

I wish to be clear: this demand is not an objection to heritage festivals, cultural programming, or the celebration of ethnic traditions. It is a request that Broward County reconcile its existing grant program with a state law that, as written, prohibits the precise activity the program is designed to fund. If the county believes the statute does not reach its cultural programming, I would welcome a written explanation of that legal position.

Like my successful Bible Ban effort, here again I seek the extraordinary precise application of State law, be it silly or not. As I like to think, when the going gets stupid, I'm usually the first to go in.

In the absence of a timely response, I intend to pursue all remedies available under Section 125.595(6), Florida Statutes, on or after January 1, 2027.

Very respectfully submitted,

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Resident, Broward County

cc:

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Broward County Cultural Division, Director
Broward County Administrator