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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the statewide legacy communities
3 initiative; providing findings, intent, and definitions;
4 establishing the statewide legacy communities initiative;
5 providing criteria and declarations concerning the
6 initiative; providing criteria governing the services and
7 activities to be supported under the initiative; providing
8 requirements and goals concerning the provision of such
9 services or assistance; creating the Urban Empowerment
10 Corporation within the Department of Community Affairs;
11 providing criteria concerning the creation, purpose, and
12 duties of the corporation; providing that the corporation
13 is an instrumentality of the state for purposes of
14 sovereign immunity; providing that the corporation is not
15 an agency under a specified law; providing that the
16 corporation is subject to specified laws concerning open
17 records and meetings requirements; exempting the
18 corporation from a specified law concerning procurement;
19 providing that the corporation is subject to a specified
20 law concerning ethical requirements; prohibiting the
21 corporation from creating subsidiaries; providing that the
22 corporation does not supplant, replace, or direct existing
23 operations or other programs; providing for the department
24 to approve the corporation's articles of incorporation;
25 providing criteria concerning such articles; providing for
26 management of the corporation by a board of directors;
27 providing criteria for appointment and operation of the
28 board of directors; requiring that the board of directors
29 develop and implement a plan of action; providing criteria

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30 concerning the plan of action; requiring that the board of
31 directors provide annual reports to the Governor, the
32 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives; requiring that the corporation establish
34 a legacy consulting team that meets specified criteria;
35 specifying the deliverables that the team is to provide
36 for legacy communities; providing criteria for the funding
37 of proposals concerning the legacy communities initiative;
38 requiring that the corporation issue requests for
39 proposals; providing criteria for the issuance of such
40 requests; providing criteria for the review and approval
41 of proposals; requiring an objective scoring process;
42 requiring acceptance by the residents of a legacy
43 community; providing requirements for the board of
44 directors concerning the revitalization plans of legacy
45 communities; designating a pilot legacy community;
46 providing objectives concerning the designated community;
47 specifying additional communities to be included in the
48 initiative; providing criteria concerning the
49 revitalization plans of legacy communities; providing an
50 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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52 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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54 Section 1. Legacy communities; economic development;
55 governance; cultural enlightenment; pilot project; additional
56 communities; revitalization plans.--

57 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.--The Legislature finds that:

58 (a) Many historically and culturally rich communities of

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59 color throughout this state have contributed significantly to the
60 state's cultural and economic development. Some of these
61 communities developed through the marine, transportation, and
62 agricultural labor of African-Caribbean immigrants whose
63 descendants are residents of this state. Each such community has
64 a healthy, vibrant, and productive history, replete with
65 contributions in entertainment, art, industry, trade, and an
66 interactive communal life that attracts families, tourists, and
67 commerce.

68 (b) These communities are now often hidden beneath the
69 debris of many years of blight and disinvestment. These
70 communities have the unique potential to be rediscovered and
71 rebuilt through reinvestment creating a cultural magnet-industry
72 that will again attract families, tourism, and commerce.

73 (c) Because legacy communities share a similar plight,
74 similar assets, similar risks, and similar opportunities, the
75 approach to their survival and growth should be the same.

76 (d) A single legacy community cannot generate sufficient
77 power to command or leverage resources that are sufficient to
78 address its needs and potentialities. But collectively, legacy
79 communities can create industries that attract and leverage
80 resources on a scale that is large enough to foster the building
81 of economic wealth and to fuel self-sufficiency and
82 sustainability for future generations. By joining forces, the
83 legacy communities and the individuals and businesses of those
84 communities can avoid becoming extinct through displacement and
85 instead become positioned to revive, prosper, and leave their
86 legacy for future generations.

87 (e) Legacy communities are at risk of massive displacement

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88 due to gentrification. Families are at risk, businesses are at
89 risk, and therefore the community is at risk. These communities
90 are being discovered and appreciated by new residents and others
91 who are willing to invest under current conditions and develop
92 the economic potential. The result is escalated land values,
93 higher taxes, and numerous rental conversions that make it
94 difficult to accommodate persons with low incomes, those living
95 on a fixed income, the working poor, and the unemployed. When
96 residents with low incomes are displaced, the community's culture
97 is also displaced, and there is a change in the community's
98 character, a loss of place, and an erosion of the community's
99 stability and economic foundations. Civic and sacred places are
100 abandoned. Businesses shrink into oblivion. Educational
101 institutions change drastically as the population shifts.
102 Eventually culture, race, and social status are lost to the new
103 community and the history of the place becomes a forgotten
104 memory. In the process families are devastated.

105 (f) Gentrifying communities have a unique opportunity to
106 capture the benefits of change and revitalization efforts without
107 unnecessary and unwanted displacement of a community's residents.
108 Because change is introduced and development is imminent,
109 communities that have been devastated can become renewed for
110 existing residents and for those new residents who are willing to
111 become a contributing part of the community. New residents can
112 become a healthy part of a gentrifying community if their
113 participation does not result in displacement and if the existing
114 residents, culture, and assets are valued, respected, and
115 empowered. The opportunity is to rebuild the community as a mixed
116 income, diverse, and culturally sound place to live, work, and

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117 play in which the historical character, culture, populace, and
118 assets of the community are recognized as foundational and
119 irreplaceable. In such communities, everyone benefits from the
120 improvements and everyone participates.

121 (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--Through this act, the Legislature
122 intends to:

123 (a) Create a statewide initiative by which the projects and
124 activities of individuals, community organizations, and
125 businesses in a legacy community implement the legacy-community
126 strategies as planned. The statewide approach, to be known as the
127 Legacy Communities Initiative, shall provide the linkages so that
128 each legacy community is able to market appropriately, share and
129 leverage resources, and reinforce common interests and projects.

130 (b) Enable sustainable funding for the initiative for a
131 period of 10 years in order to help ensure that the initiative's
132 activities and strategies are not short-circuited by a lack of
133 funding.

134 (c) Broadly ensure support and accountability and help
135 minimize the locally felt challenges that have traditionally
136 hindered legacy communities in their respective rebuilding
137 efforts.

138 (d) Foster opportunities for participating legacy
139 communities to share information and expertise, collectively use
140 best practices, and benefit from networking with similar
141 communities.

142 (e) Initiate creative financial benefits so that many
143 legacy communities may be served by common resources and shared
144 expertise. Using collective purchasing, the revenue of legacy
145 communities will increase, creating employment that, with

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146 increased tourism, will help to sustain the communities'
147 economies.

148 (f) Conserve revered historical places and cultural
149 legacies, recognizing that legacy communities are unique
150 benefactors contributing to the proud and rich heritage of the
151 state and nation.

152 (3) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this act, the term:

153 (a) "Corporation" means the Urban Empowerment Corporation.

154 (b) "Department" means the Department of Community Affairs.

155 (c) "Legacy community" means a historic and culturally
156 distinct community established in an area of this state,
157 developed by capturing and cultivating the people's cultures,
158 skills, beliefs, interests, and values.

159 (d) "Pilot legacy community" means the legacy community
160 designated to initiate the legacy communities initiative plan to
161 develop, implement, and establish a model for subsequent legacy
162 communities to follow.

163 (e) "Revitalization plan" means a written document,
164 developed through stakeholder interaction, which presents a
165 snapshot of a community's priorities, needs, people, places,
166 character, and story; sets forth a strategy to address and
167 resolve established needs and problems; and describes how the
168 community will preserve, protect, build, and sustain its people
169 and places, its past and its future.

170 (4) STATEWIDE LEGACY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE.--There is
171 established the Statewide Legacy Communities Initiative.

172 (a) The statewide initiative is established to support and
173 fund projects and activities undertaken by individuals, community
174 organizations, and businesses in legacy communities implementing

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175 the legacy community strategy. The statewide initiative shall
176 provide the linkages that each community needs to be able to
177 market appropriately, share and leverage resources, and reinforce
178 common interests and projects.

179 (b) The statewide initiative shall provide support and
180 accountability and help to minimize locally felt challenges that
181 have traditionally hindered legacy communities in their
182 respective rebuilding efforts. The statewide initiative shall
183 also serve to standardize the processes and participatory
184 requirements, thereby leveling the opportunities for all
185 communities involved.

186 (c) The statewide initiative shall provide for sustainable
187 funding for a period of years as earmarked in state
188 appropriations, which shall ensure that the activities and
189 strategies of the legacy communities initiative will not stop due
190 to a lack of resources.

191 (d) The statewide initiative shall foster opportunities for
192 participating communities to share information and expertise,
193 collectively use best practices, and benefit from networking with
194 similar communities. The Legislature expects that the many
195 participating communities will be served by common resources and
196 shared expertise, will share in collective purchasing, and will
197 help sustain their economies by increased tourism, revenues, and
198 employment. The collective power of revitalized communities and
199 reinstated industry can reverse the effects of years of
200 disinvestment.

201 (5) STATEWIDE LEGACY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE SUPPORTED
202 SERVICES.--Funding for the statewide legacy community initiative
203 shall support certain designated services and activities for

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204 legacy communities. The scope of such services and activities
205 includes:

206 (a) Creating community land trusts. The objective of each
207 community land trust is to ensure that the community property
208 remains under the jurisdiction of the community and to preserve
209 the property for generations in the future. The initiative's land
210 trust specialists shall provide technical assistance to any
211 existing community land trust in a legacy community or help to
212 develop a new community land trust based on the core values of
213 the legacy community initiative.

214 (b) Training, organizing, and supporting faith-based and
215 partner community organizations in fostering a system of
216 communication, community education, advocacy, leadership, and
217 family support in each legacy community. The objective is to
218 increase the capacity of faith-based groups to work with
219 community-based organizations, resident groups, and resource
220 partners in order to achieve the community's goals. Consultants
221 may aid faith-based and community organizations in accessing
222 resources and building cooperation among residents, businesses,
223 and youth toward building together and protecting their assets,
224 culture, families, land, and legacy.

225 (c) Promoting youth initiatives that help reintroduce
226 traditional values and behavioral mores to the community's youth.
227 The statewide legacy community initiative shall support programs
228 to help youth to improve academically, personally, and socially,
229 at home with the family and in the community. Activities provided
230 under this strategy shall foster skill development and
231 opportunities to be constructively involved in community building
232 and career development. The legacy consulting team shall help the

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233 new legacy community to access or enhance programs that mentor,
234 train, and help youths build their community and develop
235 marketable skills that are transferable between communities, help
236 youth become employed in the larger society, and provide youth
237 with investment education, budget and financial counseling,
238 leadership, community building, and home-building training.

239 (d) Preserving the culture of gentrifying communities. The
240 statewide legacy community initiative shall support legacy
241 consultants in assisting each legacy community to develop and
242 market cultural programs, festivals, story-telling, and
243 educational activities and other activities that preserve and
244 promote the culture of the community and its people. Technical
245 assistance shall be provided to help the legacy community
246 identify its own cultural industry where the existing residents
247 and businesses build on the strength of what they have
248 traditionally had in their hands, their homes, and their hearts.
249 The legacy community shall be coached to market natural assets to
250 create trade built on their culture, traditions, and talents.

251 (e) Providing economic development and wealth-building
252 resource programs and activities. The programs shall be designed
253 to help the community develop and access nontraditional economic
254 resources and funds. These programs shall involve economic
255 sources other than the government or private foundations to
256 provide self-sustaining and self-generating methods to build
257 wealth and support for the community and put people to work in
258 meaningful ways that keep assets and resources in the
259 communities, shared by families, and sustainable through future
260 generations.

261 (f) Involving community residents in the design and

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262 development of their own communities. Using professionals, the
263 legacy consulting team shall engage the community in design
264 workshops to build community consensus and participation in
265 planning and community design, and introduce the community to
266 tools such as community-sponsored ordinances, rezoning, special
267 districts, and other neighborhood conservation processes.

268 (g) Integrating community builders with other contractors
269 to develop a team of local community builders who can continue to
270 carry out the activities and provide leadership in the community
271 to sustain its efforts. The technical assistance team shall coach
272 the community and its nonprofit organizations to develop the
273 programs, fund the efforts, and engage the community in its own
274 revitalization.

275 (h) Providing each legacy community with technical
276 assistance support to identify eligible property, prepare
277 acquisition applications, and physically redesign local
278 properties to reflect the culture of the community and promote
279 mixed-use and mixed-income development through resident ownership
280 mechanisms. Each legacy community shall receive technical
281 assistance in addressing current and future environmental issues
282 in their communities and in incorporating environmental planning
283 solutions in the design and physical revitalization of their
284 communities.

285 (i) Developing and implementing a marketing strategy that
286 links legacy communities with their cottage industries through a
287 continuous cultural corridor. The strategy shall engage support
288 and promotion by African and Caribbean-American icons and
289 companies willing to underwrite portions of the campaign.

290 (j) Advocating leadership and empowerment efforts. Such

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291 efforts shall, through screening, selection, and support of
292 community representatives who are knowledgeable about community
293 concerns and responsive to the resident's needs, be proactive in
294 creating opportunities for families in the community. The legacy
295 consulting team shall educate the community through small group
296 discussions and family-based dialogue on the importance and
297 process of participating in civic activities.

298 (k) Reclaiming underemployed men and bringing them back
299 into wholeness and leadership in the legacy community and in
300 their families. This is an imperative that the statewide legacy
301 community initiative shall address. A principal goal of the
302 statewide legacy community initiative is for all legacy
303 communities to focus on the reversal of crime and substance
304 abuse, emphasizing intervention and diversion from crime. Each
305 local legacy community shall place a strong emphasis on
306 supporting black men who are displaced from the home and
307 disproportionately represented in institutions. The statewide
308 legacy community initiative shall support local legacy
309 communities in developing a variety of strategies to help prevent
310 youth from becoming involved in gangs, crime, and substance
311 abuse. The statewide legacy community initiative shall also
312 support efforts to strengthen families and build healthy
313 marriages, emphasizing rites-of-passage activities, constructive
314 counseling, and mentoring programs. Male role models shall be
315 actively recruited from fraternities, faith-based groups, black
316 civic organizations, elders, trade groups, male celebrities, and
317 neighborhood male activists. The legacy consulting team shall
318 work with existing organizations and assist them in accessing
319 resources and links to other similar programs to maximize their

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320 efforts in this area.

321 (l) Empowering women, the seniors, and families to work
322 with existing organizations and assisting them in accessing
323 resources and links to other similar programs. Legacy community
324 consultants shall work with nonprofit organizations to help women
325 cope with the issues that most affect them and their children,
326 including, but not limited to, domestic violence, economic
327 development, women's health care, child-rearing, and support for
328 single mothers.

329 (m) Fostering traditional cultural values. The statewide
330 legacy community initiative shall train families to implement
331 historically known spiritual principles and principles of Kwanzaa
332 every day and to remember the values taught by the ancestors that
333 spiritually guide and keep people healthy, cohesive, wise, and
334 compassionate. Consultants shall work with existing organizations
335 and assist them in accessing resources that link them with
336 proponents of community culture and traditions to help re-teach
337 these values and to help incorporate them into the daily behavior
338 and traditions of the legacy community.

339 (6) STATEWIDE LEGACY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE; URBAN
340 EMPOWERMENT CORPORATION; ORGANIZATION.--

341 (a) There is created within the Department of Community
342 Affairs the Urban Empowerment Corporation.

343 (b) The corporation shall be a not-for-profit corporation
344 registered, incorporated, and operated in accordance with chapter
345 617, Florida Statutes.

346 (c) The corporation shall serve as the coordinating
347 organization for the development and implementation of the
348 Statewide Legacy Community Initiative. The purpose of the

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349 corporation is to assist in carrying out the duties and
350 responsibilities set forth in this section. The corporation shall
351 operate to fulfill its purpose and in the best interests of the
352 state. The corporation:

353 1. Shall be a corporation primarily acting as an
354 instrumentality of the state pursuant to s. 768.28(2), Florida
355 Statutes, for the purposes of sovereign immunity;

356 2. Is not an agency within the meaning of s. 20.03(11),
357 Florida Statutes;

358 3. Is subject to the open records and meetings requirements
359 of s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution, chapter 119, Florida
360 Statutes, and s. 286.011, Florida Statutes;

361 4. Is not subject to the provisions of chapter 287, Florida
362 Statutes;

363 5. Is governed by the code of ethics for public officers
364 and employees as set forth in part III of chapter 112, Florida
365 Statutes;

366 6. Is not authorized to create corporate subsidiaries; and

367 7. Does not supplant, replace, or direct existing
368 operations or other programs.

369 (d) The articles of incorporation of the corporation must
370 be approved in a written agreement with the Department of
371 Community Affairs. The articles of incorporation must:

372 1. Provide that the corporation shall provide equal
373 employment opportunities for all persons regardless of race,
374 color, religion, gender, national origin, age, handicap, or
375 marital status;

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376 2. Provide that the corporation is subject to the public-
377 records and public-meetings requirements of s. 24, Art. I of the
378 State Constitution;

379 3. Provide that all officers, directors, and employees of
380 the institute shall be governed by the code of ethics for public
381 officers and employees as set forth in part III of chapter 112,
382 Florida Statutes;

383 4. Provide that members of the board of directors of the
384 corporation are responsible for the prudent use of all public and
385 private funds and that they will ensure that the use of funds is
386 in accordance with all applicable laws, bylaws, and contractual
387 requirements; and

388 5. Provide that the fiscal year of the corporation is from
389 July 1 through June 30.

390 (e) The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a
391 board of directors who shall serve without compensation. Each
392 director shall have one vote. The chair of the board of directors
393 shall be selected by a majority vote of the directors, a quorum
394 being present. The board of directors shall consist of five
395 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the
396 members no later than September 1, 2008.

397 (f) The board of directors shall provide a copy of the
398 corporation's annual report to the Governor, the President of the
399 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
400 Secretary of Community Affairs.

401 (g) The corporation shall develop and implement a plan of
402 action that includes the following activities:

403 1. Facilitate meetings between prospective investors and
404 eligible organizations in the corporation;

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405 2. Hire full-time staff, including an executive director,
406 who understand relevant community development issues needed to
407 assure that appropriate services are provided to each legacy
408 community participating in this initiative and who can market
409 legacy communities to investors who respect the community's
410 efforts to preserve its heritage; and

411 3. Develop cooperative relationships with publicly
412 supported organizations, private corporations, and private
413 foundations that shall work together to provide resources or
414 special knowledge helpful to the legacy community's economic and
415 social growth.

416 (h) By December 1 of each year, the corporation shall issue
417 an annual report concerning its activities to the Governor, the
418 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
419 Representatives. The report shall include:

420 1. An assessment of compliance with its plan of action and
421 information on any assistance and activities provided by the
422 corporation to assist legacy communities.

423 2. A description of the benefits, economic and social, to
424 this state resulting from the corporation's work.

425 3. Independently audited financial statements, including
426 statements that show receipts and expenditures during the
427 preceding fiscal year for personnel, administration, and
428 operational costs of the corporation.

429 (i)1. The corporation shall establish a legacy consulting
430 team to ensure that appropriate resources, services, and programs
431 are provided to each legacy community participating in the
432 statewide legacy community initiative.

433 2. The corporation shall consist of experts who shall help

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434 legacy communities develop a revitalization plan to bring
435 together residents, property owners, and business persons to plan
436 for a long-term investment in the legacy community. The legacy
437 consulting team shall work to identify community needs, develop
438 specific strategies for revitalization in each respective legacy
439 community, and engage resources to meet the needs. The legacy
440 consulting team shall provide deliverables for each legacy
441 community which include:

- 442 a. Assessment of needs and capacity.
- 443 b. Consultation and advisement.
- 444 c. Community and board education.
- 445 d. Community builders training.
- 446 e. Development or enhancement of existing programs and
447 services that embrace the legacy community initiative strategies.
- 448 f. Resource development.
- 449 g. Revitalization plan assistance.
- 450 h. Establishment of linkages within the legacy communities
451 network.
- 452 i. Establishment of linkages to resources and potential
453 partners outside the legacy communities network.
- 454 j. Liaison and interface with the Legislature.
- 455 k. Expertise and technical assistance in the funding
456 application and awards process.
- 457 l. Troubleshooting, mediation, and facilitation of local
458 processes.
- 459 m. Promotion of legacy communities and the initiative.
- 460 n. Assistance with evaluation and corrective actions.

461 (7) STATEWIDE LEGACY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE; APPLICATIONS;
462 REVIEW; FUNDING.--

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463 (a) The corporation shall issue requests for proposals to
464 fulfill the purposes of the statewide legacy community initiative
465 as described in this section. The corporation shall review the
466 proposals in a committee appointed by its board of directors,
467 which shall make a recommendation for final selection based on an
468 objective scoring process with published criteria developed by
469 the board of directors of the corporation before issuance of the
470 request for proposals. A proposal may be approved in three
471 phases: prestartup and development, implementation, and
472 sustainability and replication. Final approval of the selected
473 proposal must be by the board of directors of the corporation and
474 consistent with the published criteria it developed before
475 issuing the request for proposals.

476 (b)1. In order to be eligible for assistance, a proposed
477 legacy community seeking to implement the statewide legacy
478 community initiative must demonstrate acceptance of the
479 initiative by the community's residents.

480 2. The corporation shall review the revitalization plan of
481 each legacy community. For those communities accepted into the
482 initiative, the corporation shall mentor the legacy community,
483 develop marketing information on the community, and use its local
484 resources to attract capital investment, government grants, and
485 foundation assistance.

486 (8) DESIGNATING PILOT LEGACY COMMUNITY.--That portion of
487 Miami-Dade county known as Coconut Grove is designated as the
488 initial statewide pilot legacy community.

489 (a) Coconut Grove is the epicenter for promoting Caribbean
490 culture in this state. The Coconut Grove area celebrates the
491 contributions of Caribbean immigrant populations from Key West to

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492 Tallahassee. The legacy communities initiative shall identify and
493 empower the immigrant Caribbean communities. In Miami-Dade
494 county, Coconut Grove was the first such settlement for these
495 populations, the largest of which were Bahamians. It is
496 historically and culturally the first Caribbean community in
497 Florida, and its recent increasing diversity adds to the richness
498 of this community as a Caribbean Epicenter.

499 (b) In Coconut Grove, the objectives are to:

500 1. Preserve the Bahamian-Island culture and character in
501 the businesses, community places and events, daily life, and the
502 built environment;

503 2. Promote and support the Island District Merchant's
504 Association and wealth-building strategies;

505 3. Support home ownership and protect residents from
506 displacement;

507 4. Protect and support community-based organizations and
508 strategies that assist families, youth, elders, and individuals;
509 and

510 5. Facilitate cohesiveness, effective advocacy, and
511 community involvement in the revitalization process.

512 (9) SPECIFYING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITIES.--Additional
513 communities that shall be included in the Legacy Communities
514 Statewide Initiative along with the pilot project in Coconut
515 Grove include Brownsville, Little Haiti, Liberty City, Overtown,
516 Lemon City, Opa Locka, Carol City, Cooper City, South Miami, Key
517 West, Bahama Village, Del Ray, West Palm Beach, Belle Glade,
518 Riviera Beach, Pleasant City, Eatonville, Orlando, Port St. Joe,
519 and Jacksonville.

520 (10) REVITALIZATION PLANS OF LEGACY COMMUNITIES.--Each

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521 legacy community's revitalization plan must:

522 (a) Set out assumptions and objectives and serve as the
523 framework for the revitalization of the community.

524 (b) Be usable as a communication and marketing tool.

525 (c) Be formulated by a diverse team of professionals and
526 stakeholders to address the many different complex issues facing
527 the Coconut Grove pilot project and other legacy communities.

528 (d) Describe the legacy community's history.

529 (e) Set forth statistics and current conditions on family
530 status, income, jobs, and employment opportunities in the
531 community, current zoning issues, public transportation,
532 conditions in local education, social services, housing, economic
533 development, community cohesion, the culture of the community,
534 environmental justice issues, visual themes in the community,
535 historical and preservation issues, community involvement, key
536 community interest areas, community relations challenges, and the
537 community's social and economic history, culture, collective
538 character, current composition, and community assets.

539 (f) Describe the process for community involvement which
540 provides a forum for residents to become informed about civic
541 affairs and actively involved in making decisions that ultimately
542 affect their community, and define ways in which the process must
543 be improved or changed to make members of the community equal
544 partners in the dialog concerning revitalization projects in
545 their neighborhoods.

546 (g) Be developed in response to needs of the community as
547 indicated by empirical data, surveys, focus group feedback,
548 economic indicators, prior studies, community input, historical
549 background, community asset mapping, stakeholder input, resource

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550 partnership input, and demographical profiles.

551 (h) Define strategies concerning the services and
552 activities described in subsection (5) and identify standards for
553 effective delivery of such services and activities.

554 (i) Be reviewed and receive comment from each identified
555 stakeholder.

556 (j) Set forth the community's needs and opportunities, the
557 need for revitalization and its importance to the community,
558 partnerships, resources and assets, goals for revitalization,
559 proposed projects and activities, the process and essential
560 strategies for addressing needs, timeframes and benchmarks for
561 various phases of developing the local legacy community,
562 committed or potential resources, budget projections, benefits
563 and returns on investments, deliverables, local recommendations,
564 an evaluation process, anticipated outcomes and results, and
565 proof of sustainability.

566 Section 2. The sum of \$ is appropriated from the
567 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Community Affairs for
568 the purpose of paying salaries and other administrative expenses
569 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act relating to the
570 statewide legacy community initiative during the 2008-2009 fiscal
571 year.

572 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.