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County may halt Israeli bond investments

Abruzzo cites state's claim of inappropriate spending

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The state's crackdown on Palm Beach County spending may prevent it from continuing to invest in Israeli bonds, County Administrator Joe

Abruzzo said. The county has become the world's largest investor in Israel bonds, investing nearly \$1 billion. Abruzzo was largely responsible for the outsized investments when he was county clerk and comptroller before he became county administrator this year.



Abruzzo

"I'm proud of those investments," he said. "They were good for Israel and good for the county, but based on what is occurring on the state level, it may not be a good idea any longer to make those investments."

Abruzzo said the county may need to

keep much of its money in short-term investments. Such a move would brace itself against repercussions that could develop from the state's claim that the county has overspent by more than \$344 million during the past five years.

Gov. Ron DeSantis and state legislators are considering ballot proposals for

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Decision on massive AI data center postponed



People hold signs during a Board of County Commissioners zoning hearing on the Project Tango agenda item, a proposed AI data center near the Arden community, in county commission chambers at the Robert Weisman Palm Beach County Governmental Center in West Palm Beach on Dec. 10. The board voted to postpone Project Tango application discussions until April 2026. PHOTOS BY THOMAS CORDY/PALM BEACH POST

Move comes amid backlash from western PBC residents

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Amid backlash from residents in the western part of Palm Beach County, commissioners voted Dec. 10 to postpone a hearing until April to determine the fate of a 1.8-million square-foot data center near the Arden community.

This data center, proposed along the north side of Southern Boulevard west of Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, would be an Artificial Intelligence hyperscale one, a large facility designed to handle substantial amounts of data and computing tasks.

Instead of a public hearing on the merits of the project, speakers at the commission hearing were limited to commenting on whether a postponement should be granted.

At issue is the level of noise and emissions that would come from the diesel backup generators. The proposed

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Ben Brown attends a Board of County Commissioners zoning hearing on the Project Tango agenda item Dec. 10. Brown, an Arden resident with two children who attend Saddle View Elementary School, is a vocal opponent of the proposed 1.8-million-square-foot data center project near the Arden community in the western part of Palm Beach County. Residents of Arden say they have collected nearly 4,000 signatures on petitions opposing the project.

Immigration crackdown in PBC spurs Dec. 11 vigil

Unaccounted number were detained Dec. 8

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LAKE WORTH BEACH — A vigil will take place Dec. 11 at the Guatemalan-Maya Center in honor of an unaccounted number of people detained this week during immigration-enforcement operations in central Palm Beach County.

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ICEBlock creator sues Trump administration.

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Beach and Lantana and an attempted raid by Border Patrol and Florida Highway Patrol officers at a residential construction project along 10th Ave North that includes affordable housing.

At the building site, videos shared on social-media platforms showed a chaotic scene with workers in neon shirts sprinting from the worksite to hide behind nearby trees. One activist,

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Dem mayoral win in Miami adds to Trump losing streak

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President Donald Trump's losing streak in 2025 state and local electoral contests has extended to his South Florida backyard.

On Dec. 9, Democrat Eileen Higgins routed Trump-backed Emilio Gonzalez 59% to 40% to win the mayoral race in Latino-majority Miami, 70 miles south of the president's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach. Higgins succeeds outgoing Mayor Francis Suarez, a Republican friendly to Trump.

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