



SARASOTA CITY COMMISSION

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The City of Sarasota supports increased funding for homelessness programs, mental health initiatives, sober homes, and transportation initiatives. The City also supports protection of local revenues and the ability for municipalities to use red light cameras.

2018

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The City of
SARASOTA



Where Urban Amenities Meet Small-Town Living

CITY OF SARASOTA

MAJOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

HOME RULE

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Broad exercise of home rule powers granted to municipalities under the Florida Constitution and support consistency in the Legislature with the provisions of Section 166.021, Florida Statutes.

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX AND LOCAL BUSINESS TAX PROTECTION

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Protection of general revenues collected for local use

HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS, MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES, SOBER HOMES

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Funding for local homelessness programs, housing, and aid groups
- ✓ Funding for mental health facilities
- ✓ Minimum regulatory standards for Sober Homes facilities
- ✓ Expansion of Miami-Dade's Homeless and Domestic Violence Tax

RED LIGHT CAMERAS

OPPOSE:

- ✓ Repeal of local government authority to enable the use of red light cameras

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Preservation of local control over transportation planning, equitable transportation funding, additional revenue opportunities for municipal infrastructure
- ✓ Funding for the extension of **The Legacy Trail** through public/private partnerships and/or Florida Department of Transportation and the Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Legislation which allows local counties and municipalities to establish zoning criteria for medical marijuana treatment centers (dispensaries).

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (CONSTITUTIONAL)

OPPOSE:

- ✓ Proposed 2018 increase to the homestead exemption

*The City Commission of the City of Sarasota also supports the
Legislative Action Agenda of the Florida League of Cities except where
specific positions may conflict with those of the City.*



For additional information on these or other
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