

MAJOR 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

- ✓ SUPPORT Legislation that will protect the general revenues that are collected from the Communications Services Tax and the Local Business Tax.

HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS/MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES/SOBER HOMES

- ✓ SUPPORT funding of local homelessness programs, housing for the homeless, aid groups and the statewide agencies that oversee them.
- ✓ SUPPORT the state's expansion of Miami Dade's Homeless and Domestic Violence Tax for all counties and municipalities as it pertains to authorization and uses in Chapter 212.0306 Local option food and beverage tax; procedure for levying; authorized uses; administration of the Florida Statutes.
- ✓ SUPPORT Legislation that will provide for the funding of basic mental health facilities and programs in Florida including additional psychiatric beds.
- ✓ SUPPORT Legislation that defines and establishes minimum regulatory standards for Sober Home facilities and allows for more stringent local regulation of these facilities.
- ✓ SUPPORT a public records exemption for "individual identifying information" contained in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

RED LIGHT CAMERAS

- ✓ OPPOSE Legislation that would repeal local governmental authority to enable the use of red light cameras.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

- ✓ SUPPORT Legislation that preserves local control of transportation planning, provides equitable transportation funding among municipalities and counties, and provides opportunities for additional revenue options for municipal transportation infrastructure projects.
- ✓ SUPPORT 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 allowing local counties and municipalities to establish zoning criteria for medical marijuana treatment centers (dispensaries) as it relates to separation requirements from other dispensing centers, proximity to neighborhoods, schools, childcare facilities, hospitals, parking requirements, hours of operation, setback requirements, etc.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (CONSTITUTIONAL)

- ✓ OPPOSE a proposed 2018 increase to the homestead exemption.



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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- ✓ OPPOSE Any legislation or proposal to limit the value of the tax-exemption for Municipal Bonds.
- ✓ SUPPORT The passage of the Marketplace Fairness Act H.R.684.
- ✓ SUPPORT The preservation of Beach Renourishment funding and programs which would facilitate placement of sand on Lido Key public beaches.
- ✓ SUPPORT Funding for improvements at intersection of Honore Avenue and 17th Street.
- ✓ SUPPORT Incentives for development of brownfield site clean-up through the Federal New Market Tax Credit for project clean-up of the Marian Anderson brownfield site.
- ✓ SUPPORT Funding for a downtown circulator and for U.S. 41 North Trail Multi-Modal improvements.
- ✓ SUPPORT Long-term funding for the federal Highway Trust Fund.

OTHER IMPORTANT PRIORITIES

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- ✓ SUPPORT allocation of the full amount of dedicated documentary tax revenues for state and local affordable housing programs.
- ✓ SUPPORT investing in affordable housing to create jobs in home repair, hardening homes, retrofitting and constructing affordable rental units and lowering energy costs to make housing more affordable.
- ✓ SUPPORT any proposed legislation that would repeal SB 176 that was passed in the 2011 session relative to Affordable Housing.

BEACHES AND TOURISM

- ✓ SUPPORT legislation that protects and maintains bays and beaches to sustain the environmental quality and the economic prosperity of the tourism and fishing industries.
- ✓ OPPOSE Near-shore Oil Drilling.

FISCAL

- ✓ SUPPORT legislation that authorizes municipalities to provide effective public notice by means other than the newspaper.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ SUPPORT legislation that will promote industry and commerce to strengthen and diversify the economy of Florida.
- ✓ SUPPORT legislation that will create jobs by means of transportation and infrastructure projects, tourism and hospitality, alternative energy, industry and commerce and health care services.
- ✓ SUPPORT the continued funding of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) at the federal level and create a funding source at the state level for economic development projects in municipalities.
- ✓ SUPPORT clarification of the intent of s. 163.387 Redevelopment Trust Fund, Section (2)(a) clarifying that the number of payments to be appropriated into the redevelopment trust fund must be equal to the number of years of the Community Redevelopment Area.
- ✓ SUPPORT the creation of a Commission on Social Equity at the State level.
- ✓ SUPPORT the nationwide "Ban the Box" Initiative for public and private employers.

CLIMATE AND ENERGY

- ✓ SUPPORT a long and short term Florida Energy Policy with greenhouse reduction and renewable energy targets.
- ✓ SUPPORT protections and incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency, including ensuring net metering policies are not reduced or eliminated.
- ✓ SUPPORT solar legislation that allows municipal governments to utilize solar energy systems to help defray municipal energy costs.
- ✓ SUPPORT legislation that assists local governments to mitigate and adapt to sea level rise, changing precipitation patterns, increasing storm severity and increasing extreme heat days.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- ✓ SUPPORT legislation banning the manufacture, possession, distribution, purchase or sale of synthetic drugs including, without limitation, herbal incense, bath salts, synthetic marijuana and/or any cannabinoids.
- ✓ SUPPORT legislation to correct any infirmities found by the Supreme Court of Florida in Florida Statute §316.3045 – Operation of Radios or Other Mechanical Sound-making Devices or Instruments in Vehicles.
- ✓ SUPPORT continued funding for COPS (Community Oriented Police Services) and Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Programs.

- ✓ SUPPORT legislation providing that owners of stolen property recovered from pawn shops do not have to pay to retrieve their property and support penalties for pawn shops that do not perform due diligence when receiving property.
- ✓ SUPPORT legislation restricting the access of guns and weapons to minors, mentally unstable individuals and individuals who by law are restricted from access to or possession of any type of weapon. Requiring that weapons must be secured in vehicles (i.e. locked in a box or locked in the trunk) not left visible in an unlocked vehicle.

RIDE-FOR-HIRE SERVICES

- ✓ SUPPORT legislation that defines and establishes uniform safety and insurance standards for transportation network companies and their drivers and that preserves Home Rule authority over such services.

STAND YOUR GROUND

- ✓ SUPPORT legislation that provides additional clarification to Florida's Stand Your Ground law. The Florida Legislature passed CS/CS/HB 89 – Threatened Use of Force legislation effective June 20, 2014 that modified the Stand Your Ground law to clarify certain provisions.

STRATEGIC LAWSUIT AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SLAPP)

- ✓ SUPPORT legislation that amends Florida Statutes to extend anti-SLAPP provisions to include "neighborhood associations" to provide additional protections for public participation in government.

SUNSHINE/PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS REFORM

- ✓ SUPPORT legislation to amend the Government in the Sunshine Law to specify or define what constitutes a "meeting" that is subject to the Sunshine Law and to add legislative exemptions that facilitate better more effective governmental decision making while meeting constitutional requirements.
- ✓ SUPPORT legislation to create a Public Records Counsel at the State level to enforce Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Laws.