



2014 Legislative Action Plan

Education

1. Public Education Funding

The Broward League of Cities **supports** the funding of the capital outlay needs of municipally-run charter schools as provided pursuant to Section 1013.62, F.S., to correct inequalities without removing current revenues from public school districts to provide every Florida child with an appropriate public school education.

2. Public School Construction

The League **supports** revisions to Section 1002.33(6) (a), F.S., to add a subsection (a) 8. requiring that all charter school applications that are not municipally operated:

- (i) Identify the proposed location of the charter school facility; and
- (ii) Include a letter from the zoning official of local government with land use and zoning jurisdiction over the proposed location, stating that the location of the facility can meet the local comprehensive plan.

If the applicant or any holder of a charter or an operator of an existing charter school proposes to change the proposed location at any time, whether prior to or following the opening of the charter school, then the applicant must again meet the requirements of this subsection by identifying the new location and providing the required letter from the local government with jurisdiction over the new location. The requirements of this subsection shall be incorporated into any approved charter. *Broward League*

Graduation Rates

Opposes Legislation
The League supports state funding for leadership initiatives and other innovative programs that increase graduation rates, ~~including the graduation rates of minority students.~~

Sustainability

Water Infrastructure

The Broward League of Cities **supports** state funding for water infrastructure projects, including replacement of aging infrastructure; creation of water storage, treatment and reuse systems; development of alternative water supply projects; elimination of discharges from ocean outfall systems; water quality improvements; and investment to increase resilience to extreme weather events and the impacts of sea level rise.

Growth Management

The Broward League of Cities **supports** Growth Management for community and regional planning and **opposes** further state preemption of local discretion over its implementation.

Transportation

The Broward League of Cities *supports* growth management and community planning, and opposes further state preemption of local discretion over its implementation.

Fiscal Stewardship

Safe Neighborhood Districts

The Broward League of Cities *supports* legislation as it relates to neighborhood improvement districts and their ability to incur indebtedness; amending s. 163.506, F.S.; providing that an ordinance that creates a neighborhood improvement district may authorize the district to exercise certain powers, in addition to those already granted to such districts; specifying such powers; conditioning the exercise of those powers on resolution and referendum; providing an effective date.

Required Public Notice Advertising in Newspapers

The Broward League of Cities *supports* authorizing local governments to use their publicly accessible websites for legally required public notices and advertisements in lieu of newspapers.

Public Safety