



2021 State and Local (County) Legislative Priorities

State Policy:

1. *Preservation of Home Rule and Opposition of Preemption Efforts:*
 - Oppose proposed legislation that would erode or impair Home Rule.
 - Oppose proposed legislation that would preempt a municipality's ability to operate as they currently do.
 - Oppose proposed legislation that would task the State with deciding the specific placement of public safety communications systems/towers and force a local government to reimburse the State for such costs (such as SB 1472 from the 2020 Legislative Session).
 - Preservation of the ability to charge a Local Business Tax and maintenance of the current rate for Communications Services Tax.
2. *Opposition of Cost Shifting and Unfunded Mandates on Local Governments:*
 - Oppose proposed legislation that would mandate action on/by municipalities without allocation of State resources to accomplish said action.
3. *Local Regulation of Short-Term Rentals and/or Party Houses:*
 - Oppose legislation which further strips municipalities' ability to regulate frequency and length of stay for properties used as short-term rentals.
 - Support the return of control of short-term rentals to local governments, namely municipalities.
 - Utilize and showcase that the allowance (and success) of local government regulation of short-term rentals provided pursuant to the Governor's Declared State of Emergency should apply during non-emergency periods as well.
4. *Anchoring Limitation Areas:*
 - Support amending s. 327.4108, Florida Statutes to add North and South Lakes to the list of designated anchoring limitation areas.
 - Coordinate with other relevant stakeholders from across the State to achieve an expansion of anchoring limitation areas.
5. *Sovereign Immunity and Claim Bill Reform:*
 - With an expected proposed overhaul of Florida's sovereign immunity system as well as the threshold to require a claim bill, advocacy to make sure the City is shielded from great financial exposure.

State Funding:

1. *Protect Previous State Funding:*
 - Recurring funding for the Fred Lippman Center.
 - Continuously monitor gaming compact negotiations and advocate for preservation of the local mitigation provision in the Seminole Gaming Compact.



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2. Advocate for Continued/Increased Funding:

- Funding to assist in planning and implementing the closure of the City's ocean outfall.
- Funding of permitting the sand-by-pass project and beach renourishment.
- Funding opportunities for septic to sewer conversions (likely via the Department of Environmental Protection).
- Full funding of the Sadowski Trust fund used for affordable housing.
- Funding of individual appropriation project requests via the legislative appropriation process.

State Regulatory:

1. COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Continue to serve as a liaison between the City and the Executive Office of the Governor with regard to the State declared public health emergency, executive orders, and reopening protocols.

2. Grants and Other Funding Opportunities:

- Continue to provide the City with funding opportunities via executive-branch state agencies, with a focus on drawn-down federal funds related to the pandemic (i.e. CARES Act funding).

3. Coordination with Relevant State Agencies:

- Continued coordination between the City and executive-branch state agencies on matters which involve city operations (i.e. Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Economic Opportunity, and Division of Emergency Management).

Local Policy and Funding:

1. Funding and permitting of sand-by-pass project and beach renourishment.
2. Use of Tourist Development Taxes and/or Port Everglades revenues to fund the Segment #3 renourishment and ongoing sand by-pass costs.
3. Use of Tourist Development Taxes toward expenses that promote the City of Hollywood as a destination.
4. Implementation of the Transportation Surtax fund construction program.