



## City of Coconut Creek Florida 2017 State Legislative Agenda

### Home Rule

**Support** the preservation of Home Rule.

**Oppose** any legislation that seeks to diminish powers granted to local government.

### Unfunded Mandates

**Oppose** unfunded mandates from any level of government.

### Required Public Notice Advertising in Newspapers

**Support** legislation authorizing local governments the option of using their publicly accessible websites for legally required public notices and advertisements in lieu of newspapers.

### State Of Florida Gaming Compact with the Seminole Nation

**Support** renewal of the Gaming Compact between the Tribe and State with no less than the same percentage of revenue sharing as is in the current agreement.

### Allowing Price in the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act

**Support** legislation that would permit price to be considered in the selection of these services.

### Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA)

**Oppose** implementation of the currently proposed UCOA.

**Support** alternative legislation which would accomplish the Legislature's goal of increasing transparency in reporting without imposing a significant financial burden on local governments.

### Municipal Revenues

**Oppose** any reduction to local government allocations or tax base reduction due to ad valorem exemptions which would result in a loss of municipal revenue that would directly affect the level of services the City is able to provide its residents and the City's ability to properly plan for the future.

### Communications Services Tax Protection

**Oppose** legislation that restricts, reduces or eliminates municipal revenues generated under the Communications Services Tax (FLC, 2016; BLC, 2016).

### Local Business Tax Protection

**Oppose** legislation that restricts, reduces or eliminates municipal revenues generated under the Local Business Tax (FLC, 2016; BLC, 2016).

### Impact Fees Protection

**Oppose** legislation that restricts a municipality's Home Rule authority to set impact fees or transportation concurrency (FLC, 2016; BLC, 2016).

## Housing

**Support** full funding of the SHIP (State Housing Initiatives Partnership) program.  
**Support** the distribution of documentary stamp tax revenue in a way in which maximizes funding for SHIP and the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund.

## Environmental Regulations

**Oppose** any legislation that lessens environmental protection at the local level, including preemption of local authority such as through statewide or uniform rules, and statewide standards on issues related to environmental regulations and enforcement.

**Oppose** any efforts that would negatively impact the County's ability to regulate air and water quality and the wetlands resources of Broward County, including through its delegated authority to implement the State's Environmental Resource Permit.

## Water Quality

**Support** legislation which recognizes that diminished water quality and quantity affect existing business, future economic development, local and state government budgets, and public health and safety.

**Support** legislation that establishes reasonable environmental, technical and scientific criteria for the protection and recovery of water resources and also assists municipalities' economic development efforts. (FLC, 2016)

## Water Quantity

**Support** funding of alternative water supply projects such as the C-51 Reservoir to assure adequate future water supply for urban areas in South Florida (BLC 2016).

## Hydraulic Fracturing ("Fracking")

**Oppose** any State Legislative or Administrative action that would permit fracking in Florida.

**Oppose** State preemption of local regulations on fracking.

## Oil Exploration and Everglades Protection

**Support** legislation which would ban or tighten restrictions on any oil drilling – exploratory or otherwise – within the geographical region that constitutes the Florida Everglades.

**Oppose** any legislation that would ease zoning restrictions or permit requirements imposed upon oil drilling, particularly within the Florida Everglades.

## Florida League of Cities Sustainable Priorities

**Support** the sustainable priorities identified by the Florida League of Cities.

## Growth Management and Transportation

**Support** legislation that provides increased support to municipalities for transportation choices and allows flexibility in the use of those funds.

**Support** legislation that addresses the following Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization priorities:

- The creation of a federal infrastructure bank and ensuring that funds are eligible for direct allocation to MPOs.
- Ensuring the long term sustainability of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant program by increasing yearly allocations above the current \$500 million.

- Securing funding levels through the appropriations process for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that are consistent with funding levels allocated by the FAST Act.
- Promoting passage of the *Metropolitan Planning Enhancement Act*, sponsored by Rep. Lois Frankel, which would reward high performing MPOs like the Broward MPO with additional funding.
- Establishing a revolving fund to be utilized by metropolitan planning organizations to advance the use of federal funds prior to reimbursement from USDOT. (BMPO 2017, BLC 2016)

#### Public Right of Way and Utilities Easements Management

**Support** legislation that would require providers of telecommunications, telephone, telegraph, cable television, broadband, internet, and other communications services to *timely* transfer their facilities onto strengthened utility poles or underground conduits whenever such facilities are available.

#### Multimodal Opportunities

**Support** an amendment to Chapter 316, State Uniform Traffic Control, Florida Statutes to expand multimodal opportunities within these rights of way.

#### Economic Development

**Support** legislation that dedicates to small businesses state economic development resources emphasizing technical assistance, access to capital, public infrastructure, and urban infill.

#### Recovery Residences

**Support** legislation that defines and establishes statewide minimum regulatory standards for “recovery residences” as well as legislation that prohibits deceptive marketing practices related to recovery residences (BLC 2016).

#### Firearms

**Support** legislation that addresses the following:

- Repeals the 2011 amendment that eliminated local governments’ ability to regulate firearms;
- Legislation that requires the purchase and ownership of a gun be registered and licensed;
- Legislation that would ban assault weapons, automatic weapons, and large external magazine weapons and ammunition;
- Legislation that would prohibit any person, other than law enforcement officers, to carry a weapon or firearm into any government facility or park.

#### Text Messaging / Cell Phone Use While Driving

**Support** the strengthening of legislation that prohibits text-messaging while driving from a secondary offense to a primary offense or otherwise restricts the use of non-handsfree wireless communications devices while operating a motor vehicle.

### Smoking in Municipal Playground Areas and Ballfields

**Support** revising Section 386.209, F.S., authorizing a municipality or county to restrict smoking in playground areas and ballfields that are owned by the municipality or county if the area where smoking is restricted is clearly delineated by “No Smoking” signs.

### Electronic Smoking Devices

**Support** legislation permitting local regulation regarding the smoking of electronic smoking devices.

### Controlled Substances

**Support** legislation adding newly configured chemical compounds intended to be sold as synthetic drugs, including Kratom, to the Schedule 1 list of the Florida controlled substance schedule.

### Advance Notification to Municipalities of Charter School Sitings

**Support** revisions to Section 1002.33, F.S., to require that charter schools identify the proposed location of their facility in their charter school application, and present evidence from the municipality or county with land use and zoning jurisdiction that the proposed facility meets all applicable local comprehensive plans and land development regulations.

**Support** clarification that charter schools are subject to local land development regulations and are not covered by the partial exemption from such regulation for school board operated public schools in Section 1013.33(10)-(15), F.S.

### Graduation Rates

**Support** state funding for initiatives and other innovative programs that increase graduation rates.

### Legislative Watch List

- Public Records Legislation (including legislation affecting personnel records)
- Building Codes
- Workers Compensation (Chapter 440)
- Heart/Lung Bill (112.18)
- Florida Retirement System
- Relocation of Public Utilities out of the Right of Way
- Municipal Elections
- Complete Streets
- Opioid/Fentanyl