



Palm Beach County LEAGUE of CITIES, Inc.

2024 Priorities & Issues

Short-Term Rentals The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that restores authority to local governments for the regulation of short-term rental properties as necessary for quality of life, public safety and the creation of fair lodging standards. The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation clarifying that existing, grandfathered municipal short-term rental ordinances can be amended without penalty. The Palm Beach County League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that preempts municipal authority as it relates to the regulation of short-term rental properties.

Affordable Housing The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that requires all monies from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used only for Florida's affordable housing programs targeted to meet the needs of workforce housing, including low income, very low income and disabled persons, for both home ownership and rental unit availability.

Mobility The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that defines and clarifies mobility plans in order to provide a clear and concise regulatory framework for Florida cities to acquire, construct and implement both traditional and alternative modes of transportation.

Water Resources Planning and Comprehensive Watershed Management The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation establishing a statewide coordinated planning and prioritization approach for water resource investments that funds Florida's current and projected water needs in an equitable manner and authorizing Comprehensive Watershed Management projects to qualify for funding under the state Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.

Enterprise Fund Transfer The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS the preservation of municipal authority to manage municipal revenue sources and realize a reasonable rate of return on their proprietary assets, investments and services.

Property Tax Protection The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that maintains an equitable property tax system while preserving a municipality's ability to fund public infrastructure, police, fire, emergency services and other essential services. Any further erosions and/or exemptions on the current property tax structure will unfairly shift the tax burden to the business community, renters and others.

Residential Zoning The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that maintains, advances and encourages the fundamental ability for cities to tailor unique land development solutions through local decision-making, preserving the ability for cities to decide how they look and grow. Cities are strong supporters of affordable housing efforts and are best positioned to identify appropriate areas that can support high-density infill redevelopment .

Transportation Funding The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation directing the Florida Department of Transportation to provide financial assistance and incentives to develop and implement multimodal transportation plans that optimize different modes of combined transport and are tailored to municipal transportation demands. The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS identifying additional or replacement transportation revenue to fund innovative infrastructure (e.g., electric vehicles) and transit projects to meet the

The Palm Beach County League of Cities supports legislation that preserves municipal self-governing powers and recommends a moratorium on unfunded mandates.

*We request that the state legislature allow municipalities to focus on current requirements without added regulations or pre-empting **Home Rule**.*

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Sovereign Immunity The Palm Beach County League of Cities OPPOSES, the increase statutory limits on liability for tort the state and its agencies and subdivisions (which includes municipalities).

Septic Tanks The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS, regulatory initiatives and financial initiatives, including matching grants, that prioritize and encourage properties with septic tanks to connect to centralized sewer systems, especially in areas that adversely impact rivers, estuaries, first magnitude springs, water bodies and water supply sources.

Economic Development The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation advancing economic incentives for distressed areas and providing increased flexibility for municipalities to enter into public-private partnership agreements with collaboration between the state and cities on offering incentives that maximize economic development opportunities for retention, expansion, and attraction, and building sustainable economic resiliency.

Resilient and Sustainable Florida The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that promotes a resilient and sustainable Florida, including: funding for water quality improvements; establishing policies and funding for alternative water supply development; providing for intergovernmental coordination and planning on strategies to address climate challenges such as drought, coastal flooding and inland flooding; and enabling local authority to implement natural resource protection strategies.

Beach Management The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation increasing the beach management allocations to at least \$50 million for the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund for beach preservation and repair.

Opioid/Substance Use The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS policies that provide state appropriations for life saving interventions and medically-assisted detoxification programs for those suffering from opioid addiction.

Mental Health Understanding the cause of homelessness in many cases is related to mental health illness, the Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS funding efforts for beds, treatment program, and youth-related initiatives to advance prevention.

Sober Homes The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS the State Attorney Addiction Recovery Task Force, created in 2016, and their recommended statutory changes for the 2024 session.

Community Redevelopment Agencies The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to protect and improve municipalities' use of community redevelopment agencies to effectively carry out redevelopment and community revitalization in accordance with Home Rule.

Communications Service Tax The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that protects the general revenues collected from the Communications Service Tax in a manner that is revenue neutral.

Pension Plans & Benefits The League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that affirms the home rule powers of municipalities to establish and fund municipal employee benefit levels, and specifically provides comprehensive pension reform, disability presumption reform, and a mechanism for municipalities to revoke their election to participate in the Florida Retirement System.

State Funding for Educational Initiatives The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS revisions to zoning requirements so that local jurisdictions have greater authority over the location and construction of educational facilities for local universities, state colleges, and Palm Beach County schools (including charter schools). The League also supports adequate funding for all state education mandates, including those related to student safety, mental health, and school security.

Local Business Tax The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that protects local government rights to use local business tax revenue to provide services that our citizens want and need, including public infrastructure, public safety services and public transportation infrastructure.

Annexation The Palm Beach County League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that facilitates the municipal annexation of unincorporated areas while protecting private property rights and respecting municipal boundaries.