



City of Coconut Creek Florida 2018 State Legislative Agenda – Short Form

Home Rule

Support the preservation of Home Rule.

Oppose any legislation that seeks to diminish powers granted to local government. (BLC 2017, FLC 2018)

Unfunded Mandates

Oppose unfunded mandates from any level of government. (FLC 2018)

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. (BLC 2017)

State Of Florida Gaming Compact with the Seminole Nation

Oppose any reduction to the share of revenue paid to the State by the Tribe that is currently distributed to affected local governments.

Landfill Regulations (NEW)

Oppose any legislation lessening environmental and testing regulations on landfills.

Support additional landfill environmental regulations benefitting air and water quality.

Support additional environmental regulations on urban landfills.

Recycling Regulations (NEW)

Oppose any legislation that would lessen recycling efforts or recycling requirements in the State of Florida.

FDOT and the Florida Turnpike (NEW)

Support legislation requiring FDOT and the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to increase transparency, public participation, and consideration of the impacts on local communities and local commuters during the planning, development, design and construction process of any proposed projects that would add toll lanes.

Support legislation that requires that in the instance of limited access roadway facilities, FDOT authority to remove these borders through design variations will require just compensation to adjacent property owners who are impacted.

Support legislation that would nullify any PD & E study that is more than 5 years old and would require that the analysis and the public involvement be conducted from a fresh perspective.

Recovery Residences

Support legislation that establishes statewide mandatory minimum regulatory standards for all “recovery residences” to protect the residents of the homes from exploitation and abuse as well as rule changes to provide for state-wide consistency in the application of life safety code requirements. (FLC 2018)

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

Support the Florida League of Cities' priority of reforming the Communications Services Tax in a way that is revenue neutral in order to improve reliability, stability, and equality without harming local revenues. (BLC 2017, FLC 2018)

Local Business Tax Protection

Oppose legislation that restricts, reduces or eliminates municipal revenues generated under the Local Business Tax. (BLC 2017)

Impact Fees Protection

Oppose legislation that restricts a municipality's Home Rule authority to set impact fees or transportation concurrency. (BLC 2017)

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.

SHIP Funding

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.

Economic Development

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

Support maintaining or expanding current local economic tools.

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.

Support HB 203 and SB 316, which would require the Governor fill vacancies on the ERC within a specified timeframe in order to ensure participation by local governments and all parties in important decisions that impact our environment. (NEW)

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. (BLC 2017)

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.

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.

Support legislation that would increase the resiliency of utilities in cases of natural disasters, such as undergrounding and hardening.

Utility Work Exemption from Development/Transmission Line Siting (NEW)

Oppose any legislation seeking to increase exemptions from current law, regulatory standards, or procedures regarding transmission line and power plants siting. (FLC 2018)

Transportation Funding

Support legislation that provides increased support to municipalities for transportation choices and allows flexibility in the use of those funds. (BLC 2017, FLC 2018)

Multimodal Opportunities

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

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 banning electronic smoking devices anywhere smoking is banned. (NEW). **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 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

- A. Public Records Legislation (including legislation affecting personnel records)
- B. Building Codes
- C. Fiscal Transparency and Responsibility / Ethics Reform
- D. Workers Compensation (Chapter 440)
- E. Heart/Lung Bill (112.18)
- F. Florida Retirement System
- G. Municipal Elections
- H. Complete Streets
- I. Post Hurricane Relief Efforts (new)
- J. Synthetic cannabis and bath salts (new)
- K. Fentanyl (new)