



## 2026 State Legislative Priorities

### 1. HOME RULE

- Advocate against preemptions of local governments and unfunded mandates.
- Support legislation preserving reasonable sovereign immunity liability caps and no retroactive increases.

### 2. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Support local government's ability to levy property taxes to support critical services.
- Advocate against legislation that acts as a funding shift of taxes for local governments that may adversely impact residents, homeowners, renters, and businesses.

### 3. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Support legislation maintaining and advancing cities' control for land development, local zoning codes, historical preservation, and planning.
- Advocate against the elimination of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs), while supporting tighter restrictions on the purpose, use, and timeframes.

### 4. ENVIRONMENT, RESILIENCE & WATER QUALITY

- Support full funding of the State Resilient Florida grant program to assist cities in implementing resilience infrastructure projects.
- Support legislation endorsing a One Water approach to enhance integration between different water systems while maintaining local flexibility and supporting full funding of the state Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.
- Support state funding protecting and restoring water resources and water quality, including drinking/wastewater infrastructure upgrades, stormwater pollutant load reduction, and the State Revolving Loan Fund.

### 5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Support state funding for affordable housing programs, including full appropriation of the Sadowski Housing Trust Funds.
- Advocate against any tax relief that would adversely and inequitably affect affordable housing.

### 6. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- Support legislation that provides for effective and appropriate emergency reactivity and responses for local governments and their residents after a hurricane or tropical storm.
- Advocate against legislation that restricts permitting, construction, and land use which does not have a direct impact to emergency preparedness or responsiveness after a hurricane or tropical storm.

### 7. ARTS & CULTURE

- Support funding for State Arts and Culture Grants dedicated to the arts and culture community of the City of Sarasota.
- Support arts-based community development policies.

### 8. SOLID WASTE

- Support legislation protecting a city or county's right to provide and manage recycling and solid waste services.