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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The City of Sarasota supports broad exercise of home rule authority and increased funding for water quality research, affordable/attainable housing, homelessness programs, mental health initiatives, and alternative means of transportation.

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CITY OF SARASOTA

MAJOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

HOME RULE

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Home rule powers granted to municipalities under the Florida Constitution and support consistency in the Legislature with the provisions of Section 166.021, Florida Statutes.

AFFORDABLE, ATTAINABLE, WORKFORCE HOUSING

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Allocating the full amount of dedicated doc tax revenues for state and local affordable housing programs
- ✓ Investing in affordable housing to create jobs in home repair & retrofitting & constructing affordable units and lowering energy costs
- ✓ Increased funding for CDBG and HOME partnership programs and increasing CDBG Disaster Relief funds for hurricane damaged structures
- ✓ Legislation repealing SB 176 relative to affordable housing

OPPOSE:

- ✗ Reducing or reallocating Sadowski Housing Trust Funds

HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS, MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES, SOBER HOMES

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Funding for local homelessness programs, housing, and aid groups
- ✓ Expansion of Miami-Dade's Homeless and Domestic Violence Tax
- ✓ Funding for mental health facilities
- ✓ Minimum regulatory standards for Sober Homes facilities
- ✓ Public Records Exemption for identifying information in the HMIS
- ✓ Ban on "conversion therapy" on minors

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Funding for alternative means of transportation (bus rapid transit, trolleys, water taxis, etc in addition to roads)
- ✓ Preservation of local control over transportation planning, equitable transportation funding, additional revenue opportunities for municipal infrastructure
- ✓ Funding for the extension of The Legacy Trail
- ✓ Transportation funding allocated directly to affected municipalities for storm mitigation

WATER QUALITY

SUPPORT:

- ✓ Legislation providing a recurring funding source for water quality preservation & enhancement, specifically aid for municipalities to upgrade drinking water infrastructure and waste water infrastructure
- ✓ Legislation that reinitiates the public hearing and adoption process for the Statewide Stormwater treatment rule

The City Commission of the City of Sarasota also supports the Legislative Action Agenda of the Florida League of Cities except where specific positions may conflict with those of the City.



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