

HOME RULE

The Palm Beach County League of Cities supports legislation that preserves municipal self-governing powers and recommends a moratorium on unfunded mandates of any kind during the 2019 legislative session. We request that the state legislature allow municipalities to focus on current requirements without added regulations or pre-empting Home Rule.

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

Sober Homes The League of Cities support legislation requiring businesses classified as “Day or Night Treatment with Community Housing” to comply with current statutory requirements for certified recovery residences. In addition, the League supports legislations clarifying the fire-safety standards that can be imposed on sober homes in order to ensure compliance with federal fair housing laws.

Vacation Rentals The League of Cities supports legislation that repeals the state pre-emption of the regulation of short-term/ vacation rental properties in order to allow local governments to regulate such properties to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses.

Water Quality & Supply The League of Cities supports legislation addressing water quality and quantity issues that affect local communities’ aquifers, surface waters and estuaries. Specially, the League supports the efforts to maintain, revitalize and protect Palm Beach County’s water quality in the Glades, flooding and water retention, and the restoration of the Loxahatchee River and Lake Worth Lagoon.

Community Redevelopment Agencies The 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.

Effective Growth Management The League of Cities will continue to monitor the effects of growth management legislation and the changes to the state (involuntary) annexation statute and all opposing efforts that would undermine a local government’s planning and zoning authority, including impact fees and transportation concurrency while protecting private property rights, and respecting municipal boundaries.

Transportation The League of Cities supports legislation that preserves local control of transportation planning and provides opportunities for additional revenue option of the transportation trust fund to support innovative infrastructure and transit projects.

2019 PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



The purpose of the Palm Beach County League of Cities’ Legislative Agenda is to advocate and advance issues that may significantly impact municipalities within Palm Beach County. The League of Cities exists to promote and advance best practices and collective interests of the municipalities in Palm Beach County. The League was chartered in 1969 as a non-partisan, nonprofit corporation by and for municipalities. We are a recognized IRS-501(c)(4).

Local Business Tax The 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.

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

Housing & Small City CDBG Policy The League of Cities supports legislation maintaining dedicated housing trust funds for workforce housing, housing rehabilitation, economic development, and neighborhood and commercial revitalization, with adequate verification safeguards that ensure grants will benefit the homeless and low to moderate-income families.

Florida Forever Distribution (Amendment 1 2014) The League of Cities supports using resources from Amendment 1 for enhancement of water quality and beach management by increasing beach management allocations.

Beach Management The League of Cities supports legislation appropriating the \$50 million annual doc stamp tax revenue to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund for beach preservation and repair.

Septic Tanks The League of Cities supports financial and regulatory initiatives that prioritize and encourage properties with septic tanks to connect to centralized sewer systems, especially in areas that impact rivers, estuaries, first magnitude springs, impaired water bodies and water supply sources.

Economic Development The League of Cities supports legislation advancing new economic incentives for distressed areas and providing increased flexibility for municipalities to enter into public-private partnership agreements.

State Funding for Educational Initiatives The League of Cities supports increased state funding for building, maintenance and improvements of educational facilities for local universities, state colleges and Palm Beach County schools. The League also supports dedicated funding for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act of 2018.

Workforce Training The League of Cities supports the continued focus for state resources on obtaining flexibility for local workforce and career training at all education levels and subsequent job placement, with particular interest to meeting employment needs.

Sales Tax Fairness The League of Cities supports legislation to reform Florida's sales tax laws that apply to online/e-commerce sales from out-of-state retailers.

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 specially provides comprehensive pension reform, disability presumption reform, and a mechanism for municipalities to revoke their election to participate in the Florida Retirement System.

Important Advocacy Dates

March 2019

- 5 Opening Day of the 2019 Legislative Session
- 5-6 Palm Beach County Day - Tallahassee
- 10-13 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 26-27 Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days, Tallahassee

May 2019

- 3 Last Day- 2018 Legislative Session

August 2019

- 15-17 Florida League of Cities Annual Conference – World Center Marriott, Orlando

November 2019

- 20-23 National League of Cities Annual City Summit - San Antonio, TX