

Village of Tequesta

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November 24, 2025

Ms. Amelia Jadoo, Executive Director
Palm Beach County League of Cities
301 N. Olive Ave., Suite 1002.17
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West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Subject: Support for Resolution 24-25 and the 2026 Legislative Priorities

Dear Ms. Jadoo:

Please find attached Resolution 24-25, adopted by the Village Council of Tequesta during its meeting on November 13, 2025, in support of the 2026 Florida League of Cities legislative platform. This resolution prioritizes legislation which would in general, support and protect municipal home rule for subject matter including, but not limited to property tax reform, local option sales tax reform, and local business tax reform; affordable housing (Live Local Act) reform, impact fee reform, and growth management reform; revisions to "Senate Bill 180", regulation of e-bikes and electric vehicles, and regulation of art on public sidewalks; sovereign immunity reform, and regulation of open carry for firearms; and regulation of enterprise fund transfers and "one water" policies. Additionally, it advocates for a municipal clerk records exemption to enhance privacy protections.

Thank you for your time and dedication to serving our local municipalities. Please feel free to contact our Village Manager, Jeremy Allen at jallen@tequesta.org if you would like to discuss these priorities further.

Sincerely,

Lori McWilliams, MPA, MMC
Village Clerk/PIO

RESOLUTION NO. 24-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE 2026 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM; PRIORITIZING AGENDA LEGISLATION THAT WOULD, IN GENERAL, SUPPORT AND PROTECT MUNICIPAL HOME RULE FOR SUBJECT MATTER INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROPERTY TAX REFORM, LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REFORM, AND LOCAL BUSINESS TAX REFORM; AFFORDABLE HOUSING (LIVE LOCAL ACT) REFORM, IMPACT FEE REFORM, AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT REFORM; REVISIONS TO "SENATE BILL 180", REGULATION OF E-BIKES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AND REGULATION OF ART ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS; SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY REFORM, AND REGULATION OF OPEN CARRY FOR FIREARMS; REGULATION OF ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFERS, AND "ONE WATER" POLICIES; FURTHER SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO CREATE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS, ELECTIONS STAFF, AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND FURTHER SUPPORTING THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM ADOPTED BY THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Village of Tequesta wishes to engage in productive, focused dialogue with the Florida State Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida 2026 Legislative Session will convene on January 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tequesta is an active member of the Florida League of Cities and actively support the development of priorities for the 2026 Legislative Action Agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tequesta supports the 2026 Florida League of Cities legislative platform; and prioritizes legislation which would in general, support and protect municipal home rule for subject matter including, but not limited to property tax reform, local option sales tax reform, and local business tax reform; affordable housing (Live Local Act) reform, impact fee reform, and growth management reform; revisions to "Senate Bill 180", regulation of e-bikes and electric vehicles, and regulation of art on public sidewalks; sovereign immunity reform, and regulation of open carry for firearms; and regulation of enterprise fund transfers and "one water" policies, and further supporting legislation to create a public records exemption for identifying information for municipal clerks, elections staff, and their families.

WHEREAS, the Village Council further supports the 2026 Palm Beach County League of Cities Legislative Platform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are declared to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The Village of Tequesta supports the 2026 Florida League of Cities legislative platform; and prioritizes legislation which would in general, support and protect municipal home rule for subject matter including, but not limited to property tax reform, local option sales tax reform, and local business tax reform; affordable housing (Live Local Act) reform, impact fee reform, and growth management reform; revisions to "Senate Bill 180", regulation of e-bikes and electric vehicles, and regulation of art on public sidewalks; sovereign immunity reform, and regulation of open carry for firearms; and regulation of enterprise fund transfers and "one water" policies, and further supporting legislation to create a public records exemption for identifying information for municipal clerks, elections staff, and their families as part of the legislative priorities of the Village of Tequesta. As an active member of the Florida League of Cities, the Village of Tequesta, through the Village Council, will also support additional legislative priorities identified by the Florida League of Cities, unless the Village Council determines that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to take a contrary position.

SECTION 3. The Village Council further supports the formation of the 2026 Palm Beach County League of Cities Legislative Platform attached hereto and incorporated as "Exhibit A" as part of the legislative priorities of the Village of Tequesta.

SECTION 4. The Village Manager is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida League of Cities and all local representatives.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effective immediately upon its adoption.

**RESOLUTION****DATE**

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MOTION Council Member Jayson E. French **SECOND** Vice-Mayor Rick Sartory

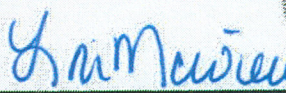
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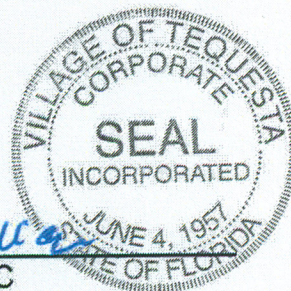
The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted.

MAYOR OF TEQUESTA:


Molly Young

ATTEST:


Lori McWilliams, MMC
Village Clerk



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

2026 Palm Beach County League of Cities Legislative Priorities

Property Tax and Home Owner's Insurance The Palm Beach County League of Cities **SUPPORTS** maintaining a stable property tax structure to ensure local governments can continue providing vital services residents and businesses depend on. Property taxes are the primary revenue source for funding essential municipal services such as police, fire protection, emergency response, infrastructure, and leisure services. Significant reductions or eliminating this revenue would jeopardize cities' ability to adequately provide necessary services and could result in an inequitable shift in the tax burden. The League also recognizes that the true threat to home affordability is not property taxes, but the soaring cost of **homeowners insurance**, and **URGES** the Legislature to consider establishing a Select Committee on Homeowners Insurance to address market instability and affordability statewide.

SB180 The Palm Beach County League of Cities **SUPPORTS** language to clarify Sections 18 and 28 of Ch. 205- 190, Laws of Florida, to limit applicability of this law to jurisdictions that experience measurable impacts from hurricanes, provide definitions for overbroad and vague terms, limit applicability of the preemptive language to storm-damaged properties, and clarify provisions relating to legal standing, pre-suit notice, and opportunity to cure.

Community Redevelopment Agencies The Palm Beach County League of Cities **OPPOSES** legislation that limits the authority or operation of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs), which are essential tools for revitalizing neighborhoods and driving local economic growth. CRAs fund critical projects such as infrastructure, roads, drainage, and public spaces that improve communities statewide. The League supports continued accountability and transparency but cautions against efforts to weaken or eliminate CRAs.

Sovereign Immunity The Palm Beach County League of Cities **SUPPORTS** maintaining reasonable limits or 'caps' on monetary damages recoverable in negligence claims against government entities. These protections are crucial to safeguard Florida's taxpayers.

Municipal Elections The Palm Beach County League of Cities **OPPOSES** legislation that restricts voters' authority to set municipal election dates.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Funding The Palm Beach County League of Cities **SUPPORTS** continued state funding for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Tri-Rail system to maintain reliable service for residents, students, workers, and visitors. The League urges the Legislature to appropriate funding for the Florida Rail Enterprise Program to fund the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Tri-Rail operations to maintain Tri-Rail's level of service and urging the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to include funding as necessary in the current and future FDOT five-year work programs.

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