



## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

### 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND FUNDING REQUESTS



This information reflects the official position of the City of Fort Lauderdale regarding State of Florida issues and pending legislation that would impact the operation of local government. It also provides priorities for the pursuit of funding for various City initiatives.

#### Smart Growth Infrastructure



- **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure improvements
- **SUPPORT** legislation and **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for transportation enhancements focused on greenways, complete street initiatives, pedestrian safety, improving traffic flow, and mass transit development
- **SUPPORT** legislation that encourages energy conservation and alternative energy development
- **SUPPORT** legislation that enhances municipal participation in the state environmental permitting process

#### Preserve Public Spaces



- **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for flood prevention, hazard mitigation, and climate change mitigation
- **SUPPORT** legislation that creates smoke free Fort Lauderdale parks and beaches
- **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for the development of recreation parks and facilities
- **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for Fort Lauderdale Beach re-nourishment, revitalization, and enhancement
- **SUPPORT** legislation that assists in meeting sustainability objectives including energy and water efficiencies
- **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for waterway quality improvements

#### Cultivate Quality of Life



- **SUPPORT** legislation and **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** of municipal government initiatives that provide a comprehensive approach to curb homelessness and promote affordable housing resources
- **SUPPORT** legislation and **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** to bolster programs on environmental education and provide proper nutrition, physical activity, and healthy lifestyle options
- **SUPPORT** legislation and **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for initiatives that improves the quality of education for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students
- **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for historic preservation and the arts

#### Champion Public Safety Initiatives



- **SUPPORT** legislation that changes the allocation of Florida Department of Emergency Management and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding based on each city's risk profile assessment
- **SUPPORT** legislation and **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** to address crime reduction, repeat offenders, juvenile justice programs, and provide drug prevention and education programs consistent with federal guidelines
- **SUPPORT** legislation that changes the Law Enforcement Trust Fund's (LETF) evidentiary standard in a forfeiture proceeding and the use of future forfeitures, which could result in an increase of the amount collected
- **SUPPORT** legislation to offset the cost for municipal governments that place School Resource Officers in schools
- **SUPPORT** legislation and increase funding to improve lighting on State roads

#### Promote Economic Stability and Business Development



- **OPPOSE** legislation that decreases the City's tax base through the municipal tax exemptions on properties, creates unfunded mandates, or decreases any revenue allocations to local governments
- **OPPOSE** legislation that modifies, restricts, or eliminates the City's ability to levy and collect or spend franchise fees, communications service taxes, or local business taxes
- **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport capital projects
- **SUPPORT** legislation that would transfer the spending authority of the Tourism Development Tax to cities based on tourism activity
- **SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for the promotion of Fort Lauderdale's marine industry and Riverwalk activation
- **SUPPORT** legislation to promote tourism in Fort Lauderdale including the reauthorization of Visit Florida

#### Foster Intergovernmental Collaborations



- **SUPPORT** legislation that would preserve and/or enhance municipal home rule
- **SUPPORT** legislation that provides local regulation of short-term rental properties and sober homes
- **SUPPORT** removal of the State's preemption of local regulations on vacation rentals
- **SUPPORT** legislation that would change the date for the non-ad valorem assessment roll public hearing from September 15<sup>th</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup> to avoid a special meeting of the City Commission regarding the budget
- **SUPPORT** legislation that would reduce the impact of the Governor's emergency declaration extensions, which result in the extension of permits (i.e. building permits) in jurisdictions not impacted by the emergency event