



2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES DEVELOPMENT

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Today's Request:

- Review Legislative Policy Statements
- Provide guidance on priority statements

Looking Ahead:

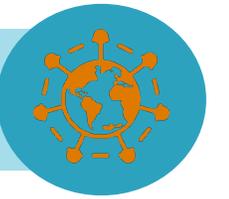
- Development of 2023 Legislative Priority Documents
- Advocacy



2023 Session Dates:

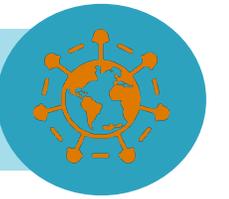
- Special Session:
 - Anticipated December 2022
 - To address property-tax relief for Hurricane Ian and Property Insurance Issues
- 2023 Committee Meetings:
 - 7 Committee Weeks beginning December 12 & ending in February 24
- Legislative Session Begins: March 7, 2023
- Legislative Session Ends : May 5, 2023





- Focused & Direct
- Easy to Digest & Understand
- Priority Items

2023 Agency Legislative Priorities



**FORWARD
PINELLAS**
Integrating Land Use & Transportation



- **Strong Local Communities**

- Home Rule
- Vacation Rentals
- Zoning Authority
- Alternative Meeting Tools

- **Safe & Effective Transportation**

- Collaborative Approach
- Flexible Solutions
- Auto Use Tax v. Gas Tax

- **Robust Citizen Participation**

- Fully funded trust funds (Sadowski and State Transportation)
- Community Resiliency

- **Funding**

- Land Acquisition Trust & Preservation
- Housing
- Historic Preservation

- **Policy Priorities**

- Sea Level Rise & Natural Disaster Initiatives
- Resiliency & Greenhouse Gas
- Blue Green Algae & Red Tide Task Force
- Expand housing supply
- Multi-modal Transportation
- Protection of Agricultural lands & Sprawl Reduction
- Community Growth Management

Existing 2022 State Legislative Priorities:



2022 *City of Dunedin* STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA

The City of Dunedin's Legislative Action Agenda is intended to promote and protect initiatives important to our community, residents, businesses, and visitors.

Of utmost importance is the ability of our City Commission and City Administration to respond to the unique needs of our community and maintain the powers of Home Rule as granted by the Home Rule Powers Act of 1973.

HOME RULE

SUPPORT municipal Home Rule powers of governance by strengthening and protecting local self-government to effectively and efficiently respond to and provide for our residents and unique community needs.

PRIORITIES

- Environment & Resiliency
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Finance & Taxation
- Municipal Administration
- Economic Development
- Affordable Housing
- Arts & Culture
- First Responder Safety

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

- Dunedin Causeway Bridge Replacement - \$80M
- Honeymoon Island Entrance Enhancements - \$2M
- Skinner Boulevard/S.R. 580 Complete Streets - \$7M

Mayor:

Julie Ward Bujalski

Commissioners:

Deborah Kynes

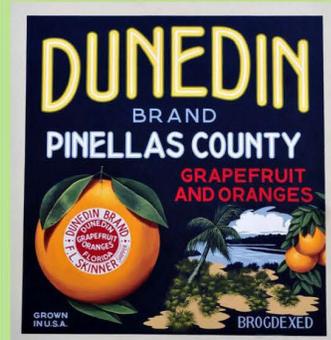
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Home of Honeymoon Island

2022 Priority Statements



ENVIRONMENT & RESILIENCY

- Support local initiatives to address resiliency & invest in alternative energy sources.
- Fund Florida Forever for land conservation.
- Permit municipalities to regulate single-use plastics. Support legislation prohibiting single-use plastic bags and polystyrene.
- Return regulation of tree permitting to municipalities. Amend existing law to define terms, address conflicts, and create standards of certification.



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Fund Dunedin road and bridge improvements: Dunedin Causeway Bridge, Honeymoon Island entrance, and SR 580 Complete Streets.
- Support innovative multi-modal infrastructure to address transportation demands.
- Fund public electric vehicle charging stations.
- Support infrastructure investments and technology innovation for water and wastewater.



FINANCE & TAXATION

- Reform the Communications Services Tax.
- Preserve and protect general revenue collected from Local Business Tax.
- Support a Working Floridians Tax Rebate to create an earned income tax credit to reduce poverty and income inequalities.



MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

- Restore local authority to regulate short-term rentals. Support legislation for licensing, insurance & compliance.
- Fund cybersecurity training, technical assistance, & infrastructure improvements.
- Expand mental health services to children and adults.



PUBLIC SAFETY

- Provide for protection and safety of first responders, particularly to roadway incidents and while serving in the line of duty.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Incentivize economic development, investment in workforce development, and create a competitive film environment.



EDUCATION

- Fund and promote arts and culture institutions and programs.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Support fully funding the Sadowski Trust for affordable housing programs and projects.

2022 State Priorities Overview



- **HOME RULE:**

- SUPPORT municipal Home Rule powers of governance by strengthening and protecting local self-government to effectively and efficiently respond to and provide for our residents and unique community needs.

- **ENVIRONMENT & RESILENCY:**

- Alternative Energy Funding
- Florida Forever
- Regulating Single Use Plastics
- Removing Tree Pruning/Trimming Preemption

- **TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTRE:**

- Fund Causeway Bridge Replacement & SR 580 Complete Streets Projects
- Support multi-modal infrastructure
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Innovative water & wastewater technology

2022 State Priorities Overview Cont.



- **FINANCE & TAXATION:**

- Communications Services Tax
- Local Business Tax
- Gas Tax (?)
- Working Floridians Tax Rebates

- **EDUCATION:**

- Fund Arts and Culture

- **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Protection and Safety of First Responders

- **MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION:**

- Short term rentals
- Cybersecurity
- Mental Health

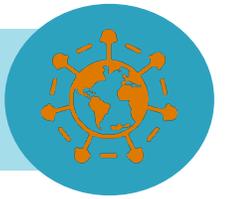
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

- Incentive economic development & film

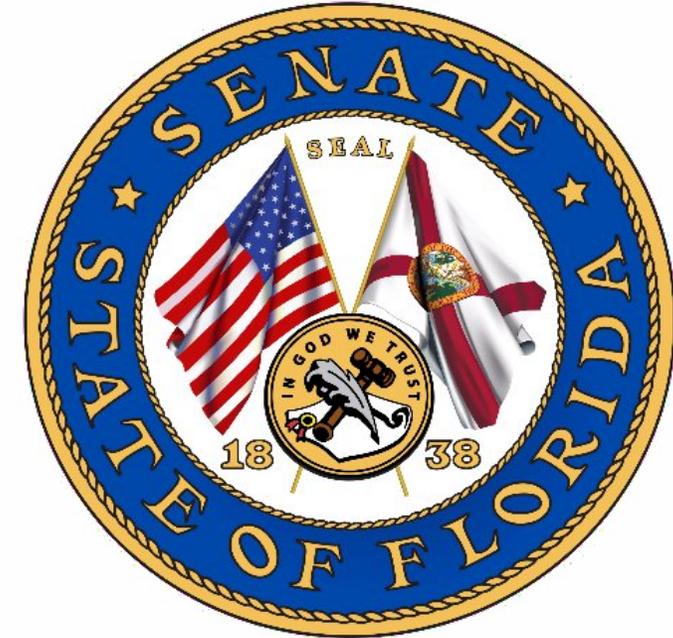
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- Support affordable housing programs and funding

2023 Senate President Priorities



- Workforce Housing
- Environment
 - Resiliency
 - Expansion of Wildlife Corridor
- Veteran & First Responders
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Education



Looking Ahead:

- Monitor Agency Priorities
- Bill Watch
- Development of 2023 Legislative Priorities
 - Return to Commission in February-March 2023
- Advocacy
- Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days
 - April 3 – 5, 2023





QUESTIONS