

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2020

Home Rule is the flexibility to address unique local needs with local solutions. We support the authority of our local governments to exercise their powers of governance and perform functions at the request of the citizens we serve. Home Rule is the ability to control local destiny by following the will of our constituents.

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

- Support legislative funding to study the causes of harmful algal blooms (HABs) and recommendations on prevention or treatment.
- Support The Water Resources Development Act reauthorization, which provides needed funding for several Florida water projects.
- Support efforts to provide increased funding for Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) abatement infrastructure investments for wet weather resiliency and TMDL reductions to watersheds.
- Support efforts to provide increased funding / appropriations for Septic to Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater retrofit projects.
- Support the ban of offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Support the establishment of a Florida State Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection to address sea level rise, renewable energy projects, and legislation to fund and coordinate federal resiliency programs with those of state and local governments.



FINANCE, TAXATION & PERSONNEL

- Support state and local governments' ability to advance refund tax exempt bonds to assist in the management of capital costs for infrastructure and other public projects, and to reduce debt service costs associated with capital projects.





URBAN ADMINISTRATION

- Oppose the federal preemption related to the deployment of small wireless infrastructure (5G), as current legislation will lead to the proliferation of unsightly and unsafe wireless infrastructure in inappropriate areas and activity centers.
- Support reauthorization of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).
- Support Medical Marijuana use to allow pharmacies to distribute as any other medication.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

- Support housing dedicated revenues collected by the State Housing Trust Fund to affordable housing. Support programs and initiatives aimed at neighborhood stabilization.
- Support continued funding of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- Support protection of the National Flood Insurance Program's affordability, accessibility and mitigation funding.

TRANSPORTATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- **Support funding for the Dunedin Causeway Bridge replacement.**
- Support continued funding for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant program.

