

# STATE 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 financial and regulatory initiatives that prioritize and encourage properties with septic tanks to connect to centralized sewer systems, especially in areas that impact impaired water bodies.
- Support repealing HB1159, which would allow Dunedin to guide and protect our trees, environment, and our residents as it did successfully prior to the implementation of HB1159.
- Support the ban of offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Support restoring the full funding of Florida Forever.
- Support legislative funding to study the causes of harmful algal blooms (HABs) and recommendations on prevention or treatment.
- Support the creation of a new dedicated recurring source of funding for beach nourishment projects.
- Support the establishment of the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection to address sea level rise, the adoption of a statewide energy policy that provides statutory incentives for renewable energy projects, and legislation to fund and coordinate state resiliency programs with those of local governments.
- Oppose changes that would weaken existing net metering policies which allow customers to receive retail-rate credits for any excess energy produced by their on-site renewable energy device that is returned to the grid.
- Support the ban of single use plastics (Senate Bill 40).



## FINANCE, TAXATION & PERSONNEL

- Support fully funding the Florida State and Local Housing Trust Funds under the Sadowski Act.
- Restore State Aid to Public Libraries funding levels to at least \$33,000,000.



## URBAN ADMINISTRATION

- Support providing Mental Health Awareness training to all students in K-12 as a part of the planned curriculum.
- Support reauthorization of grant funds for arts and culture, historic preservation and the humanities.
- Support legislation that repeals the state preemption of the regulation of vacation rental properties.
- Support legislation that restores local government control over the number of medical marijuana dispensaries (MMDs) within its jurisdiction, and uncouples zoning regulations for MMDs from commercial pharmacies.

## GROWTH MANAGEMENT & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

- Support the restoration of film industry incentives to make Florida competitive with Georgia again.
- Support the continued advocacy for Community Redevelopment Agencies.
- Support restoring funding to Visit Florida.

## TRANSPORTATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- **Support efforts to expedite the entry gate procedures and time of transactions into Honeymoon Island State Park thus alleviating the associated vehicle traffic along the Dunedin Causeway.**
- **Support funding for the Dunedin Causeway Bridge replacement.**
- **Support funding for a S.R. 580 Complete Streets Study through FDOT.**
- **Support Pinellas County's transportation funding Initiative while ensuring that the impact of land use on transportation is taken into consideration.**

