



# STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

## Board of County Commissioners

# 2010

*As approved by the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners on February 3, 2010*

### APPROPRIATIONS ISSUES

#### **Affordable Housing**

Seek an increase in appropriations for housing trust funds, including full funding of the Sadowski Act.

#### **Justice**

- Support legislation that decreases county funding of pre-adjudicatory detention, and increases state support for in-detention treatment services that reduce recidivism.
- Support legislation imposing “cost of care” fees for juveniles, with proceeds distributed to offset county expenses.
- Seek funding for drug and alcohol abuse treatment beds.
- Seek continued or additional funding for intervention, prevention and treatment services for at-risk individuals, children and families.

#### **Libraries**

Support full funding for State Aid to Libraries.

#### **Egmont Key**

Maintain funding for state personnel to protect the historical, cultural, and ecological assets of Egmont Key.

#### **Environmental Protection and Preservation**

Support continued or increased funding for Florida Forever for acquisition and preservation of environmentally sensitive lands.

### POLICY ISSUES

#### **Recreational Easement Liability Indemnification**

Support legislation expanding recreational opportunities at a lower cost by clarifying that a private property owner who grants an easement to local government is eligible for indemnification.

#### **Growth Management**

Monitor legislation affecting Florida’s Growth Management Act, SB 360 from the 2009 Legislative Session, and Home Rule authority.



## **POLICY ISSUES (con't.)**

### **Traffic Safety**

Seek changes to state law to authorize use of a “Red Light Traffic Infraction Detector” to issue traffic citations in order to improve public safety by reducing traffic accidents from motorists running red lights.

### **Economic Development**

Support continued or increased funding for existing economic development programs, and the creation of new targeted incentives to encourage high technology project development.

### **Environmentally Beneficial Agriculture Improvements**

Seek change to state law to treat economically beneficial agricultural improvements as production inputs to encourage their utilization to promote environmental and natural resource protection and preservation.

### **Oil and Gas Drilling**

Monitor legislation addressing oil and gas drilling off the coast of Florida.

### **Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing**

Support legislation creating revenue sharing of Indian gaming profits with a county in which an Indian gaming facility operates to offset community impacts and expenses.

### **Taxation**

Monitor any proposals that affect local government taxing and/or revenue-generating authority.

### **Medicaid**

Monitor changes in Medicaid that could adversely affect citizen access to vital services.

### **Medical Examiner**

Support legislation creating a clear and uniform process for disposition of unclaimed bodies by local governments.

### **Water Policy**

- Monitor any revisions to current law affecting the current regulation of reclaimed water.
- Use the BOCC adopted Eight Point Water Program to evaluate pending legislation affecting water.

## **FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (FAC)**

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Support the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Legislative Program and Guiding Principles unless specific issues conflict with BOCC positions.