



## **2015 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** **ADOPTED AT THE 54<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

### **Energy, Environmental & Natural Resources**

- Stormwater Fee Collection

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that clarifies all users of a stormwater utility, including governmental entities, are required to pay stormwater charges to pay the cost of operation and maintenance of such a utility.

- Water Quality & Quantity

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that provides a recurring source of funding for local government programs and projects that protect water resources, improve water quality and quantity, and expand the use of alternative water sources.

### **Finance Taxation & Personnel**

- Municipal Police and Firefighter Pension Reform

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that protects municipalities' home rule powers to set and fund municipal employee benefit levels, and specifically provides:

- comprehensive pension reform, including elimination of the extra benefit requirement;
- disability presumption reform; and
- a mechanism for municipalities to revoke their participation in the Florida Retirement System.

The League also SUPPORTS legislation that provides municipalities with flexibility in the use of insurance premium taxes, as currently interpreted by the Department of Management Services.

- Communications Services Tax and Local Business Tax Protection

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that protects general revenues collected from the communications services tax and the local business tax. These revenues are used to provide essential municipal services, such as public safety and constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, public parks and open spaces. Maintaining a diversified revenue base strengthens the fiscal stability of local governments and improves their ability to serve citizens and businesses.

## **Growth Management & Economic Affairs**

- Enterprise Zones

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that reauthorizes and improves the Enterprise Zone program due to sunset on December 31, 2015.

- Developments of Regional Impact

The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES expanding exemptions or repeal of the Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) process.

## **Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations**

- Transportation Funding

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that preserves local control of transportation planning, provides equitable transportation funding among municipalities and counties, and provides opportunities for additional revenue options for municipal transportation infrastructure projects.

- Ride-for-Hire Services

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that defines and establishes uniform safety and insurance standards for transportation network services and their independent contractors, and that preserves home rule authority over such services.

## **Urban Administration**

- Homelessness

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that provides a sustainable and dedicated funding source to deliver training and technical assistance to programs that offer the necessary support services for Florida's homeless individuals and families and those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

- Sober Homes

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that defines and establishes statewide minimum regulatory standards for properties used for "sober home" purposes and allows for local regulation of such properties.