

City of Boynton Beach City Commission

2017 Legislative Priorities

Unfunded Mandates

OPPOSE any unfunded mandates imposed on local governments through the legislative or budget process.

Regulation of Group/Sober Homes

SUPPORT licensing/taxing/zoning regulation for operation of group/sober homes at the local level.

SUPPORT Palm Beach County State Attorney's task force recommendations.

Heroin Dilemma

SUPPORT legislation that helps provides local support to address this wide ranging issue.

SUPPORT Palm Beach County State Attorney's recommendations.

Communications Services and Local Business Tax Protection

OPPOSE any legislation that reduces general revenues collected from the local communications services 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.

OPPOSE any legislation that reduces general revenues collected from the local business tax and preserves the local authority to levy the tax.

Economic Development

SUPPORT a full range of legislation that will help provide jobs, continue and strengthen incentives for target industries, support for small and home based businesses, and general business investment.

SUPPORT legislation that authorizes municipalities increased flexibility to enter into public-private partnership agreements pursuant to state law or by home rule authority.

Government-Owned Utilities

MONITOR and OPPOSE any legislation that will remove home rule authority for municipalities providing water and sewer services outside municipal boundaries.

Water

SUPPORT legislation that clarifies all users of stormwater utility, including government entities, are required to pay stormwater charges to fund the cost of operation and maintenance of such a utility.

SUPPORT legislation that provides a recurring source of funding for local government programs and projects that protect water resources, improve water quality and quantity, mitigates pollution from onsite waste water systems and expand the use of alternative water resources, recognizing that reclaimed water is an asset paid for by utilities' rate payers.

MONITOR legislation relating to water, water quality, stormwater and centralized sewer systems to ensure that the state or special districts do not impose unfunded mandates on local government utilities.

Transportation/Mobility Fee

MONITOR and SUPPORT legislation that preserves local control of transportation planning and provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources to fund municipal transportation infrastructure projects including non-motorized transportation corridors and local transit connectivity to existing and proposed regional transit systems.

OPPOSE any legislation that preempts municipal home rule authority to impose impact fees or transportation concurrency.

Commuter Rail

MONITOR and SUPPORT legislative and budget opportunities related to FEC commuter rail station for downtown Boynton Beach and budgetary opportunities to offset infrastructure costs as well as funding options for Operations & Maintenance

CRA/Downtown Redevelopment & Transit Oriented Development (TOD's)

SUPPORT and MONITOR legislation that will strengthen and support the planning and implementation of transit-oriented developments (TOD's) on a local and/or regional scale.

Eco-tourism and Marine Industry Incentives

SUPPORT legislation that will assist in protecting our beaches and supporting the marine industry. These include bills to create new, and enhance existing programs related to working marina's, increased funding for kayak/canoe launches and water taxi's as well as access to local waterways.

Greenways & Trails

SUPPORT legislation that encourages and funds Greenways & Trails. This includes safe bikeways & pedestrian ways, connectivity with regional plans as well as other non-motorized transportation incentives.

Cultural Tourism

SUPPORT legislation that identifies the importance of cultural tourism as an economic driver for local governments and provides funding opportunities for the creation and continuation of public art, galleries, libraries, events and festivals.

Historic Preservation

SUPPORT legislation that recognizes the importance of local and regional historic preservation and creates funding opportunities for programming and infrastructure projects that support historic preservation and provides grant funding. Actively seek funding opportunities for the preservation and rehabilitation of the city's Old High School.

Public Safety/Security

SUPPORT legislation that creates funding opportunities for replacing or building needed public infrastructure for the safety and welfare of the citizens and employees of the City of Boynton Beach. Actively seek funding opportunities for a new Police Facility and City Hall.

MONITOR and SUPPORT legislation that enhances cybersecurity programs, protects internal technology infrastructure information, and promotes the sharing of cybersecurity attack information between government and private agencies.

SUPPORT legislation that repeals the state preemption of the regulation of vacation rental properties in order to allow local governments to regulate such properties to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses.

General Government

SUPPORT public records reform to discourage or eliminate schemes designed to generate violations of public records laws as well as limit harassing or unreasonable public records requests.

Emergency Management/Mitigation/Sustainability

Recognizing the impacts sustained by cities related to sea-level rise, changing precipitation patterns and increasing storm severity, the City of Boynton Beach SUPPORTS legislation that encourages vulnerability assessments, coordinates resources and supports the efforts of local governments to mitigate and adapt to these dynamic environmental conditions