

Federal Issues

- For Florida’s continued economic growth, support science-based energy and water policy solutions that include the prompt completion of the Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir.
- Support increased funding for Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to assist the state colleges in providing programs to prepare students for industry sectors important to Florida’s economic development.
- Support fair workplace rules that protect workers and promote employer flexibility and economic growth, while opposing harmful proposals and burdensome regulations that will generate litigation instead of jobs.
- Support increased home affordability by influencing policies focused on increasing the supply and preservation of affordable homes, equitably increasing access to credit, ensuring access to and development of Communities of Opportunity, and optimizing land-use for affordable homes.
- Promote and advance thoughtful legislative and regulatory changes to permit greater flexibility in benefit design and coverage that will improve health, reduce unnecessary costs, and reward high-value care.
- Support work to strengthen the nation’s educational standards and promote effective workforce training programs.
- Support an immigration policy that encourages employment-based and national security immigration reform as well as job protections for U.S. Citizens.
- Support a national effort to encourage pro-growth energy action that increases diverse energy supplies, improves efficiency, and promotes environmental stewardship while putting Americans back to work.
- Support legislation to end lawsuit abuse and to ensure that businesses receive a fair, efficient, and consistent justice system.
- Support modernization and expansion of our nation’s transportation system (including the reauthorization of America’s Infrastructure Act), along with our telecommunications (including 5G rollout), energy and water infrastructure.

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2020 South Palm Beach County Business Legislative Agenda



Protecting Business



The objective of the Boca Chamber's Legislative Agenda is to advocate for our members as it relates to Federal, State, and local government agendas.

MISSION

To Promote and Sustain Economic Prosperity in Boca Raton and South Palm Beach County.

Boca Raton: City Issues

- Create a business-ready environment through engagement with and support of Palm Beach State College, Florida Atlantic University, and Lynn University, in their efforts to partner with the City of Boca Raton on internships and workforce development.
- Regarding Fire Service, advocate for a more equitable fee structure, cost reductions, or shifting of fees.
- Support a Virgin Train, USA (Brightline) station in Boca Raton.
- Advocate for the use of public/private partnerships, including public-facing application programming interfaces (APIs), to deliver capital, technology, and infrastructure improvements in the City of Boca Raton.
- Continue support for the Art in Public Places initiative, but oppose any required business and/or development fees/assessments to fund it.
- Support initiatives to harden existing public internet access (City Hall, libraries, schools) to ensure availability after extreme weather events/power outages. Prepare Boca Raton for the rollout of 5G, including becoming a test site for mobile providers.
- Support the BID (Business Improvement District) Steering Committee and its activities to improve downtown on-demand transportation and connectivity, by establishing a downtown circulator system.
- Support the adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding of the Town and Gown initiative between Florida Atlantic University and the City of Boca Raton for the reinvention of the 20th Street district, including immediate rezoning to Mixed-Use.
- Continue to streamline Boca Raton's building permit issuance procedures and Individual Development Approvals. Fully implement the pattern book/IDG in 2020. Fully implement all Planned-Mobility ("PM") districts in the City. Review height limits and green space allocation.
- Support development of workforce housing programs.
- Support Impact Fee Credit Reimbursements for projects that make non-site related road improvements that add capacity.
- Appropriately increase business types permitted in the Light Industrial and Research Park (LIRP) zoning classification.
- Support the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University's efforts to further integrate its activities with those of the wider business community and Florida Atlantic University in order to ensure a viable environment for technology entrepreneurs to develop and grow successful companies that create jobs.

Boynton Beach: City Issues

- Support the creation of a business seat to serve on the Art's Board.
- Support the reduction of the Art's Assessment fee from 1% to 0.5% on projects that are \$10 million and above.
- Support the elimination of the CRA Advisory Board.
- Support the re-appointment of two citizen members back to the CRA Board.
- Support the prompt release of funds for the Tri-Coastal Link Project to include the timely building of the Boynton Beach station.
- Support development of workforce housing programs.
- Support Impact Fee Credit Reimbursements for projects that make non-site related road improvements that add capacity.
- Create a business ready environment through engagement with the support of Palm Beach State College, Florida Atlantic University and Lynn University in their efforts to partner with the City of Boynton Beach for internships and workforce development.
- Support initiatives to harden existing public internet access (City Hall, libraries, schools) to ensure availability after extreme weather events/power outages.

County Issues

- Support efforts to increase opportunities for Palm Beach State College and Palm Beach County School District to collaborate on career, certificate, and vocational programs to ensure that students are college and/or work ready.
- Support the School District's continued review and enhancement of the security of school campuses based on the identification of new procedures, technology, and safety threats.
- Support Impact Fee Credit Reimbursements for projects that make non-site related road improvements that add capacity.
- Support private and public efforts to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing opportunities.
- Support necessary enforcement of sober-home regulations. Increase the funding necessary to fight the Opioid-Crisis.
- Support Florida Atlantic University and the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University in leveraging of its resources and strategic partnerships to enhance and/or develop programs that foster entrepreneurship and expand the region's high-tech workforce.
- Continue to support Palm Tran in its efforts to serve Boca Raton by further improving and coordinating public transportation circulation between downtown, the train station, Research Park, and Florida Atlantic University campus.
- Support a regional approach for beach re-nourishment projects by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.
- Support solutions for and funding of science-based energy and water policy to address red tide, toxic algae, and other clean water initiatives.

State Issues

- Support legislation that enables Florida to collect online sales tax from companies without a physical presence in Florida.
- Continue to support the elimination of the statewide sales tax on commercial leases.
- Support the Palm Beach County Sheriff's proposal to increase funding by \$2.5 million for 14 additional Mental Health Units.
- Support the full funding and missions of Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida to provide incentives to bring new businesses and jobs to Florida.
- Support the reauthorization of the Qualified Industry Tax Refund (QTI) Program.
- Continue funding the Job Growth Grant Fund.
- Support legislation that allows, for security purposes, city police departments to use drones to patrol local events and waterways.
- Support targeted economic development investments and global trade agreements to help Florida remain a leader in international trade.
- Create an improved and HIPAA-protected system to identify those with signs of mental illness, including the appropriate and secure recording of critical information to a central repository with access by all relevant law enforcement and health care agencies.
- Oppose workplace initiatives and/or regulations which seek to inhibit employer rights by expanding employee rights in vague and unenforceable ways that interfere with employer-employee relationships.
- Support recurrence of the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program.
- Support passage of statewide guidelines to allow employers the opportunity to continue to have the right to maintain and enforce a drug-free workplace as it relates to the legalization of medical cannabis.
- Support appropriate workers' compensation reforms related to the 2016 Florida Supreme Court ruling that eliminated attorney fee caps.
- Support the allocation of appropriate funding of outstanding capital projects at Florida Atlantic University and Palm Beach State College.
- Support identifying an alternative funding source for Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funding for K-12, Florida College System, and State University System buildings.
- Support science-based energy and water policy solutions that allow for Florida's continued economic growth. Support the continued dedicated funding for dune restoration as part of the beach-management funding program.
- Create a film, television, and digital media targeted grant program within the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).
- Support legislation that prohibits the sale of assault rifles.