



2025 LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA

BOCA RATON ISSUES

Promote Affordable and Workforce Housing

Support public and private efforts to incentivize development and streamline regulations and processes that maximize the development of affordable and workforce housing units.

Maintain Competitive Business Environment

Advocate for maintaining or reducing business taxes and fees to support economic stability and growth.

Strengthen Educational and Workforce Partnerships

Continue supporting partnerships between Palm Beach State College, Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University, Palm Beach County Public Schools, the City of Boca Raton, and the business community to foster internships, workforce development, and small business training.

Streamline City Permitting and Communication

Work with the city to reduce permit approval times and improve communication with business and residential customers.

Leverage Public-Private Partnerships for City Improvements

Advocate for public-private partnerships to deliver vital capital, technology, and infrastructure improvements in Boca Raton.

Enhance Research and Technology Development

Continue to support the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University as it leverages its resources and strategic partnerships to enhance and/or develop programs that foster entrepreneurship and expands the region's high-tech workforce.

Ensure Compatibility for Vertiport Operations

Work on developing or modifying zoning to ensure that local land uses adjacent to vertiports are compatible with the city's existing and future needs.

Expand Transportation Resources

Advocate for public-private partnerships to provide additional transportation solutions and resources for residents and businesses.

Planning for the Future

Advocate for an infrastructure plan for future city growth.

Downtown

Support/promote initiatives to improve or expand parking in the downtown area.



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BOYNTON BEACH ISSUES

Support Economic Development Plan

Advocate for the successful implementation of Boynton Beach's Economic Development Plan.

Eliminate Arts Assessment Fee

Propose the removal of the Art's Assessment fee to reduce financial burdens on businesses.

Planning for the Future

Advocate for an infrastructure plan for future city growth.

Attract Class A Office Space and Small Businesses

Back initiatives that promote the development of Class A office space and attract small businesses to Boynton Beach.

Streamline City Permitting and Communication

Work with the city to reduce permit approval times and improve communication with business and residential customers.

Maintain or Reduce Business Taxes and Fees

Advocate for keeping business taxes and fees unchanged or reducing them to support economic growth.

Promote Affordable and Workforce Housing

Support efforts to streamline regulations and encourage public-private partnerships to increase affordable and workforce housing.

Address Flooding Issues

Support solutions to mitigate flooding in high-risk areas to protect businesses and the community.

Strengthen Public Internet Access

Back initiatives to reinforce public internet infrastructure (City Hall, libraries, schools) to ensure continued access after extreme weather events.

Restructure the CRA Board

Propose eliminating the CRA Advisory Board and reappointing the two citizen members directly to the CRA Board for improved efficiency.



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PALM BEACH COUNTY ISSUES

Promote Affordable and Workforce Housing

Support public and private efforts to incentivize development and streamline regulations and processes that maximize the development of affordable and workforce housing units.

Efficient Allocation of Housing Bond Funds

Activate the 2022 Housing Bond funds in a transparent and efficient manner with strong municipal participation.

Maintain a Stable Business Environment

Advocate for reducing business taxes and fees to stabilize the local economy, enable business expansion, and spur job growth.

Equitable Tourism Investment

Advocate for fair allocation of tourism revenues to cities generating tourism income.

Improve Literacy in Public Schools

Advocate for increased efforts to ensure all 3rd and 8th Graders in Palm Beach County meet or exceed grade-level reading standards.

Expand Career and Vocational Education

Support collaboration between Palm Beach State College and the Palm Beach County School District to enhance traditional career training as well as vocational, trade and apprenticeship programs.

Foster Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Support FAU, and the build-out of its Research Park, in a manner that fosters entrepreneurial opportunity and creates an ecosystem for high-tech workers, including the availability of early-stage incubator space, proximity to funding sources, and the development of a strong broadband connectivity backbone.

Enhance Public Transportation

Continue supporting Tri-Rail and Palm Tran's efforts to improve transportation connections in South Palm Beach County.

Mobility Fees

Support the equitable distribution of mobility fees throughout the County with consideration of each community's character and community needs.

Regional Beach Re-nourishment and Water Policies

Support a countywide approach to funding beach re-nourishment projects, including long-term operations and maintenance, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and with input from residents. Advocate for increased funding for clean water initiatives and the development of environmental policies aimed at preventing Red Tide and toxic algae blooms in local waterways.

Infrastructure Funding and Construction

Support efforts to seek funding opportunities, through federal and state grant programs, for the construction of capital infrastructure improvements, such as county roadway expansions, electric vehicle charging station installations, water and sewer utility upgrades, and broadband network expansion.



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STATE OF FLORIDA ISSUES

Expand Affordable Housing

Collaborate with all levels of government to boost workforce and affordable housing development.

Create Stable Insurance Markets

Push for competitive insurance markets to lower costs, reduce Citizens Insurance exposure, and protect the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund. Support efforts to establish a National Catastrophe Risk Pool.

Affordable Condo Market

Support legislative action to amend the current Structural Integrity Reserve Study (SIRS) requirements and potentially pause or extend their implementation.

Maintain Stable Business Taxes

Advocate for maintaining or reducing business taxes and fees to support economic stability and growth.

Reduce Commercial Lease Sales Tax

Support the elimination of the statewide sales tax on commercial leases.

End Lawsuit Abuse

Support legislation ensuring fair, efficient, and consistent justice for businesses.

Protect Employer Rights

Oppose regulations that unfairly expand employee rights in ways that disrupt employer-employee relationships.

Fund Workforce Training

Support funding for rapid credentialing and apprenticeship programs at local higher education institutions to prepare students for high-wage jobs.

Arts and Culture

Support full funding for the Florida Division of Arts and Culture.

Florida Atlantic University (FAU)

Support new funding for FAU to invest in faculty, expand its medical school, maintain its top research status, and address compensation issues caused by rapid changes in the Florida university system.

Research and Development

Support the Office of Ocean Economy to establish Florida as the premier destination for research, innovation, and economic development projects within the Blue Economy.

Fund Local Capital Projects

Advocate for funding for capital projects at Florida Atlantic University and Palm Beach State College.

Promote Environmental Sustainability

Support science-based energy, water, and flooding policies.



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STATE OF FLORIDA ISSUES Continued

Enhance Mental Health Systems

Advocate for a HIPAA-protected system to track and address mental illness with access for law enforcement and healthcare agencies. Support efforts for state run hospitals to provide transition services for patients released from hospital care.

Bolster Aerospace Industry

Support sales tax reduction for aircraft manufacturing, repairs, and overhauls in Florida and secure adequate funding from FDOT to support Advanced Air Mobility initiatives.

Invest in Future Leaders:

Provide new funding to help create the FAU Lab Schools Institute, which will enhance education across Florida by sharing best practices and offering professional development programs to improve student outcomes.

Protect and Maintain Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Revenue for Local Tourism Promotion

Support the continued use of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) revenue to support local tourism promotion efforts that directly benefit our community's economy and enhance its quality of life.

Set Reasonable Recycling Goals

Promote business-friendly state recycling goals that are efficient and cost-effective.

Future Planning

Support advanced planning and consideration of the impact of autonomous vehicles.

Economic Development

Support the High Impact Performance Incentive grant used to attract and grow major high impact facilities in Florida. Support The Capital Investment Tax Credit to attract and grow capital-intensive industries in Florida.

Environmental Sustainability and Resiliency Planning

Promote the analysis and implementation of plans that incentivize sustainable development, conservation of public lands, and the protection of endangered habitats, ecosystems, and species.



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FEDERAL ISSUES

Promote Fair and Flexible Workplace Regulations

Support workplace policies that protect workers, promote employer flexibility, and encourage job growth, while opposing burdensome regulations that increase litigation.

Advance Healthcare Flexibility and Cost Efficiency

Advocate for legislative changes that allow flexible benefit design, reduce unnecessary healthcare costs, and reward high-value care.

Strengthen Education and Workforce Training

Support initiatives to enhance educational standards and expand workforce training programs to prepare a skilled workforce.

Encourage Balanced Immigration Reform

Back immigration policies focused on employment-based reform, national security, and job protections for U.S. citizens.

Promote Pro-Growth Energy Policies

Support actions that increase diverse energy supplies, enhance efficiency, and promote environmental stewardship to drive economic growth and job creation.

Modernize Infrastructure

Advocate for investment in modernizing and expanding the nation's transportation, telecommunications, energy, and water infrastructure.