

2023 CITY OF LARGO

STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA

The City of Largo supports the following legislative priorities for the 2023 session of the Florida Legislature. We look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship with our state delegation partners as we seek to implement innovative and forward-thinking policies that will position the city for the future.



PRIORITIES

- Local Governance
- Sustainability & Resilience
- Affordable Housing
- Marchman Act
- Infrastructure
- Recreation, Parks, & Arts
- State Aid To Libraries
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Density Bonuses
- Appropriations Requests

PRIORITY STATEMENTS

LOCAL GOVERNANCE: SUPPORTS legislation that empowers cities to address local issues and make decisions based on the unique needs and visions of individual communities.

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE: SUPPORTS investments in solar+storage, greater EVSE coordination and incentives, and investments in climate change mitigation activities for vulnerable and low-income communities.

SUPPORTS renewal and increased funding for the Resilient Florida Grant Program to assist local governments with hardening and upgrading infrastructure to better withstand the effects of severe weather events.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: SUPPORTS legislation and funding opportunities to protect and expand affordable housing programs and **OPPOSES** sweeping of funds from the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund.

SUPPORTS reforms to help stabilize Florida's property insurance market and protect consumers from rising home insurance costs that greatly impact housing affordability.

MARCHMAN ACT: SUPPORTS increasing resources and funding for Marchman Act programs to reduce wait times, improve quality standards, and provide effective detoxification treatments.

INFRASTRUCTURE: SUPPORTS investments in infrastructure, technology, and innovation for water, wastewater, and alternative water sources.

RECREATION, PARKS, & ARTS: **SUPPORTS** investments in parks, green spaces, and other natural infrastructure to increase property values and improve quality of life for residents.

SUPPORTS continuation and expansion of grant funding opportunities for local recreation, parks, trails and blueways.

SUPPORTS investments in art infrastructure and programming.

STATE AID TO LIBRARIES: SUPPORTS investments in the State Aid to Libraries Grant Program to begin restoring state support for library services to pre-2008 funding levels.

TRANSPORTATION: SUPPORTS legislation that increases local decision-making and flexibility on transportation projects and initiatives.

SUPPORTS investments in alternative transportation options and transportation mobility, accessibility, and connectivity.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: SUPPORTS legislation that assists cities in recruiting and retaining businesses and industry, creates economic incentives, and makes investments in performance/outcome-based workforce development and skills training.

OPPOSES land use mandates in specific zoning classifications that could hinder local business expansion and employment growth.

DENSITY BONUSES: SUPPORTS re-evaluation of graywater density bonus percentages to ensure that such bonuses do not compete with the ability to attract affordable housing developments.

SUPPORTS allowing local governments to set locational criteria to mitigate graywater bonus impacts to the transportation network.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS:

Fire Station 39 Solar Project

Largo Central Park Restroom Facility