

## MAJOR PRIORITIES

### COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX AND LOCAL BUSINESS TAX

- ✓ SUPPORT Legislation that will protect the general revenues that are collected from the Communications Services Tax and the Local Business Tax.

### HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS/MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES/SOBER HOMES

- ✓ SUPPORT the funding of local homelessness programs, housing for the homeless, aid groups and the statewide agencies that oversee them.
- ✓ SUPPORT the state's expansion of Miami Dade's Homeless and Domestic Violence Tax for all counties and municipalities as it pertains to authorization and uses in Chapter 212.0306 Local option food and beverage tax; procedure for levying; authorized uses; administration of the Florida Statutes.
- ✓ SUPPORT Legislation that will provide for the funding of basic mental health facilities and programs in Florida including additional psychiatric beds.
- ✓ SUPPORT Legislation that defines and establishes minimum regulatory standards for Sober Home facilities and allows for more stringent local regulation of these facilities.
- ✓ SUPPORT a public records exemption for "individual identifying information" contained in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

### RED LIGHT CAMERAS

- ✓ OPPOSE Legislation that would repeal local governmental authority to enable the use of red light cameras.

### TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

- ✓ SUPPORT 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.
- ✓ SUPPORT Funding for the extension of The Legacy Trail through public/private partnerships and/or Florida Department of Transportation and the Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network.



### City Commission:

Mayor Willie Charles Shaw, District 1  
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Commissioner Liz Alpert, District 2  
Commissioner Suzanne Atwell, At-Large  
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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- ✓ **OPPOSE** Any legislation or proposal to limit the value of the tax-exemption for Municipal Bonds.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** The passage of the Marketplace Fairness Act H.R.684.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** The preservation of Beach Renourishment funding and programs which would facilitate placement of sand on Lido Key public beaches.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** Funding for improvements at intersection of Honore Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** Incentives for development of brownfield site clean-up through the Federal New Market Tax Credit for project clean-up of the Marian Anderson brownfield site.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** Funding for a downtown circulator and for U.S. 41 North Trail Multi-Modal improvements.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** Long-term funding for the federal Highway Trust Fund.

## OTHER IMPORTANT PRIORITIES

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- ✓ **SUPPORT** allocation of the full amount of dedicated documentary tax revenues for state and local affordable housing programs.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** investing in affordable housing to create jobs in home repair, hardening homes, retrofitting and constructing affordable rental units and lowering energy costs to make housing more affordable.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** any proposed legislation that would repeal SB 176 that was passed in the 2011 session relative to Affordable Housing.

### BEACHES AND TOURISM

- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation that protects and maintains bays and beaches to sustain the environmental quality and the economic prosperity of the tourism and fishing industries.
- ✓ **OPPOSE** Near-shore Oil Drilling.

### FISCAL

- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation that authorizes municipalities to provide effective public notice by means other than the newspaper.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation that will promote industry and commerce to strengthen and diversify the economy of Florida.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation that will create jobs by means of transportation and infrastructure projects, tourism and hospitality, alternative energy, industry and commerce and health care services.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** the continued funding of the Community Development Block Grant program.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** clarification of the intent of s. 163.387 Redevelopment Trust Fund, Section (2)(a) clarifying that the number of payments to be appropriated into the redevelopment trust fund must be equal to the number of years of the Community Redevelopment Area.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** the creation of a Commission on Social Equity at the State level.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** the nationwide “Ban the Box” Initiative for public and private employers to consider a job candidate’s qualifications first and delay the background check inquiry until later in the hiring process.

## CLIMATE AND ENERGY

- ✓ **SUPPORT** a long and short term Florida Energy Policy with greenhouse reduction and renewable energy targets.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** protections and incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency, including ensuring net metering policies are not reduced or eliminated.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** solar legislation that allows municipal governments to utilize solar energy systems to help defray municipal energy costs.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation that assists local governments to mitigate and adapt to sea level rise, changing precipitation patterns, increasing storm severity and increasing extreme heat days.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation banning the manufacture, possession, distribution, purchase or sale of synthetic drugs including, without limitation, herbal incense, bath salts, synthetic marijuana and/or any cannabinoids.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation to correct any infirmities found by the Supreme Court of Florida in Florida Statute §316.3045 – Operation of Radios or Other Mechanical Sound-making Devices or Instruments in Vehicles.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** continued funding for COPS (Community Oriented Police Services) and Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Programs.

## RIDE-FOR-HIRE SERVICES

- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation that defines and establishes uniform safety and insurance standards for transportation network companies and their drivers and that preserves Home Rule authority over such services.

## STAND YOUR GROUND

- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation that provides additional clarification to Florida’s Stand Your Ground law. The Florida Legislature passed CS/CS/HB 89 – Threatened Use of Force legislation effective June 20, 2014 that modified the Stand Your Ground law to clarify certain provisions.

## STRATEGIC LAWSUIT AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SLAPP)

- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation that amends Florida Statutes to extend anti-SLAPP provisions to include “neighborhood associations” to provide additional protections for public participation in government.

## SUNSHINE/PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS REFORM

- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation to amend the Public Records Act and Government in the Sunshine Law to curb abuses by requiring a notice of intent to sue describing the specific violation(s) alleged so that government will have a reasonable opportunity to respond and to remedy a problem prior to suit; by reforming the one sided attorney fee provisions of the law so that the Court may order citizens who engage in abuses of the public records laws or file frivolous actions under the Sunshine Law to pay the government’s attorney fees and costs; limiting or prohibiting anonymous public records requests; and modifying fee requirements such that the Court “may” grant fees, rather than “shall,” in the instance the Court determines a case merits fees.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation to amend the Government in the Sunshine Law to specify or define what constitutes a “meeting” that is subject to the Sunshine Law and to add legislative exemptions that facilitate better more effective governmental decision making while meeting constitutional requirements.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation to exempt recordings made by law enforcement officers with body worn cameras employed by law enforcement agencies that elect to use body cameras from the application of Chapter 934 Florida Statutes (The Florida “Security of Communications Law”).
- ✓ **SUPPORT** legislation to create a Public Records Counsel at the State level to enforce Florida’s Government-in-the-Sunshine Laws.