



Miami-Dade County

2019 State Legislative Critical Priorities

Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan: **SUPPORT** Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funding of existing programs and maintain funding levels. The SMART plan cost is estimated at \$3.6 billion.

State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program: Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund **SUPPORT** increasing or maintaining the current funding level for Miami-Dade County. **SUPPORT** allocating 100 percent of Affordable Housing Trust Fund Revenue for affordable housing, while focusing on the needs of extremely low income, homeless and special needs households.

School Marshal Programs; Funding for Eligible Law Enforcement Agencies Engaged in Enhancing School Safety on Campus: **SUPPORT** state funding in response to the statutory mandates.

Senior Congregate Meals: **SUPPORT** funding in the amount of \$1.3 million to provide nutritionally sound meals to eligible seniors who are assessed as being in danger of malnutrition. The goal of the project is to reduce or delay the need for more expensive nursing home placement allowing seniors to continue to age in place with dignity. The total cost is \$1.43 million, which includes 10 percent required match from Older Americans Funding.

Texting While Driving Offense: Urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would make texting and engaging in any social media activity while driving a primary offense.

Citizens Property Insurance Corporation: **OPPOSING** recent consideration of an increase in property insurance rates proposed by Citizens Property Insurance Corporations; urging the Governor and Florida Legislature to find solutions to control rate increases by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

Sea Level Rise; Algae Blooms and Red Tide: *SUPPORT* legislation requiring assessment and evaluation of state agency efforts to address sea level rise and other weather impacts. Urging the Florida Governor and Legislature to: (1) study the causes of the algae blooms and red tide impacting certain Florida counties, identify solutions, and develop plans to prevent or mitigate such algae blooms and red tide in the future; and (2) develop a marketing strategy to ensure presence of the algae blooms and red tide in Florida does not adversely affect tourism in counties not directly affected, but that may see negative impacts based on perception.

Operation Blue and Brown: Urging the Florida Legislature to provide funding for Operation Blue and Brown and other Miami-Dade County crime reduction initiatives.

Home Rule and Preemption: *SUPPORT* preservation of local home rule; *OPPOSE* any effort to preempt local authority.

Statewide Opioid Addiction Task Force: Urging the Florida Legislature to create and provide funding for a statewide opioid addiction task force.

Medicaid Expansion/Affordable Care Act: *SUPPORT* Medicaid Expansion in Florida pursuant to the Affordable Care Act and urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation expanding Medicaid in Florida.

Expand The Local Option Food And Beverage Tax: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to expand the local option food and beverage tax to include food and beverage sales in Bal Harbour Village, the City of Miami Beach, and the Town of Surfside which are currently exempt; urging Bal Harbour Village, the City of Miami Beach, and the Town of Surfside to support the county's legislative efforts to expand the local option food and beverage tax; and authorizing the members of the Domestic Violence Oversight Board to lobby those municipalities for that purpose.

Voting Equipment That Produces A Voter Verified Paper Output In Addition To Equipment That Produces A Marksense Ballot: Resolution supporting senate bill 268, house bill 689, or similar legislation that would amend Florida law to permit the use of voting equipment that produces a voter verified paper output in addition to equipment that produces a marksense ballot.