

Palm Beach County 2027 State Legislative Agenda

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POLICY STATEMENTS

Palm Beach County is a member of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC), the 16 County Coalition for the Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, and the Florida Recreation and Park Association and works in concert with these associations to further joint priorities and goals.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

SUPPORT the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Legislative Program and Guiding Principles unless specific issues conflict with the Palm Beach County position.

16 COUNTY COALITION

SUPPORT the 16 County Coalition legislative priorities unless specific issues conflict with the Palm Beach County position.

FLORIDA RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

SUPPORT the Florida Recreation and Park Association legislative priorities unless specific issues conflict with the Palm Beach County position.

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LIVE LOCAL ACT

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** state incentives for local governments that have implemented a dedicated funding source for affordable and workforce housing development. Palm Beach County also **SUPPORTS** allowing local governments to determine if affordable housing is appropriate on certain industrial zoned properties.

MID-LEASE RENT INCREASES ON TAXPAYER FUNDED UNITS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislation that would restrict rent increases based on these program limits to only take effect at the time of lease renewal, ensuring more predictability for tenants.

GLADES REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislative initiative to promote economic development and job creation in the Glades Region, including improvements to existing affordable housing and the development of new affordable housing units, investments in stormwater and transportation infrastructure, the continuation and enhancement of the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) and the Rural Jobs Tax Credit, funding to improve infrastructure serving agricultural communities, and legislation that supports farmers in producing fruits and vegetables for our communities.

JOB GROWTH GRANT FUND

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** continued funding for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund.

VISIT FLORIDA

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** full funding for VISIT FLORIDA.

FLORIDA'S FILM, TELEVISION, AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the reinstatement of Florida's Entertainment Industry Sales Tax Exemption Program and the County also **SUPPORTS** the Film and Television Commission's education initiative, The Palm Beaches Student Showcase Films.

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** funding for the Max Planck and the Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation and Technology.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAMS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** attempts to increase the funding to the Transportation Disadvantaged program and to prevent the diversion of these dollars for other purposes.

SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** increased funding for both the region's managing entity, the Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network, as well as for additional mental health and substance use disorder treatment beds and programs.

STATE ATTORNEY ADDICTION RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the State Attorney Addiction Recovery Task Force unless specific issues conflict with the Palm Beach County position.

CHILD WELFARE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** increased funding for the Florida Coalition for Children's request and full funding for the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program.

SENIOR WELFARE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the Area Agency on Aging's legislative priorities unless specific issues conflict with the Palm Beach County position.

GUARDIANSHIP OVERSIGHT

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislation that increases transparency regarding existing guardianships in Florida and protect wards from fraud and abuse.

ADULTS & STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** additional funding for rate increases for services provided through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

BUDGET & TAXATION

AD VALOREM TAXATION

Palm Beach County **OPPOSES** any action by the state to preempt the home rule authority of local governments or to restrict local governments' ability to levy ad valorem taxes.

UNFUNDED MANDATES

Palm Beach County **OPPOSES** new unfunded mandates and unfunded state to county cost shifts.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX

Palm Beach County **OPPOSES** any further expansion of the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) and **SUPPORTS** maintaining TDT revenue for local tourism promotion, which supports businesses in the community, beach renourishment efforts, the arts, sporting events, people employed in the visitor industry, and quality of place for everyone.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORTATION, & INFRASTRUCTURE

IMPACT, MOBILITY, AND MULTI-MODAL FEES

Palm Beach County will **MONITOR** legislation regarding impact fees, mobility fees, and/or multi-modal fees. Palm Beach County continues to **OPPOSE** legislation that would adversely affect the county's ability to charge and collect such fees.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** efforts to strengthen coordination between local governments to ensure development impacts outside the approving jurisdiction are adequately addressed and unnecessary duplication of efforts and costs are avoided. The County **SUPPORTS** restoring local governments' authority to deny projects based on their impacts to surrounding transportation infrastructure. Palm Beach County **OPPOSES** legislation that preempts local authority over land use, zoning, fire codes, and density, including mandates that require minimum densities for certain properties.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) GRANT PROGRAMS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** increased funding to FDOT grant programs including the Public Transit Service Development Program, Transit Corridor Program, Park and Ride Lot Program, and Airport Development Grant Program.

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES & TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS

Palm Beach County will **MONITOR** legislation related to autonomous vehicles.

INVESTMENTS IN EFFICIENT FLEETS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** initiatives and cost-share programs that aid transit agencies in upgrading to the most efficient and cost-effective fleet technologies available.

BROADBAND ACCESS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the Department of Commerce's Office of Broadband's effort to achieve access to reliable and affordable high-speed internet access to every household and business throughout the state.

PUBLIC SAFETY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Palm Beach County **OPPOSES** legislation that preempts the County's ability to grant COPCNs to EMS providers within the county under F.S. 401.25.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTIONS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislation to amend Sections 119.071(3) and 252.905, F.S. to provide for an exemption for emergency management after-action reports and quality assurance activities to evaluate disaster response and to further improve or modify the quality of disaster response.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUNDING

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** maintaining the $7.1 million annual appropriation for county emergency management base grants through the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund (EMPA). The County also **SUPPORTS** increasing base grants to reflect growing demands on emergency management programs and **OPPOSES** shifting state funding from counties to cities. Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** funding to update and harden emergency operations centers and increasing the fee the Florida Division of Emergency Management can charge for reviewing Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans to better reflect the County's costs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGER CERTIFICATION & TRAINING

Palm Beach County will **MONITOR** any legislative or regulatory proposals that impose new certification, licensing, or training requirements on local government emergency management personnel.

NATURAL DISASTERS

Palm Beach County will **MONITOR** legislation concerning emergencies and natural disasters and **OPPOSE** measures that undermine local authority to manage response and recovery efforts in a manner tailored to the unique needs of our community.

REENTRY FOR RETURNING CITIZENS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** funding for youth and adult re-entry programs and the RESTORE Re-entry program, for the successful reintegration of returning citizens into the workforce and community.

VICTIMS' SERVICES

The County **SUPPORTS** increased funding for certified rape crisis centers, our butterfly houses, so that survivors of sexual assault have free and confidential support services available.

PALM BEACH COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** continued funding for the replacement of the Palm Beach County Juvenile Justice Assessment and Detention Center, as well as funding for additional diversion programs.

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** a modification to Section 828.29, F.S., to remove the health certificate exemption for non-profit animal rescue groups.

RABIES VACCINATION OF DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislation to amend Section 784.07, F.S., to expand the authority of persons vaccinating animals as an agent of a local government under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian to include owned animals not coming through the shelter system.

DANGEROUS DOGS

Palm Beach County will **MONITOR** efforts to modify Florida's dangerous dog statutes.

ASSAULT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** a modification to Section 784.083, F.S., to provide enhanced protection for animal control officers, ocean rescue, and sexual assault counselors.

911 FEE INCREASE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** raising the 911 fee to accommodate increased expenses and expansion of technology to continue providing high quality service to citizens.

911 CALL PERSONNEL

Palm Beach County will **MONITOR** any legislation that would change the definition of first responders to include 911 call personnel.

911 CALL PERSONNEL 911 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS

Palm Beach County will **MONITOR** any legislation that would modify or mandate changes to the PSAP structure and governance of 911 services within the county.

TOWING, VEHICLE FOR HIRE, MOVING

Palm Beach County **OPPOSES** any changes to Florida Statute that would preempt any current industry regulation of towing, vehicle for hire and moving companies and consumer protections provided by Palm Beach County.

LICENSING OF OCCUPATIONS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** efforts to restore local government's ability to license home care givers in the interest of public safety.

MOBILE HOMES

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislative efforts to strengthen enforcement of the Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code in mobile and manufactured home communities to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents. The County further **SUPPORTS** requiring mobile home park owners to take reasonable steps to ensure compliance within their communities, recognizing that adherence to these codes is essential to preventing unsafe living conditions and reducing risks to both residents and first responders.

FIRE RESCUE

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM DESIGNATION

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the designation of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue as a Florida Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team to strengthen the state's disaster response capabilities and enhance rapid deployment for major emergencies and natural disasters.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislation authorizing Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH)/Community Paramedicine programs to bill insurance for non-emergency care and transport, improving access to cost-effective healthcare services and reducing unnecessary emergency response and hospital utilization.

FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT

Palm Beach County **OPPOSES** any effort by state government to infringe upon home rule authority by attempting to mandate change to Palm Beach County's established Fire Code and Enforcement practices.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

LOCAL PREFERENCE

Palm Beach County **OPPOSES** legislation that prohibits the application of local preference in public works projects when the projects are funded entirely by local revenues.

MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION

Palm Beach County will **MONITOR** any legislation relating to the annexation of unincorporated land by municipalities.

SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY CAPS

Palm Beach County **OPPOSES** bills that would remove or drastically increase sovereign immunity thresholds for local governments. Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** measures that expands and increases the recreational immunity limits for State and local parks, acknowledging that there is inherent risk in participation in both active and passive recreational pursuits.

BUILDING CODES

Palm Beach County will **MONITOR** legislation amending the state's building code.

PROPERTY INSURANCE

Palm Beach County will **SUPPORT** legislative proposals that would provide more predictability in the market and work to address the increased costs of property insurance for homeowners.

EDUCATION

LIBRARIES

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** sustaining State Aid to Public Libraries at $17.5 million in recurring funds and $6 million in nonrecurring funds, fully funding all eligible Library Construction Grants, and appropriating at least $3 million for Florida's Library Cooperatives to expand access to educational resources, technology, workforce services, and modern library facilities for Florida's growing population.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO NON-PROFITS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** amending state statutes to expand the County's authority to provide information technology services to nonprofit organizations, while maintaining its existing services supporting governmental, educational, and healthcare entities.

EARLY LEARNING COALITION

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the legislative agenda put forward by the Early Learning Coalition unless issues specifically conflict with a County position.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the legislative agenda put forward by the School District of Palm Beach County, unless issues specifically conflict with a County position.

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the legislative agenda put forward by Palm Beach State College, unless issues specifically conflict with a County position.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the legislative agenda put forward by Florida Atlantic University, unless issues specifically conflict with a County position.

CULTURAL ARTS AND HISTORIC GRANTS FUNDING

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** full funding of the Cultural Grant application list as approved by the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

GLADES CAREER READINESS ROUNDTABLE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** full funding for career readiness initiatives at Glades-area technical education centers, including the Adult Commercial Vehicle Driving Program Testing Center and Medical Sciences programs.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY, WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, & INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** alternative water supply, water resource development and reclaimed water/reuse funding through existing mechanisms and the creation new statewide funding programs to provide substantial and perennial funding to: enhance regional and local water resource and supply capacity development; provide adequate and reliable long-term funding for water and wastewater infrastructure; provide funding for alternative water supply development; provide funding for water quality protection and treatment of impaired waters; and establish a system for prioritizing water resource projects to ensure that funding is utilized in the most efficient manner available. Specifically, Palm Beach County supports $8 million in state funding for the Water Treatment Plant No. 11 Floridan Production Well Project.

BEACH AND INLET MANAGEMENT PROJECT FUNDING

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the inclusion of all Palm Beach County shore protection projects in the State's Beach Management Funding Assistance Program. For 2027, the Palm Beach County grant funding requests total $29,366,700 with a local match of $33,151,380.

2027 Session Beach & Inlet Management FUNDING REQUESTS					
No.	Project Name	Description	Grant Funding Request	Local Match	Estimated Project Cost
1	Coral Cove Dune Restoration	Construction, Monitoring	$2,672,220	$2,672,220	$5,707,012*
2	Jupiter Inlet Colony Beach Nourishment – Feasibility Study	Feasibility	$42,000	$270,500	$312,500
3	Jupiter Inlet Sand Bypassing	Construction, Monitoring	$1,535,000	$1,535,000	$3,070,000
4	North County Comprehensive Shore Protection Project – Segment 2	Design, Construction, Monitoring	$6,116,433	$6,116,433	$12,232,866
5	North County Comprehensive Shore Protection Project – Segment 3	Construction, Monitoring	$8,234,573	$8,234,573	$20,879,264*
6	Singer Island Dune Restoration and Feasibility Study	Feasibility, Monitoring	$456,743	$456,743	$913,486
7	Lake Worth Inlet Maintenance	Design, Construction, Monitoring	$3,285,302	$3,285,302	$6,570,604
8	Phipps Ocean Park Beach Nourishment	Design, Construction	$6,042,655	$9,506,233	$18,794,669*
9	North Boca Raton Shore Protection Project	Design, Monitoring	$176,000	$176,000	$352,000
10	Central Boca Raton Shore Protection Project	Design, Monitoring	$53,746	$73,254	$127,000
11	South Boca Raton Shore Protection Project	Design, Monitoring	$124,453	$197,547	$322,000
12	Boca Raton Inlet Management	Design, Construction, Monitoring	$627,575	$627,575	$1,255,150
	TOTAL		$29,366,700	$33,151,380	$70,536,551*

*includes Federal funds

PFAS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** funding for the Water Treatment Plant No. 2 and 8 expansion projects to upgrade the water treatment facilities and process to achieve compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and requirements for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water.

EXPANSION OF RECLAIMED WATER

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** the legislative concepts proposed by the Florida Water and Environment Association Utility Council and concepts offered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and other stakeholders that will promote project development and the continued effective and efficient use of reclaimed water throughout Palm Beach County.

LAKE WORTH LAGOON INITIATIVE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislative funding for the 2027 priority list of ranked projects as established by the steering committee of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative totaling $2,840,500. The Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan can be found at www.lwli.org.

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER PRESERVATION INITIATIVE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislative funding for the 2027 priority list of ranked projects as established by the Steering Committee of the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative totaling $450,000.

SEPTIC TO SEWER CONVERSION

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** state funding assistance and grants to local governments, wastewater utilities and property owners to assist in implementing and expediting septic to sewer conversion projects to mitigate the impacts of excess nutrients on water bodies. Specifically, Palm Beach County supports $1.1 million in funding for the Golf View Heights and surrounding community septic to sewer project.

CORAL REEF PROTECTION

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** continued efforts and dedicated, recurring funding for projects that support water quality improvements, reef restoration, and habitat monitoring within the Kristin Jacobs Coral Aquatic Preserve. Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** continued funding for Florida's Coral Reef Restoration and Recovery (FCR3) Initiative established in Executive Order 23-06.

DERELICT VESSELS

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** continued recurring appropriations and funding through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) to assist local governments in removing derelict vessels that degrade the marine environment and block the use of public shorelines, berthing facilities, docks, ramps and staging areas.

FUNDING FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL TO PREVENT DISEASE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** increased state funding through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) for mosquito control and the eradication of mosquito borne diseases.

PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION AND RESTORATION PROGRAMS

Palm Beach County (PBC) **SUPPORTS** maintaining funding for the Petroleum Storage Tank Compliance Verification Program and the Petroleum Restoration Program (PRP) through Local Program contracts.

WATER RESOURCES AND WATER QUALITY

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** all water policy efforts at the state-level and through the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) that will specifically and explicitly state the commitment to provide necessary water supply protection for Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** appropriations to provide for vital water quality improvement programs and projects, including funding for planning and monitoring, to address nutrient pollution and harmful algal blooms, that impact the County's lakes, canals, and estuaries. Septic to sewer conversions, improving storm water management systems, and innovative technologies to mitigate or clean up harmful algal blooms are examples of projects that can reduce damaging freshwater discharges and improve the water quality of discharges to the Lake Worth Lagoon. Additionally, Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** legislation and funding programs to further address water quality impacts.

INVASIVE SPECIES – IGUANA POPULATION CONTROL AND MITIGATION

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** efforts for funding and state partnerships with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation to control and mitigate the invasive species iguana population in Palm Beach County.

C-51 CANAL CONVEYANCE

Palm Beach County **SUPPORTS** efforts for funding and state partnerships to finalize the conveyance of the C-51 Canal in order to facilitate the flow of water through the Loxahatchee River and the canals in Palm Beach County to meet both Minimum Flow and Level (MFL) and restoration flows.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

PALM BEACH COUNTY

President Donald J. Trump International Airport Security Improvements	$8,500,000
Australian Avenue Road and Drainage Improvements	$3,000,000
North County Airport Runway Extension	$3,000,000
Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation	$3,000,000
Lantana Airport Southside Roadway & Drainage Improvements	$3,000,000
Palm Beach County Glades Region Workforce Housing	$3,000,000
Water Treatment Plant No. 8 Membrane Expansion	$3,000,000
Water Treatment Plant No. 2 Membrane Expansion	$3,000,000
Central County Sports Complex	$2,000,000
Central County Aquatic Complex	$1,500,000
Palm Beach County Public Safety Communication Systems	$1,200,000
Palm Beach County Medical Respite Expansion	$1,000,000
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Water Vessel	$1,000,000
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Ladder Truck	$1,000,000
Peanut Island Historic Bunker Restoration	$1,000,000
Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park Education Center	$1,000,000
Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Expansion	$1,000,000
Palm Beach County RESTORE Reentry Program	$1,000,000
Palm Beach County Animal Spay & Neuter	$750,000
Palm Beach County Butterfly Houses	$750,000
Palm Beach County Medical Examiner Infrastructure Improvements	$250,000
Palm Beach County Pathways to Success	$250,000

Palm Beach County Mosquito Control Infrastructure	$250,000
Palm Beach County Glades Region Mental Health Expansion	$200,000
Palm Beach County Marine Debris Removal	$200,000

LAKE WORTH LAGOON INITIATIVE

City of Greenacres Septic to Sewer Conversion	$750,000
City of Boynton Beach Sea Meadow South	$749,000
Peanut Island Shoreline Protection Project	$500,000
Town of Manalapan Phase 3 Wastewater Collection and Transmission System	$500,000
Lake Worth Lagoon System Assessment: Seagrass and Sea Turtles	$181,500
Lake Worth Lagoon Bathymetry Survey	$160,000

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER PRESERVATION INITIATIVE

Loxahatchee Slough – Luckey Tract Habitat Restoration Phase I	$250,000
Loxahatchee River Headwaters Invasive Exotic Plant Removal Phase II	$200,000

Grand Total: $47,140,500