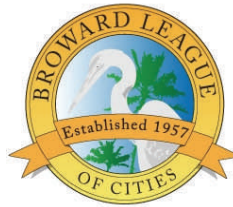


## WATER CONSERVATION

### **The Broward League of Cities will support:**

- **Amending the ocean outfall legislation providing for a phased approach to meeting the 60% reuse requirement to allow for construction of reuse facilities in accordance with the time schedules for projected increases in water supply demand** (e.g., 30% reuse in 2025 and 60% reuse requirement in 2035)
- **Legislation that ensures that any revisions to the state's waterbody classification system contain provisions protecting existing water quality, preserving local government authorities, and requiring that any petition to reclassify waterbodies reflect the concurrence of governments having local jurisdiction and water quality responsibilities.**
- **Development of numeric water criterion for application by the state**, so long as such numerics are derived from a sound technical process and reflective of appropriate consideration of representative water quality data.



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## GENERAL GOVERNMENT, FISCAL STEWARDSHIP & MUNICIPAL POWERS

### **The Broward League of Cities supports:**

- Elimination of unfunded state mandates on local governments
  - The eligibility of all municipalities to participate in the state group health insurance program
  - Authorization of municipalities to provide public notice and advertising by means other than newspapers\*; such as direct mailings, physical posting of property, internet posting, free publications, government access television channels, and other suitable alternatives
- \*not to include ad valorem millage setting

→ Legislation repealing the provision relating to the prohibition against adoption by a homosexual

→ The Florida Competitive Workforce Act ensuring that all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity have equal opportunity

### **The Broward League of Cities opposes:**

- The imposition of any local government artificial cap or “one size fits all” caps on revenue
- An amendment to the Florida Constitution that would require that voters decide all changes to a city or county’s comprehensive plan
- Legislation which includes preemption of home rule in connection with distance requirements for sexual predators

## EDUCATION AND SCHOOL FUNDING

### **The Broward League of Cities supports:**

→ The State of Florida perform its duty of full funding for education as mandated by Article IX, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution, stressing that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida

## NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION & HOUSING

### **The Broward League of Cities supports:**

→ Reinstating the funding for both the State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) and the State and Local Government Housing Trust Fund (Sadowski Trust Fund) with elimination of any caps on fund distributions or diversion of funds to the General Fund

→ Legislation which would allow condominium and homeowner associations to collect all delinquent assessment fees and having standing to sue lending institutions upon completion of foreclosure proceedings

## GROWTH MANAGEMENT & TRANSPORTATION

### **The Broward League of Cities will support :**

- Utilization of land use policies that strongly encourage the development of mass transit and establishment of a funding allocation, directly to local governments, for transit operations, mass transit, transit infrastructure, and transit policy implementation
- Preservation of local government’s responsibility to manage public resources, including, but not limited to, public rights-of-way

## UNION RELATIONSHIPS & NEGOTIATIONS

### **The Broward League of Cities supports:**

→ Comprehensive municipal firefighter and police officer pension reform. Any comprehensive pension reform package should address the issue of statutory presumptions, and maximum benefits should be based on actual base salary. Alternatives to defined benefit programs should be incentivized, and cities that join the Florida Retirement System for firefighters or police officers should be allowed to purchase past service credit at the 3% rate rather than the current law 2% rate. Pension boards should not consist of a majority of plan members, and all plans and plan expenses should receive third party independent review. Lastly, if a firefighter or police officer pension plan does not accept insurance premium tax revenues, then the insurance premium tax should not be charged in that jurisdiction

## GREEN INITIATIVES

### **The Broward League of Cities will support:**

- A review of the State Building Code and modifications therein to remove the current obstacles for a more sustainable community, by incorporating green building practices in the design, construction, use and maintenance of buildings
- Legislative programs and bills that support energy efficiency and sustainability, through encouragement of incentives, tax exemptions, funding for educational efforts, and rebates for local governments, individual consumers, and businesses, including incentives for solar water heaters, large commercial incentives, fuel efficient vehicle sales tax refunds, and water efficient products, in addition to the promotion of alternative energy technologies, including alternative fuels and technologies for electrical power plans, electric motor vehicles, energy conservation, distributed generation, advanced transmission methods, and the control of pollution and greenhouse gases