



AGENDA REPORT
August 20, 2019

Brevard County 2020 Legislative Program

SUBJECT:

Brevard County 2020 Legislative Program

DEPT/OFFICE:

County Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners consider the 2020 Legislative Program and identify priorities for the September 25, 2019 Legislative Delegation Meeting,

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

The Board of County Commissioners is asked to review the legislative items that staff and related agencies are highlighting for the State Legislature's 2020 session. The items the Board support make up the core of those issues that our legislative delegation will be asked to pursue.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- **2019-20 Legislative Priorities**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item J.3., Brevard County 2020 Legislative Program

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 20, 2019, reviewed and approved the staff recommended 2020 Legislative Initiatives; and authorized Commissioner Lober to attend the September 25, 2019, Legislative Delegation meeting, representing the Board. Enclosed is the list of Legislative Initiatives.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

cc: Commissioner Lober

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

Staff Recommended 2020 Legislative Initiatives

Brevard County Infrastructure

- **SUPPORT** funding for the Transportation Planning Organization's highest priority projects -- the St. John's Heritage Parkway, Ellis Road Improvements and A1A corridor improvements. (*Public Works*).
- **SUPPORT** funding for Space Transportation Infrastructure – prioritize funding for spaceport projects in the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System five-year work program.

Natural Resources

Indian River Lagoon

- **SUPPORT** state cost-share for Water Projects that **reduce** pollution sources, **remove** legacy loading, **restore** critical ecosystem functions and provide sound, applied **research** for the Indian River Lagoon, St. John's River Upper Basin and Lake Washington.
- **SUPPORT** legislation to reduce the risk of pollution from biosolids land applications.
- **SUPPORT** algal bloom and emerging contaminant monitoring and remediation.

Resiliency

- **SUPPORT** dedicated state funding sufficient to sustain sand on Florida's beaches.

Waterways

- **SUPPORT** the development of a program, process and emergency funding source for removing hurricane debris, including derelict vessels that pollute state waters or impede navigation.

Brevard County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- **SUPPORT** funding for construction of new Brevard County EOC that supports emergency management activities that benefit the United States and the State of Florida through activation for every space launch at Cape Canaveral and Kennedy Space Center as well as support of NASA, military, and Port facilities.

Planning and Development Department

Agritourism

- **SUPPORT** Amending agritourism legislation to provide the authority for local government to mitigate impacts of agritourism on surrounding properties to include health, safety and welfare concerns such as lighting, noise, traffic, etc.

Housing and Human Services

Affordable Housing

- **SUPPORT** retaining the full amount of dedicated documentary stamp tax revenues within the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) for state and local affordable housing programs in 2019-2020.

Senior Services

- **SUPPORT** General Revenue funding to serve frail seniors who are on the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) Waiting List.

Tourism Development

- **SUPPORT** recurring funding for the Indian River Lagoon local cost-sharing projects and IRL National Estuaries Program.