



AGENDA REPORT
December 18, 2018

Brevard County 2019 Legislative Program

SUBJECT:

Brevard County 2019 Legislative Program

DEPT/OFFICE:

Agenda Coordinator

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners consider the 2019 Legislative Program and identify priorities for the January 15, 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 2019 session. The items the Board support make up the core of those issues that our legislative team will be asked to pursue.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- **Legislative priorities 2019**

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

Staff Recommended 2019 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 to include replacement of the NASA Causeway Bridges over Indian River.

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.
- **SUPPORT** funding for algal bloom and emerging contaminant research and monitoring.

Beach Erosion Control Funding

- **SUPPORT** dedicated state funding for beach renourishment sufficient to sustain 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 2018-2019.

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.



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December 19, 2018

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item J.2., Brevard County 2019 Legislative Program

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 18, 2018, reviewed and approved adding support for public transportation as the third item listed under Brevard County infrastructure; and authorized the Communication/SCGTV Director to present the Brevard County 2019 Legislative Program list of initiatives in writing to the Legislative Delegation, prior to January 7, 2019, for the January 15, 2019, Legislative Delegation meeting.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Donna Scott
for: Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Each Commissioner
Communication/SCGTV Director