



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Discussion of the 2019 State Legislative Program & Priorities.

Recommended Action:

Board discussion and guidance on the 2019 State Legislative Program & Priorities.

- Annually, the Board develops a State Legislative Program & Priorities that is submitted to the Pinellas State Legislative Delegation.
- The Board's 2019 State Legislative Priorities are the following:
 - 1.) File legislation which removes the requirement that the governmental building official appointments on the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB) must reside in Pinellas County.
 - 2.) Support Regional transportation coordination and funding, specifically related to FDOT District 7
 - 3.) Support language that clarifies allowable uses for Tourist Development Tax funds.
 - 4.) Oppose efforts that would preempt local governments from controlling or managing Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA's) as local economic development tools.
 - 5.) Support language that brings greater clarity to self-defense laws, including Stand Your Ground and Justifiable Use of Force.
- The overall State Legislative Program also identifies additional issues of interest to monitor, support, or oppose, as well as appropriations the Board will pursue.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

The State Legislative Program will set the priorities for advocacy beginning at the joint meeting with the State Legislative Delegation on December 4, 2018, and continuing through the 2019 State Legislative Session.

Background Information:

The Board's 2019 State Legislative Program & Priorities highlights issues most important to Pinellas County as well as emerging items that have been discussed during the past year. The program is not an exhaustive list and additional issues may very well emerge during the year. County staff and our

state government relations firm, Southern Strategy Group, will closely monitor the program and provide updates as needed.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

State Legislative Delegation

Southern Strategy Group, State Government Relations Firm

Attachments:

2019 State Legislative Program