2019
STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
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PRIORITIES

During the 2019 Legislative Session, Seminole County legislative priorities shall be:

Home Rule

- Oppose legislation that interferes with home rule authority from counties and municipalities and diverts authority to state legislators; specifically related to creating unfunded mandates or diminishing local government revenue sources and preempting local government’s authority to maintain voter approved amendments (2004 rural area).

Reimbursement of DJJ Pre-Disposition

- Support legislation that reconciles the remaining debt owed by the State for predisposition juvenile detention costs.

Homelessness/Affordable Housing

- Support legislation that expands flexible state funding sources and provide innovative solutions to increase affordable housing programs, and guarantees appropriations through the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund vital to increasing the availability of affordable housing to homeless and low income households.

Support Legislation and Request Funding for:

- Regional tolling authorities planning, building, owning, operating, and maintaining all toll facilities located within the toll agency’s jurisdiction as identified by Florida Statute.
- Any tolled facilities currently being planned or that are currently owned by the state be transferred to such regional toll authorities.
- Resilient public infrastructure and reliable public utilities.
- Shelters, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and group homes for emergency preparedness equipment.
- Local Health Departments for emergency medical support.
- Improved bicycle and pedestrian safety awareness programs and facility improvements.
- BearWise grant to support discounted bear resistant trashcans in the Urban Bear Management Area.
- Mosquito control programs for the ongoing efforts to control and prevent the spread of Zika and other mosquito-related disease vectors that threaten public health.
- Water quality and restoration projects (muck removal, shoreline restoration, internal recycling, and groundwater loading) and opportunities for water quality/stormwater educational outreach programs.
- Moving forward the US 17-92/I-4 ramps within the Beyond the Ultimate construction project and relocating the two rest areas in Seminole County.
- Local trail initiatives to allow for interconnectivity of existing and new trails to connect local neighborhoods to regional trails.