



Office of the
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kathleen Keenan
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DATE: December 8, 2021

SUBJECT: 2022 Indian River County State Legislative Program

BACKGROUND

The 2022 Florida Legislative Session will convene in Tallahassee on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and will run through March 11, 2022. Indian River County staff has put together a proposed legislative program which includes appropriations for the Ixora Park Sewer System Rehabilitation and Hobart Water Treatment Plant SCADA System Upgrade projects.

In addition to specific policy issues, the proposed legislative program contains a number of guiding principles as well as a policy statement directing opposition to any legislative action which takes away the home rule authority of local governments in Florida.

Upon adoption of the Indian River County 2022 State Legislative Priorities, County Commissioners and County Staff are authorized to advocate in support of those priorities before the Indian River County Legislative Delegation and the Florida Legislature as a whole.

Additionally, staff has prepared a draft list of designated point persons and alternates for the 2022 State Legislative List of Priorities. The proposed list maintains the 2021 Designated Point Persons and Alternates, which is largely associated with previous board member committee assignments. Staff proposes removing the High-Speed Passenger Rail priority following the recent settlement agreement with Brightline, and adding new priorities focusing on Preemption and Water Infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the final proposed Indian River County 2022 State Legislative Program. Staff also recommends the Board provide direction and guidance on the draft list of Designated

Point Persons and Alternates for the 2022 State Legislative Priorities, make any changes to the list and adopt the list with any applicable changes.

ATTACHMENTS

Indian River County 2022 State Legislative Program
Draft Designated Point Persons and Alternates List for 2022 State Legislative Priorities