



*Office of the*  
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Kathy Copeland  
Legislative Affairs and Communications Manager

**DATE:** November 16, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Overview – Preliminary 2023 Legislative Priorities

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**BACKGROUND**

On November 1, 2022, in preparation for the 2023 Florida legislative session, the Commission approved participation in a Four-County Commission meeting to discuss legislative priorities with fellow Commissioners from Martin County, St. Lucie County and Okeechobee County. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Indian River State College Pruitt Campus, 500 NW California Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986.

Each County will present their preliminary legislative priorities and Commissioners will have the opportunity to identify and discuss issues of mutual interest that may warrant united support. There will be no votes taken at this meeting.

Additionally, the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) will be holding their annual Legislative Conference November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 2. At this conference, various policies will be up for consideration by the FAC.

The presentation today will highlight legislative priorities identified by staff. Some of these items may be discussed at the Four County Commission meeting or the Legislative Conference. This is an early opportunity for the Board to provide guidance to staff and to make any additions and/or deletions to the overall package deemed appropriate. Following these two events, and considering additional updates on issues that may be addressed during the 2023 Legislative Session, staff will present a proposed Final 2023 Legislative Priority list to the Board for consideration.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners accept the Preliminary Legislative Package, with any changes as deemed appropriate by the Board, with the understanding these priorities might be revised following the Four County Commission meeting, the FAC Legislative Conference, and as time draws closer to the beginning of legislative session.

## **ATTACHMENT**

Preliminary 2023 Legislative Priorities Presentation  
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