



## Indian River County's Preliminary Legislative List 2019 State Legislative Session

### **Finance, Tax, and Administration**

#### - Legislation Relating to Vacation Rentals

- Indian River County BCC **OPPOSES** policies that would preempt a local government's ability to have local ordinances related to vacation rentals.

#### - Legislation Relating to Affordable Housing Program

- Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** retaining the full amount of dedicated documentary tax revenues to fund state and local affordable housing programs.

#### - Legislation Relating to the Tourist Development Tax

- Indian River County BCC **OPPOSES** policies that mandate tourist development funds be diverted away from local communities, or impair the County's use of the funds for local tourist development.

### **Growth Management, Agriculture, Transportation & Environment**

#### - Legislation Relating to Biosolids

- Option (1) Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** policies that ban the land application of Class B biosolids in the State of Florida.
  
- Option (2) Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** policies that ban the land application of Class B biosolids within the following watersheds that impact the St. Johns River: the Upper Basin, the Middle Basin, and the Lower Basin.

#### - Legislation Relating to the 2020 Recycling Mandate

- Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** policies that would modify the 75% Recycling Goal by 2020 such that the program (1) continues based on efficiency rather than weight and, (2) does not negatively impact local governments.

#### - Legislation Relating to Contamination

- Indian River County BCC **OPPOSES** policies that would require local governments to address the contamination of recyclable material in contracts with residential recycling collectors if the collectors are not processing the recovered materials on behalf of the local government.

#### - Legislation Relating to Funding Projects to Reduce Pollution in the Indian River Lagoon

- Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** a grant program to be administered through the Department of Environmental Protection to assist local governments in their efforts to address septic system and stormwater pollution in the Indian River Lagoon, and ensure that our coastal communities have a resilient water supply.

- Legislation Relating to Coastal Management

- Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** the creation of a newly dedicated and recurring statutory funding source for beach restoration and renourishment projects; and **OPPOSES** policies that would change or modify the criteria used by the Department of Environmental Protection to rank eligible beach renourishment projects that would negatively impact communities interested in protecting nearshore hardbottom resources.

- Legislation Relating to Fracking

- Indian River County BCC **OPPOSES** state preemption of fracking activities; **OPPOSES** policies that create a public records exemption for proprietary information provided by drilling companies to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through its online chemical disclosure registry; and **SUPPORTS** the ability of local governments to adopt local moratoriums on all new well stimulation activities, including hydraulic fracturing and acidization.

- Legislation Relating to Green Utility Ordinances

- Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** policies that modify Section 369.255, Florida Statutes, to (1) include conservation lands into the definition of a greenspace area, (2) limit and control both nuisance native and nuisance exotic plants, and (3) allow for optional funding through either a referendum or a voluntary contribution through a utility bill.

- Legislation Relating to High-Speed Passenger Trains

- Indian River County BCC **OPPOSES** any state, federal or local funding for private passenger rail projects proposing to traverse through its jurisdiction including, but not limited to, All Aboard Florida (aka Brightline); **SUPPORTS** legislative and executive branch advocacy efforts to regulate passenger rail in order to protect the State of Florida's citizens, local governments, wildlife, waterways, and natural environment; and **OPPOSES** any effort to shift the cost burden of operating and maintaining passenger rail onto local governments or the State.

- Legislation Relating to Customary Use

- (Option 1) Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** policies to repeal Section 163.035, Florida Statutes,
- (Option 2) Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** policies to modify Section 163.035, Florida Statutes, such that the judicial review under subsection 3(b) is repealed.

## **Health and Safety**

- Legislation Relating to Texting While Driving

- Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** policies that would make texting while driving a primary offense.

- Legislation Relating to Funding of School Resource Officers Concerning the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act

- Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** the creation of a newly dedicated and recurring statutory funding source to assist the school boards within the State of Florida to pay for the school resource officers required under the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

- Legislation Relating to Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes

- Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** policies that (1) clarify emergency planning for assisted living facilities and nursing homes, and (2) provide penalties for those assisted living facilities and nursing homes that do not comply with the emergency planning requirements.

- Legislation Relating to the Funding and Reimbursements Associated with Hurricane Shelters

- Indian River County BCC **SUPPORTS** (1) policies that require school boards to fund hurricane shelters and seek reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and (2) policies that assist in tracking how the funds are spent and reimbursed.