

**City of South Daytona**  
**Office of the City Manager**

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MEMORANDUM

To: James L. Gillis Jr., City Manager  
From: Becky Witte, Deputy City Clerk  
Re: Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2023-03, urging members of the Florida Legislature to support the 2023 Florida League of Cities' Legislative Platform  
Date: January 23, 2023

The Florida Legislature will convene the 2023 Legislative Session on March 7, 2023. In December, members of the Florida League of Cities adopted its 2023 Legislative Platform at their Legislative Conference. This list is created by identifying statewide issues most likely to affect municipal governance that will be addressed in the upcoming session. The League then concentrates its influence to shape legislation, ensuring that the efforts of the League and local officials are focused on promoting local self-government.

There are five Florida League of Cities' Legislative Policy Committees that meet for the purpose of identifying and prioritizing the municipal concerns. Attachment "A" provides an explanation of each of the committees and the concerns each addresses for contribution to the League's action agenda. Local elected officials volunteer to sit on one of the five Committees:

- Finance, Taxation & Personnel
- Land Use & Economic Development
- Municipal Administration
- Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations
- Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works

Councilman Brandon Young is a member of the Finance, Taxation & Personnel Committee.

The attached Resolution No. 2023-03 urges members of the Florida Legislature to support the 2023 Florida League of Cities' Legislative Platform. If approved, staff will provide a copy to the Volusia League and Florida League of Cities staff.



**Priorities:**

**Enterprise Fund Transfers**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS the preservation of municipal authority to manage municipal revenue sources and realize a reasonable rate of return on their proprietary assets, investments and services.

**Mobility Plans**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that defines and clarifies mobility plans in order to provide a clear and concise regulatory framework for Florida cities to acquire, construct and implement both traditional and alternative modes of transportation.

**Short-Term Rentals**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that restores authority to local governments for the regulation of short-term rental properties as necessary for quality of life, public safety and the creation of fair lodging standards. The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation clarifying that existing, grandfathered municipal short-term rental ordinances can be amended without penalty. The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that preempts municipal authority as it relates to the regulation of short-term rental properties.

**Accessible Housing**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that requires all money from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used for Florida's affordable housing programs that are targeted to meet the needs of workforce housing, including home ownership and rental availability.

**Water Resources Planning and Comprehensive Watershed Management**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation establishing a statewide coordinated planning and prioritization approach for water resource investments that funds Florida's current and projected water needs in an equitable manner and authorizing Comprehensive Watershed Management projects to qualify for funding under the state Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.



## **Policy Positions:**

### **Property Tax Protection**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that maintains an equitable property tax system while preserving a municipality's ability to fund public infrastructure, police, fire, emergency services and other essential services. Any further erosions and/or exemptions on the current property tax structure will unfairly shift the tax burden to the business community, renters and others.

### **Residential Zoning**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that maintains, advances and encourages the fundamental ability for cities to tailor unique land development solutions through local decision-making, preserving the ability for cities to decide how they look and grow. Cities are strong supporters of affordable housing efforts and are best positioned to identify appropriate areas that can support high-density infill redevelopment.

### **Transportation Funding**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation directing the Florida Department of Transportation to provide financial assistance and incentives to develop and implement multimodal transportation plans that optimize different modes of combined transport and are tailored to municipal transportation demands. The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS identifying additional transportation revenue to fund innovative infrastructure (e.g., electric vehicles) and transit projects to meet the surging transportation demands driven by growth in population throughout Florida.

### **Water and Wastewater Plant Operator Licensure**

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to address workforce shortages in municipal water and wastewater facilities by: one, defining facility operators as critical and essential workers; two, providing reciprocity with other states for licensure of facility operators; and three, allowing credit toward licensure for military experience and time served performing similar functions and providing flexibility for facilities to use retired or out-of-state operators in emergencies.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE 2023 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES' LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature will convene the 2023 Legislative Session on March 7, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the Florida League of Cities adopted its 2023 Legislative Platform during the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference on December 2, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Daytona supports the 2023 Florida League of Cities Legislative Platform:

- Supporting the preservation of municipal authority to manage municipal revenue sources and realize a reasonable rate of return on their proprietary assets, investments, and services.
- Supporting legislation that defines and clarifies mobility plans in order to provide a clear and concise regulatory framework for Florida cities to acquire, construct and implement both traditional and alternative modes of transportation.
- Supporting legislation establishing a statewide coordinated planning and prioritization approach for water resource investments that funds Florida's current and projected water needs in an equitable manner and authorizing Comprehensive Watershed Management projects to qualify for funding under the state Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Daytona also supports the Florida League of Cities policy positions relating to:

- Property Tax Protection
- Residential Zoning
- Transportation Funding
- Water and Wastewater Plant Operator Licensure

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Findings.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2. Support for the Florida League of Cities.** The City of South Daytona will work with our local legislative delegation in support of these and other issues affecting Florida's cities, towns and villages during the upcoming 2023 Legislative Session.

**SECTION 3. Distribution of Resolution.** A copy of this resolution shall be provided to members of our local legislative delegation and the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

**SECTION 4. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 5. Conflicting Resolutions.** All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED ON FIRST AND ONLY READING** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023 by the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida.

**CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA**

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William C. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
James L. Gillis Jr, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Wade C. Vose, City Attorney