

2021 VENICE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Support business relief from COVID related expenses.
 - Support liability protections for businesses and employers from COVID related litigation.
2. Support efforts to mitigate the impact of Amendment 2 - \$15 minimum wage increase – on small businesses.
3. Support the continued reduction of Florida’s corporate income tax.
4. Support affordable housing solutions for our workforce and residents’ housing needs, and Florida’s housing trust funds (Sadowski Act) to be used solely for housing programs.
5. Support the flexibility to extend disaster loan payoff terms and reduce interest rates for business recovery after disasters.
6. Support FDOT work program funding which adds to regional vibrancy.
7. Support legislation requiring the collection of sales tax on all internet sales into the state.
8. Support Enterprise Florida to proactively market the state as a business destination and incentivize corporations to relocate to Florida.

Support Visit Florida in its work to establish Florida as a premier destination for visitors nationally and internationally.

To join forces with others including City, County, EDC, Florida Chamber, and Florida Board of Realtors on following policy issues:

- Water quality improvement measures
- Education
- Utilities: business and school access to broadband and internet access
- Insurance for businesses and healthcare
- Support legislation and investments in workforce education and training programs.
- Support measures to expand access to long-term and acute behavioral health treatment focused on addiction, mental health, and suicide prevention, including funding to address the mental health crisis occurring at the VPK through high school levels.