

2026 Legislative Priorities

Affordable Housing



- **Support** the full preservation and allocation of the Sadowski Housing Trust Funds exclusively for affordable housing programs including the purchase of land.
- **Support** that counties and municipalities, respectively, must administratively approve affordable housing, including mixed-use residential, on any parcel owned by religious institutions by so long as at least 10 percent of the units included in the project are for housing that is affordable.

Childcare Access / Affordability



- **Support** the implementation of initiatives and incentives to encourage local businesses to provide or subsidize childcare for their employees.
- **Support** legislation that provides incentives for employers who are providing childcare for employees to qualify for license exempt status which are provided to church or parochial school childcare centers.

Workforce Development



- **Support** funding all Florida's Public Technical College/Centers Workforce Education Programs at a minimum funding level of 100% of the state model as developed and approved by the State FLDOE Workforce Education Funding Committee.
- **Support** policy that promotes pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, and internship opportunities that develop a talent pipeline that reflects the needs of industry.

Education



- **Support** operational funding and fixed capital funds for USF Sarasota-Manatee, New College of Florida, State College of Florida and SCF Venice Collegiate School.

Arts & Culture



- **Support** public funding for arts and cultural programs that contribute to Sarasota's economy and community vitality.

Tourist Development Tax (TDT)



- **Support** the continued full preservation and allocation of the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) that supports jobs in hotels, restaurants, attractions, and other tourism-reliant businesses, including funding that goes towards improving resident quality of life through beach maintenance, beach renourishment, sports stadiums, capital improvements, arts and culture grants, and more.