



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Support continued insurance initiatives that create a competitive and stable insurance market which will lower costs for Florida's policy holders.
2. Monitor "Live Local" Act 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.
3. Support FDOT work program funding which adds to regional vibrancy including S.R. 681 and I-75 interchange expansion project.
4. Support the flexibility to extend disaster loan payoff terms and reduce interest rates for business recovery after disasters.
5. Support the continued reduction of Florida's corporate income tax.
6. Support Department of Commerce to proactively market the state as a business destination and incentivize corporations to relocate to Florida.
 - Support Visit Florida, a Direct Support Organization under newly formed Department of Commerce, 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 where they don't conflict with Venice Area Chamber policy:

1. Support expansion of and investments in workforce education and training programs through grant programs, employer incentives, and partnerships with local workforce boards.
2. Support Human Services 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.
3. Support work based learning initiatives linked to local employment opportunities for Grades K-20 by incentivizing and promoting career and technical education.
 - Ensure State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) students' are funded equitably relative to and in alignment with the Florida College System institutions, including \$9.8 million in additional recurring funding.
4. Support eco-system initiatives including water quality improvement measures, beach renourishment, and Resilient SRQ program.
5. Utilities: business and school access to broadband and internet access