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This brochure reflects the priorities of 30 municipalities, as prepared by the five legislative policy committees and adopted by the Board of Directors on December 9, 2010 meeting.

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2011 LEGISLATIVE ACTION PLAN



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GENERAL GOVERNMENT & MUNICIPAL POWERS

Municipalities are voluntary forms of government formed specifically to serve the unique needs and characteristics of a community following a vote of the people. Acknowledging that key governmental services, such as those provided by municipalities, are best delivered under a system that allows municipalities to exercise its responsibilities in a manner best suited to meet the needs of their citizens, and that municipal self-determination and local self government must be protected,

The Broward League of Cities *supports:*

- **The utilization of any means necessary to require the Florida Legislature to eliminate unfunded state mandates on local governments**
- **Legislation enabling municipalities to levy a revenue-neutral, voluntary special assessment for law enforcement services**
- **Legislation that authorizes municipalities to provide effective public notice and advertising for various appropriate matters, not to include ad valorem millage setting, by means other than newspapers,** such as direct mailings, physical posting of property, internet posting, free publications, government access television channels, and other suitable alternatives

EDUCATION AND SCHOOL FUNDING

Acknowledging the importance of a strong educational framework and to ensure equal opportunity for all students to obtain a quality education,

The Broward League of Cities *supports:*

- **That the State of Florida perform its duty of full funding for education as mandated by Article IX, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution** stressing that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida

GROWTH MANAGEMENT & TRANSPORTATION

The Broward League of Cities will *support :*

- **Utilization of land use policies that strongly encourage the development of mass transit and establishment of a funding allocation, directly to local governments,** for transit operations, mass transit, transit infrastructure, and transit policy implementation
- **Preservation of local government's responsibility to manage public resources, including, but not limited to, public rights-of-way**
- **Support for creation of a stakeholders' task force to consider alternatives for growth management reform over the next ten (10) years**

FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

The Broward League of Cities *supports:*

- **Legislation that provides comprehensive municipal firefighter and police officer pension reform. Any comprehensive pension reform package should address the issue of statutory presumptions, and maximum benefits should be based on actual salary**

The Broward League of Cities *opposes:*

- **State-mandated revenue or expenditure caps**

WATER CONSERVATION & GREEN INITIATIVES

The Broward League of Cities will *support:*

- **Legislative programs and bills that support climate and energy initiatives**
- **Continued prohibition against leases or permits for drilling oil or gas wells within the boundaries of Florida's territorial seas**
- **Amending the ocean outfall legislation providing for a phased approach to meeting the 60% reuse requirement for construction of reuse facilities**