

# Broward County League of Cities 2014 Legislative Action Plan

### **Education**

### **Public Education Funding**

The Broward County League of Cities **supports** the funding of the capital outlay needs of municipally-run charter schools as provided pursuant to Section 1013.62, F.S., to correct inequalities without removing current revenues from public school districts to provide every Florida child with an appropriate public school education.

### **Public School Construction**

The Broward County League of Cities **opposes** legislation that pre-empts local authority over the siting of charter schools.

### **Graduation Rates**

The Broward County League of Cities **supports** state funding for initiatives and other innovative programs that increase graduation rates.

# **Sustainability**

#### Water Infrastructure

The Broward County League of Cities **supports** state funding for water infrastructure projects, including replacement of aging infrastructure; creation of water storage, treatment and reuse systems; development of alternative water supply projects; elimination of discharges from ocean outfall systems; water quality improvements; and investment to increase resilience to extreme weather events and the impacts of sea level rise.

### **Sober Homes & Group Homes**

The Broward County League of Cities *supports* legislation that defines and establishes statewide minimum regulatory standards for properties used for "sober home" and "group home" purposes, and allows for more stringent local regulation of such properties.

### **Growth Management**

The Broward County League of Cities **supports** growth management for community and regional planning and opposes further state preemption of local discretion over its implementation.

### **Marriage Equality**

The Broward County League of Cities **supports** legislation that provides marriage equality for all residents of the State of Florida, including same sex couples.

### **Transportation**

The Broward County League of Cities **supports** legislation that provides increased funding to municipalities for transportation choices and allows flexibility in the use of those funds.

# **Fiscal Stewardship**

### **Safe Neighborhood Districts**

The Broward County League of Cities **supports** legislation that would allow neighborhood improvement districts to incur indebtedness, subject to referendum approval.

### Required Public Notice Advertising in Newspapers

The Broward County League of Cities **supports** legislation authorizing local governments the option of using their publicly accessible websites for legally required public notices and advertisements in lieu of newspapers.

### Communications Services Tax/ Local Business Tax

The Broward County League of Cities **opposes** legislation that modifies the Communications Services Tax or the Local Business Tax in a way that would have a negative fiscal impact on municipalities.

# **Public Safety**

# Regulation of Firearms on Municipal-Owned Property

The Broward County League of Cities **supports** legislation that, except as otherwise expressly prohibited by the State Constitution, allows a county or municipality to regulate the field of possession of firearms on property owned by such municipality or county.

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### Mission

The Broward League of Cities is a recognized 501(c)(4) non-profit organization, which was incorporated in 1957 and serves all of Broward County's municipalities. League membership includes elected municipal officials representing more than 1.7 million residents and over 90 associate government, non-profit, and business organizations.

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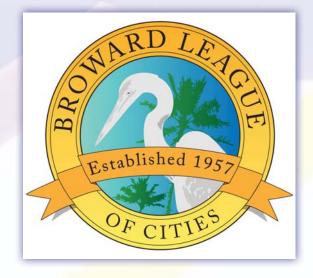
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