



Mission Statement Develop, enhance and maintain a strong and diverse business climate and support a prosperous community.



These legislative priorities were vetted by the Governmental Affairs Committee, then submitted to the general membership for input. Finally, they were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors, before being forwarded for consideration by the members of the Brevard delegation and other local elected officials.



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2022 Legislative Priorities

Business Climate & Competitiveness

- Encourage simplification of permitting and regulations for business to increase business competitiveness.
- Encourage the State of Florida to develop a renewable energy policy to encourage employment growth in these emerging technologies.
- Continued reduction of the Commercial Sales and Use Tax to align policies with the other 49 United States that do not have this tax.

Innovation & Economic Development

- Promote space commerce development and NASA's Artemis human exploration program, while pursuing all opportunities that leverage space, aviation and military installations and capabilities in Brevard County.
- Encourage the continuation of tax abatements as an incentive for economic development in local communities, as well as their use in qualifications for state incentives.
- Encourage continued use of local/state incentives for community and economic development including maintaining CRA options.
- Reauthorize the performance-based QTI (Qualified Target Industries) tax refund program to attract and grow high-tech, high-wage jobs in Florida and the Space Coast.
- Encourage the necessary support and funding for critical state economic development programs such as Enterprise Florida, Space Florida and Visit Florida.

Talent Supply & Education

- Encourage increased industry participation in technical workforce apprenticeship and internship programs by adopting measures that offset business costs required to operate effective "earn and learn, on-the-job training" programs that enable students to transition into longer-term career job opportunities.
- Support increased funding & local flexibility in the use of state funds and greater local decision making for Florida's Pre K-12 public school system.
- Provide funding and consideration for training existing workforce for new opportunities and industries.

Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

- Support accelerating implementation for replacement of the NASA Causeway Indian River Bridge allowing for improved lagoon flow.
- Support funding and acceleration of key transportation expansion projects in North Brevard, specifically adding lanes to SR405 from Park Avenue to Hwy 50, and SR 46 west of Carpenter Road to the Brevard County line.
- Encourage the necessary funding to restore Florida's surface waters and especially the Indian River Lagoon. In addition, fast track critical restoration projects at the federal level by simplifying the process including the possibility of a single point permit for vetted restoration projects.
- Increase support for funding of public and at-need transportation with greater accessibility in Brevard County.

Quality of Life & Quality Places

- Support measures to improve the availability of affordable housing options for the workforce.
- Strongly encourage enhanced funding to continue to be used for such transportation modes as walking and bike trails, including the connectivity of existing parks and trails.
- Fund development and completion of trail connectivity throughout Brevard and restore construction funding for the trail segment from Titusville to Playalinda Beach.