



2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FLORIDA KEYS STEWARDSHIP ACT FUNDING

- ✓ Support **\$20M appropriation** to construct water quality projects to improve/protect the quality of the Florida Keys' nearshore waters and the marine environment of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.
- ✓ Support **recurring funding** for Florida Keys Stewardship Act by including it in the State's Land Acquisition Trust Fund.
- ✓ Support **\$5M appropriation** within Florida Forever for land acquisition within the Florida Keys that will both retire development rights *and* conserve environmentally sensitive land.

VESSELS

- ✓ Support continued legislative efforts that enables Monroe County to **reduce and prevent derelict vessels** and address the long-term anchoring of vessels, ensures sufficient funding to remove and dispose of derelict vessels, and enhances FWC's enforcement capacity.
- ✓ Support continued legislative funding for the **Mobile Vessel Pump-Out Program** to support the County's vessel pump out program to protect water quality of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

FLOODING/SEA LEVEL RISE MITIGATION FUNDING

- ✓ Support funding for **Monroe's resilience projects in the new Resilient Florida grant program's** ranking and selection process. Monitor the new program's **rule making** process and any subsequent legislative changes to assure that Monroe's resilience projects and needs are not impaired. Support legislative efforts that enhance local governments' ability to meet their resilience needs.

CITIZENS WIND INSURANCE

- ✓ Support efforts to exempt Monroe County **from the new 11%-15% glide path for annual rate cap increases**, preserving our rate cap increase to 10%, recognizing that Monroe County pays the highest Citizens premium rate in the State despite having the strongest building code in the State and our unique housing affordability issues.

MONROE COUNTY LAND AUTHORITY

- ✓ Support legislation to clarify the powers of the Monroe County Land Authority to include the ability to assist the County with securing, implementing and administering resilience grant programs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- ✓ Support efforts to seek an **exemption to Monroe County's permit allocation system ("ROGO")** for a new affordable housing development for law enforcement and first responders.
- ✓ Support legislative efforts to promote affordable housing and the full appropriation of the Sadowski Trust Fund.

VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS

- ✓ Support legislation that provides a **permanent "carve out" for Monroe County from preemptive vacation rental regulations** or legislation that would allow local governments with grandfathered ordinances to amend and update their regulations without losing their grandfathered status.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOME RULE/ STATE PREEMPTIONS

- ✓ Support efforts to **protect home rule authority** conferred to local governments in the State constitution. The preservation of home rule is essential to the operation of county governments in Florida and allows counties to develop and implement county-based solutions to local problems.