

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE FLORIDA KEYS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN



2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FLORIDA KEYS STEWARDSHIP ACT

Pursuant to the Florida Keys Stewardship Act Water Quality:

- ✓ **SUPPORT \$20M WATER QUALITY APPROPRIATION** to continue to construct and implement water quality projects in the Florida Keys that will protect and preserve the waters and natural resources of the Florida Keys National Sanctuary, including the coral reef, and Florida Bay.
- ✓ **SUPPORT \$5M LAND ACQUISITION APPROPRIATION** within Florida Forever for land acquisition in the Florida Keys that will both retire development rights AND conserve environmentally sensitive land.

STATE-COUNTY PARTNERSHIP ON TAKINGS JUDGMENTS

- ✓ Support efforts to codify a shared **50%-50% APPORTIONMENT OF STATE-COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY ON TAKINGS judgments**, a consequence of state-designated Area of Critical State Concern, limited growth requirements and hurricane evacuation requirements.

CITIZENS WIND INSURANCE

- ✓ Support legislation to **SLOW MONROE COUNTY'S ANNUAL WIND INSURANCE RATE INCREASE GLIDE PATH FROM 10% TO 5%** (for five years) recognizing Monroe's unique affordability issues, strong building codes and overall importance to the State of Florida.

VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS

- ✓ Support legislation that provides a **PERMANENT "CARVE OUT" FOR MONROE COUNTY FROM PREEMPTIVE VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS** to enable the County to amend/update its vacation rental regulations in order to preserve its supply of workforce housing, and to ensure a balance of needs within its fixed housing supply; *or* legislation to enable local governments with grandfathered ordinances to amend and update their regulations without losing their grandfathered status.

VESSELS

- ✓ Support a **\$750,000 APPROPRIATION TOWARD THE COSTS OF MONROE COUNTY'S VESSEL PUMP OUT PROGRAM** to protect the quality of the waters surrounding the Florida Keys.
- ✓ Support a statutory change to **LIMIT THE STORAGE TIME FOR VESSELS TO ANCHOR IN ONE LOCATION ON PUBLIC WATERS** to not more than 60 days, to reduce the number derelict vessels and removal costs.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

- ✓ Continued Disaster Recovery: Support request for **SAIL FUNDING AND HOUSING TAX CREDITS** from FHFC to aid in Monroe County's continuing post-Hurricane Irma workforce housing recovery; **EXPEDITE THE POST-IRMA STATE ACTION PLAN'S** housing and economic recovery components.
- ✓ Support DEP, DOT and/or legislative efforts to fund the **CONSTRUCTION OF SUGARLOAF SECTION OF THE OVERSEAS HERITAGE TRAIL.**
- ✓ Support State funding and legislation to **PROTECT FLORIDA'S CORAL REEF TRACT.**

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