

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2012

TO: Town Commission
FROM: Dave Bullock, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Legislative Priorities

At the September 24, 2012, Regular Workshop Meeting, the Commission considered establishing legislative priorities for the upcoming 2012-2013 legislative session.

There was consensus to have Staff prepare a draft for the Commission's review and formal action. Below is the list that has been developed for consideration:

2012-2013 Town of Longboat Key Legislative Priorities (Not in Order of Priority)

1. Oppose legislation that pursues or allows oil drilling off the West coast of Florida.
2. Support State funding for beach nourishment.
3. Support State authorization of other revenue sources beyond our present sources.
4. Oppose unfunded mandates, cost shifts, or preemptions of local governments' authority.
5. Retain local/community control for local revenues and budgets and protect local bond ratings - no caps.
6. Oppose shifting state budget shortfalls through cost shifts to local governments.
7. Support property tax reform that ensures any reforms establish a fair tax system for all taxpayers and preserves local governments' ability to provide services.
8. Support protection of local authority to administer the Local Business Tax program to meet community needs.
9. Oppose legislation that erodes home rule powers of local governments.
10. Support legislation to authorize governmental entities to utilize their publicly accessible websites for legally required advertisements and public notices in lieu of current requirements for notices to be placed in newspapers of daily circulation.
11. Support legislation to require a registration program for banking institutions for foreclosed properties to provide contact information in order to maintain property standards and local code compliance within communities.
12. Support legislation to address the composition of members on the Board of Trustees for Municipal Pension Plans and to address pension plan priorities to allow for fiscal sustainability.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



End of Agenda Item