



2021 LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA

For the 2021 calendar year, the Town of Belleair has set the following legislative priorities and further supports the **Florida League of Cities** and the **Suncoast League of Cities** in the fight for strong local government; the Town also adopts the Legislative Action Agendas of the Florida League of Cities and the Suncoast League of Cities.



PRIORITY 1. TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

The Town of Belleair funds nearly all of its roadway improvements directly. The legislature should consider increasing grant funding opportunities, low-cost loan programs, and cooperative funding of critical infrastructure upgrades.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

The Town of Belleair requests your support for our Appropriations Request for the Indian Rocks Road Improvements Project. This project is critical to improving Belleair's infrastructure, as both the roadway and the sub-surface drainage system are experiencing accelerated degradation. This project will additionally enhance pedestrian safety along the major thoroughfare in Belleair.

PRIORITY STATEMENT

The Town of Belleair SUPPORTS legislation that will allow cities to have greater local decision-making and flexibility on transportation funding to ensure we meet our ever-changing transportation demands.

PRIORITY 2. THE PROTECTION OF HOME RULE

PRIORITY STATEMENT

The Town of Belleair OPPOSES any efforts to impede the constitutional right of self-governance under home rule powers. The Town OPPOSES the Legislature's intrusion into local finance, which is necessary to provide financial stability and essential services uniquely required by municipal residents and local businesses. The Town further OPPOSES any reduction in municipal taxation powers. The Town OPPOSES unfunded mandates. The Town OPPOSES the preemption of local regulation of businesses, professions, commerce, and trade.

The Town of Belleair SUPPORTS any legislative action which strengthens and enhances the ability of local governments to uniquely provide solutions tailored to their communities.

PRIORITY 3. RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE FLORIDA

PRIORITY STATEMENT

The Town of Belleair SUPPORTS legislation that promotes a resilient and sustainable Florida, including funding for water quality improvements, establishing policies and funding for alternative water supply development, providing for intergovernmental coordination and planning on strategies to address climate challenges such as drought, coastal flooding and inland flooding, and enabling local authority to implement natural resource protection strategies.