



## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Support continued insurance initiatives that create a competitive and stable insurance market which will lower costs for Florida's policy holders.
2. Support property tax policies that promote economic vitality, protect homeowners and businesses, and ensure transparency and fairness in local governance.
3. Monitor "Live Local" Act affordable housing solutions for our workforce and residents' housing needs and Florida's housing trust funds (Sadowski Act) to be used solely for housing programs.
4. Support the Department of Commerce to proactively market the state as a business destination including incentivizing corporations to relocate to Florida and Visit Florida, under Commerce to establish Florida as a premier destination for visitors nationally and internationally.
5. Support the continued elimination of Florida's business rent tax.
6. Support FDOT work program funding which adds to regional vibrancy including S.R. 681 and I-75 interchange expansion project.
7. Support the flexibility to extend disaster loan payoff terms and reduce interest rates for business recovery after disasters.

**To join forces with others including City, County, EDC, Florida Chamber, and Florida Board of Realtors on following policy issues where they don't conflict with Venice Area Chamber policy:**

1. Support expansion of and investments in workforce education and training programs through grant programs, employer incentives, and partnerships with local workforce boards.
2. Ensure local post-secondary institutions (Suncoast Technical College, State College of Florida and the University of South Florida) receive the necessary funding to deliver workforce education programs for in-demand professions.
3. Support work based learning initiatives linked to local employment opportunities for Grades K-20 by incentivizing and promoting career and technical education.
4. Support eco-system initiatives including water quality improvement measures, beach renourishment, and Resilient SRQ program.
5. Support Human Services measures to expand access to long-term and acute behavioral health treatment focused on addiction, mental health, and suicide prevention, including funding to address the mental health crisis occurring at the VPK through high school levels.
6. Utilities: business and school access to broadband and internet access.