

# **CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH**

## **2021 State Legislative Program**



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## **2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

### **LEGISLATION**

#### **HOME RULE AUTHORITY – SUPPORT LOCAL CONTROL**

SUPPORT Legislation that will **preserve municipal autonomy**, including but not limited to the preservation of local contracts, municipal elections, authority to set impact fees or transportation concurrency, ability to have exclusive planning authority, ability to set expiration dates for contracts resulting from labor negotiations, and oppose efforts to lessen that authority.

SUPPORT legislation that will allow cities to consider and implement strategies to reduce the use of **polystyrene products** and single use **plastic including but not limited to bags, straws, and Styrofoam containers**.

SUPPORT legislation that will allow cities to consider and implement strategies to protect public safety through **common sense gun regulations**.

SUPPORT legislation that would repeal telecommunication companies' ability to use the local **right-of-ways without authorization** by the local government.

SUPPORT legislation that repeals the state preemption of the regulation of **vacation rental** properties in order to allow local governments to regulate such properties to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses.

SUPPORT legislation that protects municipalities' Home Rule Powers to regulate **Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs)** and dispensaries to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses.

OPPOSE legislation that would prevent cities from banning the **retail sale of dogs and cats**.

SUPPORT legislation that will protect and improve municipalities' use of **community redevelopment agencies** to effectively carry out redevelopment and community revitalization in accordance with Home Rule.

SUPPORT legislation that **removes preemption on restricting smoking** within boundaries of public beaches and parks and allow for cities and counties to decide.

SUPPORT legislation that authorizes and **regulates the medical use of psilocybin** in the treatment of various mental health conditions.

#### **ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES:**

SUPPORT **funding for Beach Renourishment** projects through the US Army Corp of Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems. Urge

the Legislature to approve legislation providing an increase in the funding allocation to support of Beach Renourishment Projects throughout the State.

SUPPORT legislation that will declare the intercoastal waterway within Hallandale Beach a “**No- Wake Zone.**”

SUPPORT legislation that encourages vulnerability assessments, coordinates resources and supports the **efforts of local governments to mitigate and adapt** to these dynamic environmental conditions including but not limited to sea level rise.

SUPPORT legislation requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to create a **sargassum seaweed matching grant program.**

SUPPORT legislation encouraging renewable energy and the development of a unified **statewide plan to generate the state’s energy from reliable sources** by a specified date.

SUPPORT legislation that requires the Department of Environmental Protection to produce a comprehensive and quantified needs-based overview of the state’s water resources.

#### **FINANCE, TAXATION AND PERSONNEL:**

SUPPORT legislation that includes provisions for local governments to use **COVID-19 funds for lost revenue.**

SUPPORT legislation to reform **Florida’s sales tax laws** that apply to online/e-commerce sales from out-of-state retailers to ensure that retailers are treated equitably.

SUPPORT legislation that protects municipalities’ Home Rule powers to set and fund **municipal employee benefit levels.**

OPPOSE legislation that would **reduce and/or limit the amount of revenue** to municipalities. Such reduction proposals limit the City’s ability to provide the current level of programs and services. This includes the Communication Service Tax, Business Tax Receipts, reductions in the corporate income taxes on manufacturing, manufacturing machinery, and retail, commercial lease taxes.

#### **GROWTH MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS:**

SUPPORT legislation that, in Broward County and in the State, clarifies or consistently applies the prohibition or non-prohibition on inspectors’ and plan reviewers’ use of their Certificates in order to work outside of their government employment.

SUPPORT the **development of mass transit and multimodal transportation systems**, as well as the establishment of a more stable funding source and funding allocation directly to local governments, for

transit operations, mass transit, transit infrastructure, and transit policy implementation.

MONITOR all **gaming legislation** related to decoupling, portability, and the Seminole Gaming Compact.

SUPPORT the intended purpose of the legislature's **Sadowski funds solely for affordable housing** initiatives.

SUPPORT the "**Florida Competitive Workforce Act**" adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

SUPPORT legislation that provides additional resources for COVID-19 relief and community resources.

SUPPORT legislation creating a **dedicated and recurring state revenue stream** for cities providing School Resource Officers (SROs) to schools.

SUPPORT legislation that increases resources and funding for pre-disaster and hazard mitigation projects.

SUPPORT legislation that provides resources and funding for smart cities and real time crime center

SUPPORT legislation that allows the courts to stay evictions during a State of Emergency and prevent law enforcement from assisting landlords with processing evictions during a State of Emergency.

SUPPORT legislation that creates an Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force

SUPPORT legislation that requires implicit bias training for government personnel working with diverse communities.

SUPPORT legislation that creates citation program rather than criminal penalties for specified amounts of cannabis and products containing specified amounts of THC, similar to the program in Hallandale Beach.

SUPPORT legislation that requires bleeding control kits to be placed in government buildings and instructional programs.

### **ARTS AND CULTURE**

SUPPORT legislation that restores Florida's full investment in the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs Grants to fuel economic growth and quality of life through the arts.

## **2021 Appropriation Requests**

### **AUSTIN HEPBURN SENIOR MINI CENTER FUNDING- \$276,584**

The city is requesting funding in order to provide critically needed community-based services to persons aged 60 years plus. The program will be housed at the Austin Hepburn center through the provision of recreational activities and transportation services to minimize social isolation, avoid and/or delay nursing home placement. The program will require approximately \$276,584 in funding in annual service to approximately 300 clients to be contracted through the department of elder affairs. (FILED BY REP. WOODSON HB #3709 /SEN. JONES)

### **AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM - \$350,000**

The City is requesting funding to provide critically needed afterschool educational programming for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. The program's primary objective is to benefit low to moderate income persons and allows for families, categorized as Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE), who depend on affordable and/or subsidized childcare the ability to work. The program provides a structured after school program to deter youth from activities associated with child abuse/neglect; year-round education and cultural enrichment services; counseling and mental health support services to minimize behavioral problems and juvenile delinquency; and informative workshops and meetings for parents as a means of improving their ability to manage their children and households. The program operates year-round from 1:30 to 6:00 pm daily at an annual cost of \$707,000. The City is requesting \$350,000 in state financial support to serve approximately 175 very low to moderate income youth/students. (FILED BY REP. GELLER HB 3195 /SEN. JONES)

### **ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY- EXPANDED REUSE WATER PHASE II CONSTRUCTION- \$500,000**

The City is requesting funding in order to construct Phase II of our expanded water reuse infrastructure. This project will involve the installation of a reuse water line through Three Islands Boulevard from Joseph Scavo Park to East Hallandale Beach Boulevard. This water line will be designed to have the capacity to irrigate medians on East Hallandale Beach Boulevard. The city understands that alternative water supplies are critical for conserving existing potable water supplies and meet future demand. This project will require approximately \$500,000 in funding to fulfill construction. (FILED BY REP. GELLER HB 3063 /SEN. FARMER)

### **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY/STUDENT SAFETY MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - \$450,000**

The City is requesting funding for streetlights, pedestrian crosswalk improvements and enhanced automated license plate reader (LPR) technologies to enhance public safety in areas near local schools. The project will initially focus on improving pedestrian mobility near school pathways and will expand throughout the community for purposes of connecting community neighborhoods. The City is currently planning a major overhaul of its infrastructure which include adding new sidewalks, bikeways, lighting, and drainage structures such as bioswales. The proposed project will compliment and serve pedestrian mobility paths for the community, especially those areas which have higher rates of an elderly population, and those distressed urban areas, which have higher rates of poverty. Additionally, the LPR technology will increase safety by alerting the local Police Department when

vehicles of interest are near school areas. The initial phase of the project will require approximately \$450,000. (FILED BY REP. GELLER HB 3065/SEN. FARMER)

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING AND CHARGING FACILITY - \$785,000**

The City is requesting funding for the development of an Electric Vehicle Parking and Charging Facility. This facility will support the City's all-electric bus fleet, slated to be in circulation in fiscal year 2022-2023. Funding will facilitate site improvements which will include 12 electric bus parking spaces, installation of charging stations, electrical grid works for energy provision, bus cleaning and sanitizing area, and a new ADA compliant bus system central passenger transfer bus stop at City Hall, next to the parking facility, where all transit routes will converge. This project is critical to the successful implementation of an all-electric bus fleet that will connect residents to employment centers and other key trip generators such as shopping centers and the hospital, in a more cost effective and environmentally friendly manner. The electric bus fleet will reduce fuel and maintenance costs, and together with the Parking and Charging Facility, will assist the City in achieving its objective to reduce green-house-gas emissions 45% by 2030 and 100% by 2055.