



2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FLORIDA KEYS STEWARDSHIP ACT FUNDING

- ✓ Support **\$20M appropriation** for the Florida Keys Stewardship Act to construct water quality projects to improve/protect the quality of the Florida Keys' nearshore waters and the marine environment of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and **\$5M appropriation** within Florida Forever for land acquisition the Florida Keys.
- ✓ Support funding for Florida Keys Stewardship Act from the **State's Land Acquisition Trust Fund**.

MARINE PROTECTION FUNDING

- ✓ Support **\$1.6M appropriation for new moorings to reduce and prevent derelict vessels** to comply with SB 1432 (2022) that requires Monroe to install 100 new moorings, and continued **state support for DV removal** costs.

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER FUNDING

- ✓ Support **\$6M appropriation for Monroe's Emergency Operation Center** to assist with funding shortfall resulting from unanticipated cost escalations driven by current market conditions. Project began October 2022 with expected completion February 2024.

PENNY SALES TAX FOR ROAD ELEVATION AND TRANSPORTATION

- ✓ Support **authorization for Monroe, a non-charter county, to levy a Charter County and Regional Transportation System penny surtax** (subject to local voter approval) to help fund the County's transportation-related infrastructure.

LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING PREEMPTION

- ✓ Support **amendment of HB 735** (2021) to reinstate local government licensing programs for local contractors.

BALANCING ROGO PROTECTION AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

- ✓ Monitor legislation that **would allow the local governments of the Florida Keys to accept 1,300 early evacuation allocations previously awarded by the State**.
- ✓ Support legislation that ensures that affordable housing statutes do not override Monroe's Rate of Growth Ordinance.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING / SHIP FUNDS

- ✓ Support legislation that gives flexibility to the SHIP program income set asides to ensure we can use our full allocation.

RESILIENCE/ FLOODING MITIGATION FUNDING

- ✓ Support funding for **Monroe's infrastructure resilience projects submitted to DEP's Resilient Florida** grant program for road elevation and funding for residential resilience projects submitted to DEM's HMGP/FMA grant program for elevation/buyout/demo-rebuild.

PROTECT AFFORDABLE CITIZENS WIND INSURANCE

- ✓ Support legislative efforts to protect affordable wind insurance; exempt Monroe County from the new 11%-15% glide path for annual rate cap increases, to **keep Monroe's rate cap increase to 10%**, recognizing that Monroe County pays the highest Citizens rates in the State despite having the strongest building codes.

VACATION RENTAL REGULATION PREEMPTION

- ✓ Support legislation to **exempt ACSC from preemptive vacation rental regulations** or legislation that would allow local governments to amend and update grandfathered regulations without losing grandfathered status.

AGRITOURISM PREEMPTION

- ✓ Support legislation to exempt ACSC or clarify that use/structures on agricultural land is not exempt from federal/state environmental regulations, which the County is required to enforce.