



## 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### SUPPORT 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 Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and **\$5M appropriation** within Florida Forever for land acquisition the Florida Keys.
- ✓ Support legislation to fund Florida Keys Stewardship Act from the State's Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

### OPPOSE JUDICIAL CONSOLIDATION

- ✓ Oppose legislation that consolidates the State's judicial circuits, specifically the 16<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> circuits.

### SUPPORT LOWER INSURANCE COSTS

- ✓ Support legislation to maintain **Citizens' annual rate cap at 10%**, raise the Citizens' value cap of primary homes to \$1.5M, require only properties at flood risk to carry flood insurance, and allow that wind and flood policies not "be identical" as they relate to contents coverage.

### SUPPORT USE OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX FOR TOURISM WORKFORCE HOUSING

- ✓ Support legislation to expand the eligible uses for Tourist Development Tax-generated funds to include affordable/workforce housing for tourism sector workers.

### SUPPORT MONROE COUNTY'S AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE HOUSING LOCAL EFFORTS

- ✓ Support legislation to enable Land Authority to perform **compliance with income qualification** only at time of purchase for home ownership projects using LA funds, to protect its funding for future qualified buyers via recordable, perpetual **deed restrictions**, and to clarify that its funding will not be subordinate to the primary lender (but will be subordinate to other governmental program funding if those programs require it.)
- ✓ Support legislation that gives **temporary flexibility to Monroe County's SHIP program** regarding its income distribution requirements to ensure we can use the County's full allocation to assist qualified families.
- ✓ Support legislation to enable local governments to provide **ad valorem property tax relief** to owners of privately owned rental properties that voluntarily comply with affordability criteria.

### SUPPORT MARINE PROTECTIONS AND APPROPRIATION

- ✓ Support legislative appropriation to **support costs for development of mooring field** shoreside facilities.
- ✓ Support changes to the State's **Derelict Vessel Grant Program** to improve removal timeframes.
- ✓ Support statutory language to define and classify "**migrant vessel**" to allow for their immediate removal.
- ✓ Support continued DEP funding and management of the **County pump out program**.

### SUPPORT LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

- ✓ Support legislation enabling the **continuation of local licensing programs** for small, specialty tradespeople and contractors by repealing preemption, and **clarifying Monroe's exemption** (carve out) language.

### RESILIENCE/ FLOODING MITIGATION FUNDING

- ✓ Support **Monroe's resilience projects submitted to DEP's Resilient Florida grant program and DEM's HMGP/FMA programs** for elevation/buyout/demo-rebuild, and **reduction of the 50% match requirement** for RF grant program.

### ASCS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/ROGO PROTECTION

- ✓ Support legislation that ensures that State affordable housing, land use or development-related incentives or preemptions do not supersede Monroe's ASCS comprehensive plan and Rate of Growth Ordinance regulations.

### OPPOSE VACATION RENTAL REGULATION PREEMPTION

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