

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE FLORIDA KEYS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN



2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FLORIDA KEYS STEWARDSHIP ACT

Pursuant to the Florida Keys Stewardship Act:

- ✓ Support **\$20M appropriation** to construct water quality projects in the Florida Keys.
(*Local Commitment: \$7M in local funding expended, and commitment of \$20M in County RESTORE funding.)
- ✓ Support **\$5M appropriation** within Florida Forever for land acquisition within the Florida Keys that will both retire development rights AND conserve environmentally sensitive land.
(*Local Commitment: \$12M in local funding committed.)

STATE-COUNTY PARTNERSHIP ON TAKINGS JUDGMENTS

- ✓ Support legislation that codifies a shared **50%-50% apportionment of State-County responsibility for takings judgments** (a consequence of state-designated Area of Critical State Concern, growth limitations, and hurricane evacuation requirements) and protects property rights by providing a **more expedient and certain process for recovering the compensation** due to property owners whose property a Court has determined has been taken as a result of State-imposed growth limits.

CITIZENS WIND INSURANCE

- ✓ Support legislation to **reduce Monroe's annual wind insurance 10% rate increase glide path**, recognizing that Monroe County pays the highest Citizens premium rate in the State despite having the strongest building code in the State.

VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS

- ✓ Support legislation (including local bill) that provides a **permanent "carve out" for Monroe County from preemptive vacation rental regulations** to enable the County to amend/update its vacation rental regulations in order to preserve its supply of workforce housing; or legislation that would allow local governments with grandfathered ordinances to amend and update their regulations without losing their grandfathered status.

VESSELS

- ✓ Support legislative efforts to reduce the number derelict vessels and ensure sufficient funding to remove and dispose of derelict vessels.
- ✓ Support **\$750,000 appropriation** to support the County's vessel pump out program to protect the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary waters.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ISSUES

- ✓ Support **\$500,000 appropriation** for security and facility upgrades to Monroe County's Baker Act Receiving Facility.
- ✓ Support **\$3M appropriation** for the construction of the Sugarloaf section of the Overseas Heritage Trail.
- ✓ Support State funding and legislation to encourage **resiliency planning and hardening**, to protect Florida's coral reef tract, and to support **Everglades Restoration**.
- ✓ Support efforts to support the development of **affordable housing** including funding avenues like tax credits awards for Florida Keys, SAIL funding, full appropriation of Sadowski Trust Fund.