

## 2020 Legislative Priorities

- 1. Government - Election Law**
  - a. Support automatic voter registration (opt-out system), same-day registration, and improved online voter registration.
  - b. Extend deadlines for signature cures, recounts, postmark delays or natural disasters, support a standardized ballot design and state funding for hardware and software to improve the recount process.
  - c. Support home rule for counties and municipalities and oppose any preemptive legislation to counter home rule.
- 2. Education**
  - a. Support adequate funding for school facilities and operations for the 2020-21 school years to meet the needs of Florida's schools. Support curriculum developed by educational experts and is science-based.
  - b. Support a statewide assessment and accountability system that provides the same data at appropriate intervals to measure student progress for all schools that receive public funds, directly or indirectly.
  - c. Support higher standards for early childhood education, for both staff and programs.
- 3. Gun Safety**
  - a. Support comprehensive universal background checks.
  - b. Support a ban on semi-automatic assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.
  - c. Oppose legislation that would expand the right to carry a concealed weapon, carry a weapon on a school or college campus, or have open carry in the state of Florida.
- 4. Natural Resources**
  - a. Protect our drinking water from pollution and our waters from red tide and blue/green algae.
  - b. Support full funding of the Florida Forever land acquisition program and proper implementation of the Water and Legacy Conservation Amendment adopted in 2014, with special emphasis on Everglades restoration.
  - c. Support legislation that would promote the use of solar and wind power and electric cars.
- 5. Health Care**
  - a. Support expansion of health care access and affordable coverage for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured under an expansion of Medicaid.
  - b. Oppose barriers to abortion access including gestational limits, state-mandated counseling or extended waiting periods.
  - c. Oppose any state funding of anti-abortion women's health centers (known as crisis pregnancy centers).
- 6. Economic Equality and Affordable Housing**
  - a. Mandate the use of all funds from the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund to be used solely for affordable housing.
  - b. Subsidize funding for childcare for low-income working households.
  - c. Support state funding for mass transportation programs for under-served, low-income neighborhoods.
- 7. Juvenile Justice**
  - a. Focus on due process, pretrial housing, and raising the 14-15-year-old baseline for direct file to adult prison.
  - b. House children who are prosecuted as adults in juvenile facilities until their trials.