



## LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUESTS

# Protect Local Voices and Local Choices.

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### TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE (WIRELESS DEPLOYMENT)

The Ask: **Oppose CS/SB 1000 (Hutson) and CS/HB 693 (Fischer)**. CS/SB 1000 is up on March 26 at 4:00 p.m. in Senate Community Affairs. This is NOT a glitch bill. The bills repeal important, agreed to provisions of the 2017 law, and further strip cities of the ability to regulate the placement of communications equipment on city property and in public rights-of-way. Don't undermine progress!

### PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS (BERT HARRIS ACT EXPANSION)

The Ask: **Oppose SB 1720 (Lee) and HB 1383 (Grant)**. The bills create a universal application of a variance granted from a Bert Harris claim to all "similarly situated" properties. A variance is designed to be an exception, not the rule. Changing the intent of the Bert Harris Act is shortsighted and dangerous. Prioritize community needs.

### COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

The Ask: **Oppose CS/HB 9 (LaMarca) and Watch SB 1054 (Lee)**. SB 1054 is up on Tuesday, March 26, at 4:00 p.m. in Senate Community Affairs. *Sen. Lee has filed Amendment 895662, which the League supports.* CRAs are uniquely local and critical to Florida's economy, safety and quality of life. CS/HB 9 undoes years of progress in helping blighted areas grow and thrive without raising taxes. Preserve this vital tool!

### SHORT-TERM RENTALS

The Ask: **Oppose SB 824 (Diaz) and HB 987 (Grant)**. SB 824 is up on Tuesday, March 26 at 1:30 p.m. in Senate Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee. HB 987 is also up on Tuesday, March 26, at 12:00 p.m. in the House Business and Professions Subcommittee. Both bills preempt cities from regulating vacation rentals and remove the grandfather clause. This is a local zoning issue and should be left to local governments! In fact, nearly 75% of voters want local elected officials in charge. *Our thanks to Sen. Simmons, Sen. Mayfield and Rep. La Marca for their work supporting local control of short-term rentals.*

### MICROMOBILITY DEVICES (E-SCOOTERS)

The Ask: **Oppose SB 542 (Brandes) and HB 453 (Toledo)**. SB 542 is up on Tuesday, March 26, at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee. The bills mandate local governments regulate micromobility devices (e-scooters) in the same manner as human-powered bicycles. The bills preempt any other regulation to the state and do not give cities the flexibility they need to respond to changing circumstances. Keep regulations local!

### ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS

The Ask: **Oppose CS/SB 1140 (Hutson) and CS/HB 829 (Sabatini)**. The bills mandate the award of attorney fees against a local government if a local ordinance is determined by a court to be preempted by state law. Language is included in CS/SB 1140 that narrows the scope to express preemptions. The League is also seeking language giving judges discretion to award attorney fees to the prevailing party.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Ask: **Don't sweep the funds!** All funds from the Sadowski State and Local Trust Fund should be used ONLY for Florida's affordable housing programs.

### WATER FUNDING

The Ask: **Thank you to House and Senate leaders for meeting Gov. DeSantis' call for robust environmental funding!**  
Senate Proposal: \$100M springs restoration, \$40M alternative water supply grants, \$129M water quality improvements (including \$25M septic-to-sewer conversions), \$10.8M water quality monitoring and blue-green algae task force, \$6.6M red tide research, \$29.6M local water projects, \$45M Florida Forever and \$44M beach restoration. House Proposal: \$50M wastewater and stormwater grants, \$40M alternative water supply grants, \$10.8M water quality monitoring and blue-green algae task force, \$4.2M red tide research, \$26M local water projects, \$20M Florida Forever and \$50M beach restoration.

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