



2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FLORIDA KEYS STEWARDSHIP ACT

Pursuant to the Florida Keys Stewardship Act:

- ✓ Support **\$20M appropriation** 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.
- ✓ Support **recurring funding** for Florida Keys Stewardship Act by including it in the State's Land Acquisition Trust Fund.
- ✓ 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 EXTRA PENNY SALES TAX

- ✓ Support a legislative change giving Monroe County the ability to assess **an additional penny sales tax** (subject to a local referendum.) The tax revenue generated with this penny tax will enable the implementation of a road elevation program to respond to the severe and consistent flooding of County roads from sea level rise, King Tides, and storm inundation.

CITIZENS WIND INSURANCE

- ✓ Support legislation to **preserve 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 improve boating safety and regulations including the **reduction and prevention of derelict vessels**, addressing long-term anchoring of vessels, and ensuring sufficient funding to remove and dispose of derelict vessels.
- ✓ Support **Mobile Vessel Pumpout Program Appropriation of \$750,000** to support the County's vessel pump out program to protect water quality of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

- ✓ Support State efforts to **fund climate change resiliency funding for infrastructure**, to **protect Florida's coral reef tract**, and to **support Everglades Restoration**.
- ✓ Support efforts to **promote the development of affordable housing** including full appropriation of Sadowski Trust Fund.