



Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Members – Ed Montanari, Lisa Wheeler Bowman, Charlie Gerdes, Jim Kennedy
Alternate – Amy Foster

March 23, 2017
AGENDA

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approval of minutes from 1/19/17**
- **Chair Ed Montanari – Opening Remarks**
- **City 2017 Legislative Priorities**
 - **Appropriations Priorities**
 - **Policy Priorities**
 - **City of St. Petersburg Important Issues – Updated 3/21/17**
- **Capital Alliance Group – March 17, 2017 Report**
- **Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs)**
- **FLC Monday Call in Summary for March 13, 2017 and March 20, 2017**
- **Pinellas Legislative outreach**
- **Other Business**
- **Next Meeting – May 25, 2017 @ 2:30 p.m. Room 100**
- **Adjourn**

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (LAIR)

Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Committee Chair Montanari, Committee Vice-Chair Wheeler-Bowman, Committee Members Gerdes, Kennedy, Jr. and Foster (alternate)

Also Present: Councilmember Nurse, Assistant City Attorney Jane Wallace, City Administrator Dr. Gary Cornwell, Public Works Administrator Claude Tankersley, Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Director Sally Everett and Office Systems Specialist Paul Traci

Absent: None.

Committee Chair Montanari called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and then undertook a roll call to establish the presence of a quorum. The meeting commenced with the following members present: Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Charles Gerdes, James R. Kennedy, Jr. and Amy Foster. Committee member Kennedy, Jr. moved for approval of the agenda. All were in favor of the motion.

In connection with the Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, Committee member Kennedy, Jr. moved with the second of Committee member Gerdes to nominate Committee member Montanari as Committee Chair. All were in favor of the motion. Committee member Gerdes moved with the second of Committee member Kennedy, Jr. to nominate Committee member Lisa Wheeler-Bowman as Committee Vice-Chair. All were in favor of the motion.

Committee member Gerdes moved for approval of the October 20, 2016 minutes as amended. All were in favor of the motion.

Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Director Sally Everett introduced Taylor Biehl and Jeff Sharkey who represent the Capital Alliance Group. The representatives stated that they have been in business for 25 years, and have a good relationship with the Pinellas County Delegation. Their company handles wastewater and sewer issues, and stormwater and sewer funding.

Committee member Gerdes asked if the City was hurting itself by having lobbyists. The representatives commented that having lobbyists would not adversely affect the City, and the City would not be penalized. Chair Montanari inquired about the Capital Alliance Group's headquarters and their relationship with the State of Florida. The representatives stated that the company's

headquarters are in Tallahassee, and that they have a good working relationship with Governor Scott.

In connection with the 2017 Legislative Priorities portion of the agenda, Ms. Everett highlighted the appropriations priorities. This area was highlighted because at least two of the priorities have not been discussed. One of these priorities is an Inflow Abatement Pilot Project that Representative Peters filed on behalf of the City. This project, now labeled as House Bill 2005, is one of the first bills to come out of Speaker Corcoran's new budget procedure.

Committee member Kennedy, Jr. inquired about what the abatement process was going to accomplish. Public Works Administrator Claude Tankersley replied that this project was focused on areas that could allow significant areas of inflow. The project also focuses specifically on the inflow portion on public and private property and manholes.

The next appropriation priority discussed was the 3rd and 4th Streets 2-way Conversion Study. This matter has been talked about with Senator Brandes. Senator Brandes is interested on filing this priority on the City's behalf. Committee chair Montanari has met with Senator Brandes regarding this study. Senator Brandes would like the City to match the State's contribution.

The Treasure Island Causeway, an appropriation priority, was examined by the Committee. \$1.5 million has been requested by Treasure Island. Ms. Everett said she thinks since this priority is so entangled with the City of St. Petersburg that it should be placed on the priority list.

Committee member Foster thanked Ms. Everett for the informative session, and shared with the Committee important issues to follow. These issues included: a Hyperscribe database, open carry and the Ship & Sail Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The next LAIR meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Montanari adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.



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STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2017

APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES

- **Inflow Abatement Pilot Project** \$ 3 million
Filed by Rep. Kathleen Peters
- **3rd and 4th Streets 2-way Conversion Study** \$ 200,000
Filed by Sen. Jeff Brandes
- **Treasure Island Causeway Improvements** \$ 1.5 million
Filed by Sen. Jeff Brandes

POLICY PRIORITIES

- **Defeat Legislation Restricting or Prohibiting Use of Public Property for Professional Sports Franchise Facilities (SB122/HB79 Filed by Sen. Steube & Rep. Avila)**
- **Restore Economic Development Incentive Funding**
- **Maintain Vinoy Basin Mooring Field**
- **Support Large City Carve-out for Transportation Surtax Referenda**
- **Support Dedicated Funding Source for Homelessness Programs**

**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
IMPORTANT ISSUES
2017**

Updated 3/21/17

Bills	Issue/Title	Last Action	To Do	Preferred Outcome	Final Action
HB 13 Raburn SB 1770 Lee	CRA's	<u>Local Affairs 3/8, 9-6</u> Comm Aff 3/22		Oppose	
HB 17 Fine	Local Regulation Preemption	2/22 Careers & Comp. 9-6		Oppose	
SB 80 Steube SB 246 Garcia HB 163 Burgess	Public Records	Comm. Affairs 3/6, 6-1 Judiciary 3/14 Oversight, 3/8 13-0		Support	
HB 77 Avila SB 122 Steube	Sports Franchise Facilities	2/21 Govt Accountability; fav.14-5 3/15 Apprs. 21-8 2 nd reading		Oppose	
HB 139 Ingoglia, Avila SB 278 Steube	Local Tax Referenda – general election ballot	1/25 – Local, Fed & VA <u>Comm. 15-0; in W & M</u> Comm. Affairs Ethics & Elect 3/22		Oppose/Amend	
SB 158 Latvala HB 143 Fitzenhagen	Firefighters Cancer Presumption	1/24 – Govt Oversight 7- 0 Oversight 3/13 workshp		Oppose ??	
SB 196 Flores	Juvenile Civil Citations	1/23 – Criminal Justice 5- 2; 3/8 Approp Crim & Civil Justice 5-0	Amended to specific misdemeanors	Support with Amendments	
HB 205 Ahern HB 213 Brown	Juvenile Civil Citations	3/8 Crim Just. 15-0 amended	Amended to expungement only	Support/Monitor	
SB 278 Steube HB 139 Ingoglia	Local Tax Referenda	3/22 Ethics & Elections		Oppose/Monitor	
SB 330 Steube HB 487 Renner	Local Business Taxes	Comm. Aff 3/22 Local, Fed, Vet 3/21		Oppose	

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2017

Updated 3/21/17

Bills	Issue/Title	Last Action	To Do	Preferred Outcome	Final Action
SB 534 Perry HB 599 Williamson	Public Works Projects	<u>Comm. Affairs 3/6</u> Oversight, 3/8 Favorable 13-0		Oppose/Monitor	Amended to 50% state funds
SB 596 Hutson HB 687 LaRosa	Utilities – small wireless facilities	<u>3/7 S. Utilities 7-1</u> <u>3/15 Energy & Utilit 12-2</u>		Oppose/Monitor	Industry & local govts negotiating
SB 832 Young HB 1027 Yarborough	Drones	3/21 Criminal Justice		Oppose/Amend	
HB 7063	Local Govt Fiscal Responsibility	Transp & Infrast. 3/21		Oppose	
SB 1243 - Latvala HB 1672 - Raulerson	TBARTA	Transp 3/22 Transp & Infrast 3/21		Monitor; Amend	

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Not Moving					
SB 112 - Brandes	Flood Hazard Mitigation				Support
HB 613 - Ahern					
SB 6003 - Richardson	Vacation Rentals				Monitor/Support
SB 666 Clemens	Prohibited Discrimination				Support
HB 623 Diamond					
SB 236 Lee	Sports Development Incentives	3/13 – Commerce & Tourism			Monitor

Monitor Only					
SB 532 Galvano	Public Notification of Pollution	Env. Preserv, 3/7, 5-0			Monitor
HB 7023	Local Government Ethics Reform	Approvs Environ 3/21 3/8 Approvs, 27-0			Monitor
SB 188 Steube	Vacation Rentals				Monitor
HB 425 - LaRosa		Ag & Prop Rights 3/14			
SB 340 Brandes	Transportation Network Companies	<u>Banking & Ins. 7-2</u> Trans & Infrast Sub 14-1			Monitor
HB 221 Sprowls		2/22 Govt Account. Fav. 21-1			

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Appropriations Projects							
HB 2005 Peters	St. Petersburg Inflow Abatement	\$3 million					
HB 2009 Peters	JH All Children's Chronic Pain	\$ 550,000					
HB 2017 Peters	Treasure Island Causeway Improvements	\$1.5 million					
HB 2041 Peters	USF College of Marine Science	\$ 2 million					
HB 2345 Latvala	USF SP STEM Initiatives	\$ 2.5 million					
HB 2347 Latvala	USFSP Student Success Center	\$ 460,000					
HB 2351 Peters	Bill Edwards Foundation – Performing Arts	\$ 650,000					
HB 2353 Peters	St. Petersburg Warehouse Arts Dist.	\$ 500,000					
HB 2631 Peters	FL Holocaust Museum	\$750,000			3/8 Transp. & Tourism 13-0		
HB 2965 Latvala	TB Center for Innov - Incubator	\$ 6 million					
HB 3209 Latvala	Pinellas County Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey	\$ 5.5 million					
HB 4395 Diamond	3 rd & 4 th St. 2-way Study	\$ 200,000			3/21 Transp. Approp		
HB 3959	Happy Workers	\$ 350,000			3/13 PreK-12 Approps 8-6		

**City of St. Petersburg
Capitol Report
March 17, 2017**



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I. CAPITOL NEWS

- The second week of session moved with a great deal of momentum in the House after the chamber voted up on two separate bills last Friday to eliminate Enterprise Florida and overhaul Visit Florida's contract reporting requirements. Governor Scott has since begun airing a statewide television spot taking aim at the Florida House for the passage of their "job killing" legislation.

The **Capitol Alliance Group** team remains committed to St. Petersburg's agenda and issues. The CAG continues to meet with members of the House and Senate to further discuss issues and bills of importance to the City at large.

- **2017 Legislative Schedule**

March 7, 2017 Regular Session convenes

May 5, 2017 60th day -- last day of Regular Session

II. NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

- **House Looks At Budget Cuts**

Though the Legislature is not expected to face a shortfall in the 2017-2018 budget, the following year they could be **\$1.3 billion** short of how much they will need to cover expected spending, with a **\$1.9 billion** hole projected the year after that. The House budget-writing committee met Wednesday to hear recommendations for potential cuts across state government.

One potential hang-up with the Senate could come if the House follows through on ideas that would scale back spending on universities. A plan outlined by **Higher Education Appropriations Chairman Larry Ahern, R-Seminole**, would reduce increases by more than half of the level projected by state economists --- under a slower-moving scenario.

Under the faster-moving scenario, universities would be hit with a cut of **\$80 million**, though Ahern played down the significance of the reduction.

The House is also considering asking universities to use some of their reserves to cover a one-time hit of **\$38 million** in both scenarios. However, when lawmakers tried a similar move to save **\$300 million** five years ago, many universities covered at least part of the reduction with cuts to programs.

Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, has made boosting the reputations of the state's universities one of his top priorities, though he now speaks more about increasing financial aid for students than a large boost in university spending.

➤ **Worker's Comp Bill Passes First House Stop**

After a fierce debate about attorney fees, a House panel moved forward with a proposal that would make key changes in the workers' compensation insurance system.

Legislators are grappling with the issue after regulators last year approved a **14.5 percent** insurance rate increase that started hitting businesses in December. That increase stemmed primarily from the Florida Supreme Court striking down two parts of the workers' compensation system, including strict limits on fees paid to attorneys for injured workers.

This week, the House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee approved a 34-page bill that deals with a series of issues, such as the duration of benefits for some injured workers and the amounts of money hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers get paid to provide outpatient care to workers.

Most of the debate focused on attorney fees, which business groups blame for driving up costs in the workers' compensation system. The bill (**PCB IBS 17-01**) would allow judges of compensation claims to approve fees up to \$250 an hour for workers' attorneys.

➤ **Senate Moves Forward With State College Changes**

A bill that would create a new board to oversee the state college system, place limits on students enrolled in baccalaureate-degree programs and revamp the approval process for four-year degrees at state colleges advanced Wednesday in the Senate.

The Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee unanimously approved the bill (**SB 374**), sponsored by **Sen. Dorothy Hukill, R-Port Orange**, after changing some provisions that have drawn opposition from the state college advocates.

The bill would impose a cap on the baccalaureate degree programs. That has been one of the most controversial issues for state college leaders, who argue the four-year degree programs remain a minor part of their mission and that they are serving more "non-traditional" students, including many part-time students, older students and minority students.

As part of ongoing negotiations about the bill, the Senate panel eased off on the cap somewhat, raising the trigger to limit four-year enrollments when baccalaureate

students represent 10 percent of the overall school enrollment, up from an original 8 percent.

The bill also would rename the college system as the Florida Community College system and create a 13-member State Board of Community Colleges to oversee the 28 schools, similar to the Board of Governors, which oversees the 12 state universities. The state college system previously had a separate oversight board, but it was abolished in 2003 and the colleges were moved under the state Board of Education, which also oversees the K-12 system.

➤ **Ridesharing Bill Moves In Senate**

After the issue stalled the past two years in the Senate, a proposal that would create statewide regulations for ridesharing companies got a boost Tuesday from a Senate committee.

Ridesharing companies such as Uber and Lyft are lobbying heavily for the proposal (**SB 340**), which would override local regulations on the fast-growing industry. But with cities and counties long regulating taxi operators, groups such as the Florida League of Cities oppose the move to impose statewide rules for app-based ridesharing companies.

The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee approved the bill, which includes insurance and background-check requirements for ridesharing drivers. In arguing for statewide regulations, bill sponsor **Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg**, pointed, for example, to the possibility that 24 cities in Pinellas County could have different rules.

➤ **Stadium Funding Repeal Hung Up In Senate**

The Commerce and Tourism Committee on Monday took a procedural step that tabled the proposal (**SB 236**), as sponsor Tom Lee, R-Thonotosassa, remained in his fourth-floor Senate office when the bill's number was called.

The proposal seeks to discard an unused pool of state sales tax dollars that could be used to build and upgrade professional sports stadiums.

➤ **Gwen Graham Moves To Run For Governor**

Former **Congresswoman Gwen Graham** appears to be laying the framework for a 2018 gubernatorial bid.

Graham moved \$250,000 from her congressional account, Graham for Congress, to Our Florida, a state political committee created on Feb. 2. State records show the money was given to Our Florida on Feb. 3.

➤ **Mooring Field Legislation Still At Hold**

SB 1338 by **Senator Book, D-Hollywood** and **HB 7043** by the **House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee and Representative Raschein, R-Key Largo**, still remain at a standstill. The **CAG** team continues to work the issue to ensure the city of St. Petersburg can maintain its local ordinances.

➤ **Small Cell Wireless Technology Legislation**

SB 596 by **Senator Travis Hutson, R-Palm Coast** and **HB 687** by **Representative Mike La Rosa, R-St. Cloud**, would create the “Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Act” and prohibit the Florida Department of Transportation and local governmental entities from prohibiting, regulating or charging for collocation of small wireless facilities in public rights-of-way.

Both bills have passed their first round in the Senate Committee on Communications, Energy and Public Utilities and the House Subcommittee on Energy & Utilities.

The **CAG** team remains committed to fighting this bill. This is Verizon, Sprint and AT&T’s number one priority this session.

➤ **Community Redevelopment Agencies Legislation**

SB 1770 by **Senator Tom Lee, R- Brandon** and **HB 13** by **Jake Raburn, R-Valrico** are in a holding pattern. Though, Rep. Raburn’s bill narrowly moved out of its first committee of reference during the first week of session, Senator Lee’s companion bill has yet to move and has been referenced to four committees. The bill would not allow for any new redevelopment projects. The **CAG** team continues to oppose the bill.

➤ **Vacation Rentals Legislation Moving**

HB 425 by **Representative Mike LaRosa, R-St. Cloud** and **SB 188** by **Senator Greg Steube, R-Sarasota** are getting a little traction.

The bills return the preemption authority back to what was enacted during the 2011 Legislative Session. Specifically, the bill prevents local governments from enacting any new law, ordinance, or regulation that prohibits, restricts the use of, or regulates vacation rentals based on classification, use, or occupancy.

The bills keep the grandfather provision relating to local regulations enacted prior to June 1, 2011. Any local regulation adopted after June 1, 2011, including those adopted pursuant to the standards under the 2014 law, will be preempted, and will be void and unenforceable.

Senator Steube’s bill is up in its referenced committee next week.

➤ **Public Works Legislation Moving**

HB 599 by **Representative Jayer Williamson, R-Pace** and **SB 534** by **Senator Kieth Perry, R-Gainesville** seek to create **s. 255.0992, F.S.**, relating to public works projects. The bills define the terms “political subdivision” and “public works project.” It prohibits the state or a political subdivision, except when required by state or federal law, from requiring a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier engaged in a public works project to:

- ✓ Pay employees a predetermined amount of wages or prescribe any wage rate;
- ✓ Provide employees a specified type, amount, or rate of employee benefits;
- ✓ Control, limit, or expand staffing; or
- ✓ Recruit, train, or hire employees from a designated, restricted, or single source.

In addition, the bill provides that the state or a political subdivision that contracts for a public works project may not prohibit a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier from submitting a bid on the project or being awarded the relevant contract if such individual is otherwise qualified to do the work described. This provision does not apply to vendors that have been convicted of a public entity crime or have been found to have committed discrimination.

This week, **Representative Williamson’s** bill passed out of its second of three steps. The Senate companion remains in its second of three steps.

➤ **Local Regulation Preemption Bill**

Representative Randy Fine, R-Melbourne, HB 17 prohibits local governments from adopting or imposing new regulations on a business, profession, or occupation unless the regulation is expressly authorized by general law. The bill is now in its second and final referenced committee waiting to be heard. There is no Senate companion.

➤ **Firefighters Cancer Legislation Moving**

SB 158 by **Senator Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater** and **HB 143** by **Representative Heather Fitzenhagen, R-Fort Myers** remain in limbo. **Representative Fitzenhagen’s** bill was workshopped this week in its first of three referenced committees. **Senator Latvala’s** companion bill passed out of its first of four referenced committees in late January but has yet to move since.

The bills seek to provide that any condition or impairment of the health of a firefighter employed fulltime by a state or local government which is caused by multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, prostate cancer, or testicular cancer and results in total or

partial disability or death is presumed to have been accidental and to have been suffered “in the line of duty” unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence.

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CRA Under Attack

HB 13 (Raburn) and **SB 1770** (Lee) would severely restrict the ability of CRAs to conduct their original purpose and create a process to terminate all CRAs in Florida.

Under the legislation, CRAs may not initiate any new projects or issue any new debt on or after October 1, 2017.

No new CRAs may be created after July 1, 2017. All existing CRAs shall terminate on the expiration date provided in the CRAs charter as of July 1, 2017, or on September 30, 2037, whichever is earlier.

Additionally, the bills would limit the use of TIF funds. They requires municipal CRA budgets to be sent to the county commission prior to the CRA Board adopting a budget.

Currently, the South St. Petersburg CRA is oriented toward encouraging small businesses to locate and/or remain in the CRA, which comprises St. Petersburg's most challenged neighborhoods. One-third of the area's residents are below poverty and nearly 50% under 18 are below that threshold. Household income is approximately 60% of city-wide median income.

The CRA was established about two years ago and is just beginning to hit its stride. The philosophical approach is to incentivize small businesses to invest in the area and to employ local residents.

Funds are being used in two ways:

- Small grants to businesses and non-profits that struggle to find capital
- Workforce development program that links hard-to-hire individuals with willing employers

The small grants program provides some capital access for small business in an area that has seen a drop in loan amount of 75% since 2007.

Grant amounts are no more than \$20,000. This past year, the first year, just over 30 grants were awarded totaling about \$410,000

The workforce development program, is budgeted for \$ 600,000 for the upcoming year. Up to 100-150 individuals will be helped by the program.

Local legislators need to hear of your support for the CRA programs.

From: **Sally Everett** Sally.Everett@stpete.org 
Subject: Fwd: FLC Legislative Alert - CRA bill up Wednesday - Oppose SB 1770
Date: March 20, 2017 at 8:49 PM
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Cc: Nikki Capehart Nikki.Capehart@stpete.org, Rick Smith Rick.Smith@stpete.org



I was wrong about CRA bill not being heard this week. It's up in Senate Community Affairs on Wednesday. Jeff Brandes is on the Committee, and it would be great if you could touch base with him before the meeting.

I have a fact sheet and will send it to you separately.

Working on the important issues chart but may not finish it tonight...

Sally

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Edenfield <medenfield@flcities.com>
Date: March 20, 2017 at 6:00:38 PM EDT
To: Mary Edenfield <medenfield@flcities.com>
Subject: FLC Legislative Alert - CRA bill up Wednesday - Oppose SB 1770



March 20, 2017

Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) – Oppose SB 1770
SB 1770 (Lee) will be considered by the **Senate Community Affairs Committee** on Wednesday, March 22, 1:30 p.m.

SB 1770 (Lee) would comprehensively restrict the ability of CRAs to conduct their statutorily authorized purpose. The bill would significantly restrict CRA expenditures. Some of the proposed changes summarized below could restrict CRAs so much that they would essentially be defunct.

- 1) Disallows CRA extensions for any CRAs now and in future, as of July 1, 2017.
- 2) All CRAs in Florida are statutorily terminated by 9/30/37 or their expiration date.
- 3) Disallows the creation of new CRAs except by super majority vote.
- 4) Although CRAs with outstanding bonds as of July 1, 2017 may continue after the termination date, there is also a prohibition on extensions of bond maturity dates beyond the date of September 30, 2037.
- 5) The bill appears to require the city or county to issue a new finding of necessity specifically to support current and future CRA bond obligations.
- 6) Removes the "including but not limited to" phrase in current law for CRA expenditures...
- 7) This prohibits CRA expenditures for purposes not annually budgeted and not specifically listed in s.163.387, after July 1, 2017.
- 8) All CRAs must submit their budget and projections to their board of county commissioners.
- 9) If the annual CRA audit report is not included in the annual financial report to the Department of Financial Services, it is a failure to report under s. 218.32.

Talking Points

- Part III of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, allows a county or municipality to create a CRA to carry out the redevelopment of slum or blighted areas where certain conditions exist. Examples of conditions that support the creation of a CRA include substandard or inadequate structures, a

shortage of affordable housing, deteriorating infrastructure and a high incidence of crime.

- There are currently over 215 CRAs in Florida. They were and are established (and are 100% funded) locally to turn around declining areas. They provide a dedicated funding tool that supports new investment, community improvements, clean and safe neighborhoods, and jobs in the locally designated area.
- CRAs are funded by future revenues collected only in the redevelopment area, reinvested only in that area, and for a finite term set in the public hearing process.
- All CRA expenditures are authorized by a local redevelopment plan developed through a series of public resolutions, hearings and outreach to citizens, residents, and stakeholders.
- CRAs must file at least five annual reports with the state, plus a local annual report on CRA activities, financials and plans – all of these reports are required to be publicly available, under at least three Florida statutes.
- The activities and programs offered within the area are administered by a five- to seven-member board created by the city or county. The board can be composed of local elected government officials and or other individuals appointed by the city or the county.
- The state should be wary of attempts to restrict CRAs, particularly if the debate is over money and control and not about the merits of revitalizing blighted areas.
- CRAs have demonstrated dramatic improvements of the economic and social outcomes throughout the state of Florida. These outcomes benefit residents, property owners, and more importantly, our taxpayers.

Please contact members of the Senate Community Affairs Committee and urge them to Oppose SB 1770.

Senate Community Affairs Committee – Oppose SB 1770

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Thank you for your advocacy efforts!



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Subject: FW: FLC Monday Morning Call-In Summary: March 13, 2017

FYI ~ (Ed, there is a hard copy in your office.)

Judy

From: Mary Edenfield [mailto:medenfield@flcities.com]
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Subject: FW: FLC Monday Morning Call-In Summary: March 13, 2017

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Subject: FLC Monday Morning Call-In Summary: March 13, 2017

Good afternoon-

Thanks to all who were able to participate in this morning's Florida League of Cities Monday Morning Call-in. Below is a list of bills discussed this morning. Text highlighted in yellow indicates requested actions. Please note this list is based on the bills we know will be heard this week and should not be considered an exhaustive list of bills the League is tracking. If you have questions on these issues or others, please review our [Legislative Bulletin](#) or contact us at 850-222-9684.

If you missed today's Monday Morning Call-In or to listen to it again, click [here](#). The .wma file will either begin playing automatically or your system will download the file for you to play at your convenience. This link will expire in seven days. If you encounter technical difficulties, please let us know.

Monday Morning Call-In Summary: March 13, 2017

Finance, Taxation & Personnel:

- [HB 143 \(Fitzenhagen\)](#) **Firefighter Cancer Presumption Bill** – **Oppose** (Kraig Conn) – There will be a workshop (no votes taken) on HB 143 today at 1:00 pm in the House Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee. The Senate companion bill, [SB 158 \(Latvala\)](#), is not on the agenda this week.
- [PCB IBS 17-01 \(Insurance and Banking\)](#) **Workers' Compensation** – **Oppose** (Kraig Conn) – The Proposed Committee Bill (PCB) will be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at 2:00 pm in the House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee.
- [SB 1170 \(Hutson\)](#) **Florida Security of Public Deposits Act** – **Support** (Amber Hughes) – SB 1170 will be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at 10 am in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.
- [SB 378 \(Flores\)](#) **Communications Services Tax** – **Support** (Amber Hughes) – SB 378 will be heard on Wednesday, March 15 at 9:30 am in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax.
- [HB 487 \(Renner\)](#) **Local Business Tax** – **Oppose** (Amber Hughes) – The next committee stop for HB 487 is the House Ways & Means Committee. The Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, March 15 at 2:30 pm; however, the meeting agenda has not been announced.

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations:

- [SB 340 \(Brandes\)](#) **Transportation Network Companies** – **Oppose** (Megan Sirjane-Samples) – SB 340 will be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at 10:00 am in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.
- [SB 460 \(Brandes\)](#) **Personal Delivery Devices/Ground Drones** – **Support** (Megan Sirjane-Samples) – SB 460 will be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at 2:00 pm in the Senate Transportation Committee.
- [SB 854 \(Brandes\)](#) **Task Force on Affordable Housing** – **Support** (Megan Sirjane-Samples) – SB 854 will be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at 10:30 am in the Senate Community Affairs Committee.
- [HB 687 \(La Rosa\)](#) **Wireless Communications Infrastructure** – **Oppose** (Megan Sirjane-Samples) – The League is watching to see if HB 687 will be scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday, March 15 in the House Energy & Utilities Subcommittee meeting at 8:00 am. If the bill is scheduled for Wednesday, watch for a legislative action alert asking you to contact members of the House Energy & Utilities Subcommittee to oppose the bill.
- Update: [SB 596 \(Hutson\)](#) **Wireless Communications Infrastructure** – **Oppose** (Megan Sirjane-Samples) – SB 596 passed the Senate Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities Committee (7-1) on March 7. The next committee stop is the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee. Thanks to all that contacted committee members to oppose the bill.

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources:

- [HB 285 \(Fine\)](#) **Septic Tank Inspection** – **Support** (Rebecca O’Hara) – HB 285 will be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:00 am in the House Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee.
- [HB 1133 \(Toledo\)](#) **Recovered Materials** – **Watch** (Rebecca O’Hara) – HB 1133 will be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at 2:00 pm in the House Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee.

Growth Management & Economic Affairs:

- [SB 936 \(Montford\)](#) **Regional Rural Development Grants** – **Support** (David Cruz) – SB 936 will be heard today, March 13, at 4:00 pm in the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee.
- [SB 600 \(Grimsley\)](#) **Rural Economic Development Incentive** – **Support** (David Cruz) – SB 600 is scheduled to be heard today, March 13, at 4:00 pm in the Commerce and Tourism Committee.
- [SB 236 \(Lee\)](#) **Sports Facility Development** – **Watch** (David Cruz) – SB 236 is scheduled to be heard on today, March 13, at 4:00 pm in the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee.
- Update: [HB 13 \(Raburn\)](#) **Community Redevelopment Agencies** – **Oppose** (David Cruz) – HB 13 passed the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Committee (9-6) on March 8. The next committee stop is the House Ways & Means Committee. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 at 2:30 pm. The meeting agenda has not been announced. If HB 13 is on the committee agenda, watch for a legislative action alert from the League asking you to reach out to members on the House Ways & Means Committee to oppose the bill.
- Update: [HB 17 \(Fine\)](#) **Local Regulation Preemption** – **Oppose** (David Cruz) – The next and final committee stop for HB 17 is the House Commerce Committee. The House Commerce Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16 at 8:00 am. The meeting agenda has not yet been released. If HB 17 is on the committee agenda, watch for a legislative alert from FLC. You will be asked to contact members of the Commerce Committee to oppose HB 17.
- Update: [SB 1158 \(Passidomo\)](#) **Local Regulation Preemption** – **Oppose** (David Cruz) – There is no indication at this time that SB 1158 will be heard soon in the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. You are encouraged to reach out to your legislators as well as Senator Bill Montford (Chair of Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee) to ask them not to place SB 1158 on the committee agenda.

Urban Administration:

- [HB 425 \(La Rosa\)](#) **Vacation Rentals** – **Oppose** (Casey Cook) – HB 425 will be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:00 am in the House Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee. The League sent out a legislative action alert requesting that you contact legislators serving on the House Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee and ask them to oppose HB 425.

- **SB 80 (Steube) Public Records – Support** (Casey Cook) –SB 80 will be heard on Tuesday, March 14 at 2:00 pm in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The League sent out a legislative alert asking members to contact Judiciary Committee members to ask for their favorable vote.
- Update: **HB 7021 (Metz) Local Government Ethics Reform – Watch** (Kraig Conn) – HB 7021 passed the House Appropriations Committee (27-0) on March 8. The next and final committee stop is the House Government Accountability Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16 at 8:00 am; however, the agenda has not yet been released.

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Good afternoon-

Thanks to all who were able to participate in this morning's Florida League of Cities Monday Morning Call-in. Below is a list of bills discussed this morning. Text highlighted in yellow indicates requested actions. Please note this list is based on the bills we know will be heard this week and should not be considered an exhaustive list of bills the League is tracking. If you have questions on these issues or others, please review our [Legislative Bulletin](#) or contact us at 850-222-9684.

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Monday Morning Call-In Summary: March 20, 2017

Finance, Taxation & Personnel:

- **HB 487 (Renner) Local Business Tax – Oppose** (Amber Hughes) – HB 487 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 12:30 pm in the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. **Action: please reach out to members on the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee to oppose the bill.**
- **SB 330 (Steube) Local Business Tax – Oppose** (Amber Hughes) – SB 330 will be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 pm in the Senate Community Affairs Committee.
- **SB 378 (Flores) Communications Services Tax – Support** (Amber Hughes) – SB 378 will be heard on Wednesday, March 15 at 9:30 am in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax.
- **SB 1774 (Lee) Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption – Oppose** (Amber Hughes) – SB 1774 is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 pm in the Senate Community Affairs Committee.
- **SB 278 (Steube) Local Tax Referenda – Watch** (Amber Hughes) – SB 278 will be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 4:00 pm in the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee.

- [HB 143 \(Fitzenhagen\)](#) **Firefighter Cancer Presumption Bill** – **Oppose** (Kraig Conn) – The house bill was workshopped last week; however, no votes were taken. The bill is not scheduled to be heard this week.

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations:

- [SB 832 \(Young\)](#) **Drones** – **Oppose** (Megan Sirjane-Samples) - SB 832 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 4:00 pm in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.
- [HB 1027 \(Yarborough\)](#) **Drones** – **Oppose** (Megan Sirjane-Samples) – HB 1027 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 8:00 am in the House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee.
- [HB 6007 \(Avila\)](#) **Traffic Infraction Detectors/Red Light Cameras** – **Oppose** (Megan Sirjane-Samples) – HB 6007 is on the House special order calendar to be considered by full House on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 pm.
- **Update on Wireless Communications Infrastructure bills:** Neither [HB 687 \(La Rosa\)](#) or [SB 596 \(Hutson\)](#) will be heard in committees this week. All sides, including the Florida League of Cities, are meeting to see if contentious parts of the bills can be worked out. The major bill concerns include:
 - 1) Preemption of land use and zoning authority; 2) nominal fee of \$15 that can be charged for attachment fees;
 - 3) make ready work; and 4) aesthetics-local governments would like a say in what the equipment looks like

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources:

- [HB 629 \(Payne\)](#) **Financial Assistance for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure** – **Support** (Rebecca O’Hara) – HB 629 will be heard today, March 20 at 12:00 pm in the House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee.
- [SB 678 \(Montford\)](#) **Financial Assistance for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure** – **Support** (Rebecca O’Hara) – SB 678 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 am in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Environment and Natural Resources.
- [HB 1213 \(Peters\)](#) **Beach Re-nourishment** – **Support** (Rebecca O’Hara) – HB 1213 will be heard today, March 20 at 12:00 pm in the House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee.
- [SB 1590 \(Latvala\)](#) **Beach Re-nourishment** - **Support** (Rebecca O’Hara) – SB 1590 will be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 4:00 pm in the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee.
- [SB 532 Galvano](#) **Public Notification of Pollution** – **Support** (Rebecca O’Hara) – SB 532 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 am in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.
- [HB 1055 Ingram](#) **Linear Facilities** – **Watch** (Rebecca O’Hara) – HB 1055 will be heard today, March 20, at 12:00 pm in the House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee.
- [SB 1048 \(Lee\)](#) **Linear Facilities** - **Watch** (Rebecca O’Hara) – SB 1048 will be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 pm in the Senate Community Affairs Committee.
- [SB 464 \(Clemens\)](#) **Natural Hazards** – **Support** (Rebecca O’Hara) – SB 464 will be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 pm in the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee.
- [SB 162 \(Rodriguez\)](#) **Disposable Plastic Bags** – **Support** (Rebecca O’Hara) – SB 162 will be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 4:00 pm in the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee.
- [SB 1338 \(Book\)](#) **Anchoring and Mooring of Vessels** – **Support** (Rebecca O’Hara) – SB 1338 will be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 4:00 pm in the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee.

Growth Management & Economic Affairs:

- [SB 1770 \(Lee\)](#) **Community Redevelopment Agencies** – **Oppose** (David Cruz) – SB 1770 will be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 pm in the Senate Community Affairs Committee. **Action: please reach out to members on the Senate Community Affairs Committee to oppose the bill.**
- [HB 735 \(Edwards\)](#) **Covenants and Restrictions** – **Watch** (David Cruz) – HB 735 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 12:30 pm in the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

Urban Administration:

- [HB 163 \(Burgess\)](#) **Public Records Reform** – **Support** (Casey Cook) - HB 163 will be heard today, March 20 at 3:30 pm in the House Civil Justice and Claims Subcommittee. The Senate companion bill, SB 80 (Steube), is ready for Senate floor action.

- [SB 188 \(Steube\)](#) **Vacation/Short-term Rentals – Oppose** (Casey Cook) - SB 188 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 2:00 pm in the Senate Regulated Industries Committee. Action: please reach out to members on the Senate Regulated Industries Committee to oppose the bill. If you are in Tallahassee for Legislative Action Days and you are available to attend this meeting, please put in an appearance card to wave in opposition on behalf of your city. The House companion bill, [HB 425 \(La Rosa\)](#), was heard last week and passed (9-6).
- [HB 807 \(Hager\)](#) **Sober Homes – Support** (Casey Cook) - HB 807 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 12:30 pm in the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
- [SB 788 \(Clemens\)](#) **Sober Homes – Support** (Casey Cook) - SB 788 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 4:00 pm in the Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee.
- [SB 406 \(Bradley\)](#) **Medical Marijuana – Watch** (Casey Cook) – SB 406 will be heard on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:00 pm in the Senate Health Policy Committee.
- [HB 7021 \(Metz\)](#) **Local Government Ethics Reform – Watch** (Kraig Conn) – The next and final committee stop is the House Government Accountability Committee which is scheduled to meet next on Wednesday, March 22. The agenda has not yet been released.
- [HB 697 \(Metz\)](#) **Federal Immigration Enforcement/Sanctuary Policies – Watch** (Kraig Conn) – HB 697 will be heard on Tuesday, March 21 at 12:30 pm in the House Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

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