

**Miami-Dade County**  
**2020 State Legislative Critical Priorities**

1. **Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan:** *SUPPORT* Florida Department of Transportation funding of existing programs and maintain funding levels. The SMART plan cost is estimated at \$3.6 billion to \$7.4 billion for six rapid transit corridors (depending on the mode chosen between those being evaluated) and inclusive of the costs of nine Bus Rapid Express Transit routes.
2. **Conversion of Septic to Sewer Systems:** *ADVOCATE* for additional funding to support the conversion of septic systems to sewer systems especially in areas vulnerable to chronic flooding and sea level rise.
3. **Home Rule and Preemption:** *SUPPORT* preservation of local home rule; *OPPOSE* any effort to preempt local authority.
4. **State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP):** *SUPPORT* increasing or maintaining the current funding level for Miami-Dade County.
5. **Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund:** *SUPPORT* allocating 100 percent of Affordable Housing Trust Fund Revenue for affordable housing, while focusing on the needs of extremely low income, homeless and special needs households.
6. **Seaweed Removal from Beaches:** Urging the Florida legislature to appropriate funds for seaweed removal on beaches located in Miami-Dade County and to study the cause of the increase in sargassum seaweed and any possible solutions to minimize its impact.
7. **Release of Information by Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to Local Law Enforcement relating to the lawfulness of a firearm Sale or Transfer:** *SUPPORT* authorizing the release of information to local law enforcement regarding a person's mental "defectiveness" with regard to the ability to possess and purchase firearms.
8. **Eliminate Detention of Juveniles in Adult Detention Facilities:** *SUPPORT* eliminating detention of juveniles in an adult detention facility or jail.
9. **Beach Erosion Control:** *SUPPORT* consistent and dedicated annual funding for statewide beach erosion control.
10. **State Film Production Retention & Recovery Program:** *SUPPORT* language to create a new state production Retention & Recovery program for the film and entertainment industry.
11. Urging the Florida Legislature to fully restore funding for affordable housing programs through the Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and not divert any revenues to the state general revenue fund for other purposes.
12. **Ludlam Trail Corridor:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for construction of the Ludlam Trail.
13. **Local Option Food & Beverage Domestic Tax:** Urging the Florida legislature to expand the Local Option Food and Beverage tax to include food and beverage sales in Bal Harbour Village, the City of Miami Beach, and the Town of Surfside which are currently exempt.