



# Daytona Regional

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**WHERE WE STAND**



## BEACH

*Basic Philosophy:* The Chamber advocates a safe, clean, environmentally friendly beach that appeals to locals and draws tourists alike.

*Compromise for Oceanfront Development and Beach Parking* - The Chamber supports the concept of the proposed compromise plan regarding beach parking and oceanfront development and encourages the process to move forward. The Chamber also wants the plan to show specific economic development and tax benefits to Daytona Beach taxpayers. (2014)

*Offshore Drilling* — The Chamber supports allowing offshore energy exploration, with temporary drilling rigs no closer to shore than 3 nautical miles. (2010)

*Law Enforcement on Volusia Beaches* — The Chamber supports the proposal to incorporate the Beach Patrol (and lifeguards) into the Sheriff's Department to maintain a seamless means of public safety and customer service for our beach visitors. (2006)

*Beach Access Fees/Off-beach Parking* — Annual vehicle access fees for non-county residents should be increased (as opposed to County residents) with additional revenue earmarked for land acquisition, construction of off-beach parking lots, in addition to maintenance of lots; The Chamber supports a daily set price for off-beach parking lots and that land be considered east and west of A1A. (2005)

*Driving On Volusia County Beaches* — The Chamber supports the implementation of traffic free zones on the beach, combined with designated driving areas to reflect the tradition of beach driving. (2003)

*Volusia Beach Reorganization Plan* — The Chamber supports the County's Beach Reorganization Plan to improve efficiencies in the delivery of beach services. We also support the Volusia County Long-Range plan for establishing extensive off beach parking, safe walkways, ample directional signage and beautification efforts to make the entrance to our beaches appealing. Security should be of ultimate concern in all plans for beach access and user amenities. (2002)

*Timeshare Solicitation/Regulation Plan* — The Chamber supports the licensing and regulating of timeshare solicitation with one central entity to issue licenses consistent between all beachside cities and the county. (1999)

*Beach lighting Ordinance/Habitat Conservation Plan* — The Chamber supports a good faith effort to adhere to beach lighting standards as recommended by the Fish & Wildlife Service, while taking into consideration that the safety of our visitors and local citizens are first and foremost. Beachside properties need to be properly informed of any changes in lighting standards in an efficient manner. (1996)

*Beach Concessionaires/Appearance Standards* — The Chamber supports a consistent appearance standard regarding concessionaires' vehicles on Volusia County beaches. (1996)



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Basic Philosophy: The Chamber believes in a balanced approach in working with residents and other facets of the community in providing a diversified tax base and vibrant economy the benefits everyone.*

*Amendment to the Volusia County Charter (Volusia Growth Management Commission – VGMC) The Chamber supports limiting the scope the purview of the VGMC whereby it would no longer analyze small-scale projects and while they can bring forth concerns, local governments/elected officials will have the final say. The VGMC must now reply in a timely manner and appointed commissioners can be removed by their designated entity. As for citizen standing, residents or third parties, must now petition their own city/council government to have a public hearing on their behalf. Citizens are still able to comment on proposed land projects with their city planning boards and council/commissions who have standing. (2016)*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Basic Philosophy: We envision Daytona Beach as a core city, providing a strong job base that serves as the economic hub for Volusia County. We believe that striving for a diverse economic base is imperative to the stability of the economy. Job growth must be a number one priority and anti-business legislation including expanded taxes and mandates are detrimental. We need to promote a sound business climate that would encourage the retention and expansion of existing business and industry and the attraction of new-targeted business and industry. We need continued cooperation with private and public sectors to ensure continued, sound economic growth and the preservation of the quality of life.*

*Land Development Code — The Chamber supports the recommendations put forth by the Volusia County Association for Responsible Development (VCARD) when finalizing the re-write of the City's Land Development Code. (2014)*

*CRA's — The Chamber believes productive reuse of existing urban land and space resources within existing urban areas is vital to addressing inner-city decay, and maintaining the vitality of existing urban centers. Zoning and building code ordinances should be structured to accommodate and encourage this type of redevelopment which is driven by the economic and physical needs of the local community. Private/Public partnerships should be enabled and encouraged. (2013)*

*Space Volusia — The Chamber supports the efforts of Space Florida to help Florida “regain” its top ranking as a viable site for commercial space launches. (2013)*

*Motorsports Entertainment Complexes — The Chamber supports legislation that would allow a single certified motorsports complex to receive up to \$2 million per year of sales tax generated for up to 30 years provided that these funds are reinvested into the facility. This is the same benefit currently received by other professional sports facilities in Florida. (2012)*

*Daytona Beach International Airport — The Chamber continues to support Airport officials in their efforts to secure additional airline service locally. (2011)*

*Daytona Beach E-Zone — The Chamber supports the plans for the E-Zone in the vicinity of the Ocean Center and to work with the County to assure its success. We encourage adequate parking and the attraction of quality hotel rooms and an improved image by upgrading businesses along A1A. (2011)*



*Economic Development Partners* — The Chamber supports continued cooperation between the Daytona Beach Economic Advisory Board, Volusia Department of Economic Development, TEAM Volusia and CEO Business Alliance to attract and retain businesses in Volusia County. (2011)

*Technology Infrastructure* — The Chamber supports working with the Volusia Tech Council to enhance our Internet infrastructure and work with existing Internet providers to enhance our network connection capabilities to help attract new businesses to Volusia County. (2011)

*Economic Development Incentive Programs* — The Chamber supports Enterprise Florida's incentive programs that reward employee growth and expansion. (Qualified Target Industry, Economic Development Transportation Fund/Road Fund and the technical assistance in the Economic Gardening Program). (2010)

*Site-Specific Incentives* — The Chamber supports incentives that help sustain the local economy, improve the tax base, and can be publicly substantiated; when considering incentives, priorities should include business attraction, business retention/expansion and a strong workforce development effort to help provide a sustainable tax base and satisfactory quality-of-life. (2010)

*City's Review and Permitting Process* — The Chamber supports expediting the process to develop a project within pre-determined redevelopment areas. When feasible, consider the idea of joint advisory board meetings on certain building projects. (2009)

*Home Ownership Incentives* — The Chamber supports the continued efforts to increase homeownership in Daytona Beach by using incentive packages to encourage builders to develop neighborhoods in the Mid- Town and Main St. redevelopment areas. (2008)

*Public-Private Partnerships:* The Chamber supports exploring creative public-private funding opportunities to retain and attract business in and to Volusia County. (2004)

*The Chamber supports the following economic development projects –*

- *Project Delta West - a mixed use development including commercial, residential, and parking uses in downtown Daytona Beach along Palmetto Avenue between E. ISB and Bay St. (2020)*
- *(Workforce Housing) Amendment to Clyde Morris Blvd PDA to provide 364 units of which 88 are workforce/affordable units. (2019)*
- *Space Square, Florida LLC to redevelop the existing Volusia Square Shopping Center for new uses including but not limited to research and design uses targeted towards the aerospace and technology sector. ((2019)*
- *Tomoka Point Apts...a planned Class A multi-family rental housing community to be developed by Eastwind Development LLC in partnership with North American Development Group to be located on 17.73 acres on the west side of Williamson Blvd and south of LPGA Blvd in Daytona Beach. (2018)*
- *Marriott Renaissance Hotel - redevelopment of the current Ocean Breeze Club into a 192 room hotel, restaurant and associated 304 space parking structure to be constructed at 640 N Atlantic Avenue and 605 Glenview, respectively. (2018)*
- *Buc-ee's - a 50,000 sf - 24/7 facility with 120 fueling positions and a variety of food products to be located north of LPGA Blvd (across from Tanger Outlets), just east of I-95 and immediately west of Stonewood Grill & Tavern. (2017)*
- *Brown & Brown, Inc - new worldwide headquarters campus to be constructed on Beach St in downtown Daytona Beach that will create 600 new jobs to the existing 300 already located in Daytona Beach. (2018)*
- *Courtyard by Marriott - Orlando developer Avista to develop a 10-story \$40 million hotel (273,000-sq-ft, 195-rooms with rooftop pool, 294-space parking garage, shops and restaurant. To be located adjacent to Daytona Beach Pier / Harvey Ave beach approach. (2017)*



## EDUCATION

*Basic Philosophy:* The Chamber advocates a school system that educates students that is equipped with the latest technology and prepares our students to compete in the workforce. A thorough and efficient system of public education that affords every resident an opportunity to receive a quality education through high school and that offers access to post-secondary training and education is essential to the quality of life and economic growth in Volusia County. It must be accountable to the public and offer its services at a reasonable cost to taxpayers, consumers and business. Such an education system, through a variety of choices, will provide excellent elementary and secondary education including career and technical training. This system of education will provide access to post-secondary education and training in degree, certificate and continuing professional development programs in colleges, universities, career and technical institutes and other public and private providers.

*Volusia School District Finances* - The Chamber recommends that the Volusia School District exercise fiscal responsibility and discourages the use of reserve funds that take them below a 5% reserve fund balance, to balance its operating expense budget. Volusia School District officials should discuss defined benefit plans that reflect the present-day market, which commonly includes significant employee participation. (2016)

*Higher Education Capital Projects* — The Chamber supports State Funding for Capital projects on the campuses of Volusia's College and University facilities based upon the approval of their own governing boards. (2014)

*Florida Education State Standards* — The Chamber supports the full implementation of the Florida Education State Standards for Florida schools. (2013)

*Half-Cent Sales Tax Extension for Volusia Schools* — The Chamber supports the proposed referendum to extend the current half-cent sales tax for Volusia Schools (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2032) provided that a citizens' oversight committee continues to monitor expenditures. (2014)

*Outsourcing Custodial/Grounds Keeping Services* — The Chamber supports outsourcing district custodial/grounds maintenance jobs to a private firm provided that the new entity that is selected for this contract hire the displaced school employees. (2013)

*Property Tax* — The Chamber supports the proposed 1 mill property tax for Volusia Schools provided that an oversight committee of business leaders is established to ensure the money is spent as intended. (2012)

*Volusia County Schools* — The Chamber supports a study to review the state funding formula wages component of the District Cost Differential (DCD) to ensure fair and equitable funding for all school districts. (2004)

## ENVIRONMENTAL

*Basic Philosophy:* The Chamber seeks a balance between economic growth and protection of the natural environment. We believe that economic and environmental objectives can best be achieved through consensus building and cooperation between the business, the general community and the environmental community.

*Volusia ECHO* – support for a ballot initiative to levy an additional ad valorem tax not to exceed 1/5 mill for 20 years and the authorization to issue limited tax general obligation bonds not to exceed \$40 million which would finance acquisition, restoration, construction, and improvement of ECHO



(Environmental, Cultural, Historical, Outdoor) projects. (2020)

*Volusia Forever* – support a ballot referendum allowing the Volusia County Council to levy an additional 1/5 mill ad valorem tax for an additional twenty years to fund the acquisition of water resource and environmentally sensitive land for conservation and public use. (2020)

*Climate Change/Cap & Trade* — The Chamber opposes policies that jeopardize American jobs and create trade inequalities, and support legislation that minimizes the impact on major emitters; reduces price instability for consumers; protects global competitiveness; invests in renewable energy sources; takes advantage of nuclear power; streamlines the permit system; makes us the "Saudi Arabia of clean coal" by fostering carbon capture; increases our own energy security/efficiency; and strengthens the hand of our international negotiators. (2010)

## GOVERNANCE

*Basic Philosophy:* The Chamber believes that elected entities are the best ways and means to make the critical decisions affecting the entire community.

Our system of governance is based on a democratic republic where by voters elect specific office holders (that are accountable at each new election) to make decisions on the community as opposed to direct democracy whereby voters decide on every issue related to the city or county.

*City Budget* — The Chamber supports maintaining a competitive tax rate for the city as a means to entice new business. We encourage the City to keep a watchful eye on the City's overall long-term debt and when possible use savings from various sources to pay down unfunded liabilities. (2010)



*Daytona Beach Charter Review* — While the Chamber believes that a city/county is best governed when citizens elect office-holders to make policy decisions, we also support citizen involvement via a period charter review process whereby amendments are decided via referendum of citizens. (2014)

*Amendments to the Daytona Beach City Charter (2014)*

- The Chamber supports reducing the Planning Board from 11 to 7 members with at least one member from each commission zone because the planning board approval is vital to business development.
- The Chamber supports requiring 10% of city voters to sign an initiative petition to place a referendum on the ballot. This brings the city in line with the state statutes.
- The Chamber opposes authorizing a new position of City Auditor who may be hired by and report directly to the city commission because it would mean excessive costs and duplicate services.

*County Budget* — The Chamber supports adopting a budget that is accountable to needs of the community while continuing to review and minimize burdensome regulations. We encourage the County to keep a watchful eye on the County's overall long-term debt and when possible use savings from various sources to pay down unfunded liabilities. (2010)

*Fire/Rescue Services* — The Chamber supports the Halifax Civic League's recommendations to streamline overlapping Fire/Rescue services. In addition, continue to address unfunded pension liability issue and examine differences between defined benefit vs defined contribution plans particularly for new hires. (2010)

*Employee Free Choice Act (Union Card Check)* — The Chamber opposes Union Card Check or any "compromise" proposals that threatens to the protection of a private ballot or interfere with an employer's right to communicate with their workers. (2010)

*Local Government Pension Reform* — The Chamber supports pension reform legislation that would require that cities/counties move from defined benefit programs for police and fire pensions as well as other workers to defined contribution programs. (2009)

## HEALTH CARE

*Basic Philosophy:* The Chamber believes that Floridians must have access to affordable healthcare. Government should build on the strengths of market-based employer-sponsored systems or purchasing pools to obtain stable premiums while enacting reform to lower costs, improve quality and access and build a more value-driven system. We are opposed to a government-run health care system that would impose mandates and cost shifting, hindering fair market competition.

*Health Care Expansion* — The Chamber supports Health Care expansion of Medicaid in Florida and encourages the State to accept federal funds available through the Affordable Care Act. (2013)



## HOMELESSNESS

*Basic Philosophy:* The Chamber seeks to maintain its community role to help provide adequate food and shelter for those in need. We support a central one-stop facility (330 North St, Daytona Beach) whereby homeless individuals can receive basic needs (food, clothing, medical care, counseling, job assistance, mail). As for shelter, the Chamber supports any facility that qualifies for funding under HUD's new guidelines.

*Options to Address Homelessness in Volusia County* - The Chamber currently supports a long range plan to address the needs of homeless individuals in Volusia County that includes access to a "come as you are" facility or facilities that provide "temporary beds" and are available 24/7 for those needing shelter. These facilities should link case management and be considered as transitional housing as individuals are assessed and as more permanent housing is sought after in which to place the individual and believe that appropriate oversight and accountability for those providing services to the homeless should be a requirement for any operations managed or provided to the homeless that utilize public funds. (2016)

The Chamber supports the proposed the Safe Harbor project as a *first step* to address homelessness in Volusia under the following conditions: Safe Harbor should be recognized a *jail diversion* program for individuals seeking a means to "get off the streets" . The proposed budget remains stable with *no more than a 5% increase for operations' costs* over a 5 year period. The total budget must include a financial contribution from *a minimum of 12 cities* as well as the county. Governmental entities must *commit to a minimum of 5 years* and can only withdraw upon a 2 years notice. The project must have 25 % financial participation of the operating budget from non-profit entities that work with homeless individuals. All local government entities should have a consistent policy that declares how their police departments will address homeless individuals and uses Safe Harbor as a first resort. In addition to Safe Harbor, the Chamber recommends that attention continued to be given to shelter for homeless families and adolescents. (2014)

## INFRASTRUCTURE/TRANSPORTATION

*Basic Philosophy:* We must improve our infrastructure and facilitate the free flow of goods and commerce along with the mobility of our citizens for business and recreational activities. We believe that we need to better plan for adequate infrastructure to accommodate anticipated growth in our region. Improvements and expansion of our transportation network will require significant investment of funding. In addition, improvements to and the expansion of our water and sewer systems to assure effective operations for our residents and businesses alike are critical to our competitiveness in the market.

*Beachside Redevelopment Committee (BRC) Recommendations* - the Chamber encourages Ormond Beach, Daytona Beach and Daytona Beach Shores to adopt the recommendations of the Beachside Redevelopment Advisory Committee in helping to enhance this area for visitors and residents.

In addition to improvements to Granada Blvd., Seabreeze Blvd., Oakridge Blvd, Main Street, International Speedway Blvd., Silver Beach Ave and Dunlawton Ave, the Chamber supports the BRC Recommendations including -

A1A Corridor improvements including coordinated lighting program for all bridges leading to the beach side and more pedestrian space along east and west sides of South Atlantic Ave;

Redevelopment Projects - to address the area from Seabreeze Blvd to Silver Beach Ave first; take advantage of economic conditions and availability of state and federal funding;

Ocean Center/Main Street - develop an RFP for a Public-Private Partnership whereby city/county-owned lands can be used for a mixed-use development that may include residential dwelling units, convention hotel,





parking garage and public space.

Update and improve streetscape; enhance code enforcement to improve marketability of Seabreeze Blvd./Oakridge Blvd area; provide incentives for residential development;

Operational Recommendations e.g. increase code enforcement presence within Daytona Beach's core area and ensure homestead exemptions are properly awarded and strictly enforced. (2018)

*Infrastructure/Half-Cent Sales Tax Referendum* - the Chamber supports the proposed half-cent sales tax referendum to be used to fund infrastructure projects throughout Volusia County, provided that –

- a clear and concise list of infrastructure projects based on the most critical needs in each city and the county (including the cost of each) is presented prior to the referendum.
- these infrastructure projects are to be completed within a designated timeframe and within budget and without “scope creep”.
- an oversight committee including stakeholders including representatives of each city, the County as well as the business community is enlisted to supervise the progress of infrastructure projects and their costs.
- the oversight committee shall meet quarterly in a public forum to hear from and comment to staff members involved with each project.
- a semi-annual update should be presented at the Elected Officials Roundtable meeting to update the public of progress from each project.
- a sunset provision is provided. (2018)

*International Speedway Boulevard* — The Chamber supports exploring the idea of roundabouts on International Speedway Blvd at Ridgewood Ave, Peninsula Dr and SR A1A as a means to expedite traffic flow and enhance the aesthetics in these areas. (2014)

*I-4/ 95 Interchange* — The Chamber supports an I-4/I-95 interchange that is safe for travelers and serve as a hub from which to effectively able to transport commercial loads from Volusia to other locations in Florida and elsewhere. (2014)

*SunRail* — The Chamber supports Federal, State and local funding to establish SunRail as a means to provide regional rush-hour commuter service from Kissimmee to Orlando to DeLand. (2007)



## MANUFACTURING

*Basic Philosophy:* The Chamber recognizes the crucial role manufacturing plays in Volusia's economy in terms of wage base. We support efforts to revitalize growth in all sectors of the industry.

*Manufacturing Development Programs* — The Chamber supports authorizing local governments to establish local manufacturing development programs that provide for master development approval for certain sites and requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop a model ordinance that local governments may adopt. (2012)

*Depreciation* — The Chamber supports providing manufacturers the ability to depreciate all capital assets over a 10-year period. Manufacturers should be provided a tax credit for research and development of products. (2006)

## TAXES/REGULATION

*Basic Philosophy:* We advocate a broad-based review of the entire tax structure and oppose the adoption of burdensome reporting requirements, fees and regulations.

*Sales Tax On Commercial Lease Properties* — The Chamber supports legislation to reduce sales tax on commercial leases by 1% starting in 2015. (2014)

*Communication Services Tax* — The Chamber supports reducing Florida's communication services tax rate. (2014)

*Wholesale Taxes for Online Travel Companies* — The Chamber opposes codifying the current practice of online travel companies (OTCs) paying taxes on the wholesale accommodations rate rather than the retail accommodations rate. (2009)

*Florida's Property Tax System* — The Chamber supports equity between Homestead properties (protected by an annual 3% Save our Homes Assessment cap) and Non-Homestead Properties (where assessments may increase up to 10% on commercial, residential rentals and vacation condos). (2009)

*Internet Sales Tax* — The Chamber supports protecting Florida's businesses by closing the Internet sales tax loophole. (2007)

*Half-cent Sales Tax* — The Chamber will support the proposed half-cent sales tax referendum to be used to fund infrastructure projects throughout Volusia County, provided that (2018) –

- a clear and concise list of infrastructure projects based on the most critical needs in each city and the county (including the cost of each) is presented prior to the referendum.
- these infrastructure projects are to be completed within a designated timeframe and within budget and without "scope creep".
- an oversight committee including stakeholders including representatives of each city, the County as well as the business community is enlisted to supervise the progress of infrastructure projects and their costs.
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- a sunset provision is provided.



## TOURISM

*Basic Philosophy:* The Chamber recognizes the crucial role travel and tourism plays in our community and in our state's economy. We support efforts to revitalize growth in all sectors of the industry.

Increase funding for Visit Florida for tourism advertising and promotion to \$120 million by 2020. (2014)

State-authorized bed tax revenues should go to advertising/marketing to generate sustained growth in the local tourism economy. Oppose any expansion in how bed tax revenues may be used. (2014)

## TRADE/INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

*Basic Philosophy:* The Chamber recognizes the crucial role international trade to support the prosperity of Volusia's manufacturing community.

U.S. - Mexico-Canada-Agreement - Support the proposed USMCA as a means to facilitate trade between these countries. (2019)

Temporary Family Visitation Act - amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a separate nonimmigrant classification under B visa category for family members of US citizens and permanent residents. (2019)

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

*Basic Philosophy:* We believe that our community partners must be committed to developing a highly skilled, well-educated population that will have more opportunities, more job choices and more job security. A partnership of action and cooperation between the public and private sectors is needed to ensure accountability and success.

*Constitutional Amendment to Increase Florida's Minimum Wage to \$15 per Hour* - oppose Amendment 2 to increase Florida's minimum wage to \$15 as it would severely impact our hospitality industry and other small businesses which are critical to our local economy. Additionally, the Daytona Regional Chamber opposes placing issues into Florida's Constitution that can be addressed through the legislative process. (2020)

*Apprenticeships* — The Chamber supports education and training programs offered through Daytona State College/ATC, High School Academies and other local educational institutions provided they are industry driven, incorporate relevant industry certifications, and include cooperative education, internships as well as On-The-Job-Training programs specifically leveraging the resources of Volusia -Flagler Career Source. The Chamber also urges all business as well as local construction-related companies to utilize and support these programs in that they can help create better trained and higher waged workers. The Chamber opposes any requirement or incentive for companies to have a State Certified Apprenticeship program on the grounds that there are very limited programs in our area, and that it would result in an exclusionary program that would tend to place small local business at a disadvantage, and work counter to the intent of the local bid preference. (2014)

Continue the state's effort to provide manufacturing skills training to enhance workforce as a career choice for middle and high school students. (2014)

# 2020 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

## Education (K-12) - Post-Secondary Education)

With local unemployment rate under 4%, many jobs are unfilled, and half of these jobs require technical training. We need a fully funded education system (Pre-K to Post-Secondary) to train workers for 21st Century jobs.

- Eliminate the District Cost Differential (DCD) and establish a more equitable and non-arbitrary funding formula to ensure equity for all school districts.
- Expand current Mental Health Assistance Allocation to reduce ratio of students per mental health professional for the third year of this program.
- Provide an alternate pathway for students that are successful in the classroom but struggle with standardized testing to graduate from high school with a standard high school diploma.
- Post-Secondary Funding
  - Bethune Cookman University - Entrepreneurship & Economic Development, \$1,000,000
  - Daytona State College - Deltona Campus building, \$3.9 million

## Economic Development - Tourism

Economic development/tourism our local economy is a blend of service industry jobs (related to tourism) as well as technical jobs (related to construction, manufacturing, health care and other fields). The Chamber will support measures that will help grow these economic sectors.

- Support regulation of Vacation Rental Units by city/county authorities i.e. health, noise, fire code, zoning, as well as American Disabilities Act. These units should also be responsible for collecting and remitting sales tax as well as Volusia's tourist development tax.
- Support funding for Space Florida, \$12.5 million
- Support funding for Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida.

## Health Care

Health Care the cost of healthcare is a primary concern to local employers as they work to provide benefits for their employees. The Chamber will support measures that will help stabilize the cost of healthcare.

- Support affordable, quality health care for our region i.e. no funding cuts to the Medicaid All Patient Refined-Diagnosis Related Group & Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping base rate payments.
- Support affordable healthcare programs for low-income children and families.

## Taxes- Business Regulation

The Chamber will work at the state and local levels to cut red tape for small business, make this region more economically competitive, and assist local entrepreneurs.

- Reduce/Reform Communications Services Tax (CST)
- Support Internet Sales Tax i.e. require retailers with no physical presence in Florida to collect sales tax on sales of taxable items delivered to purchasers in Florida if they make a substantial number of sales in Florida.

## Local Capital Projects/Infrastructure

Volusia is an ideal place to locate a business where I-95 intersects I-4. We need to maintain this geographical advantage by urging communities throughout Volusia to support regional efforts to address future intermodal transportation needs.

- Support \$750,000 to assist City's %0% match cost of a \$3 million U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood mitigation study (congressionally approved and a prerequisite for any future federal funding to address Daytona Beach flooding).

## Monitor List

- Human Services
  - Support school readiness programs and access to early childhood education;
  - Support financial wellness programs, including VITA.
  - Support social services for veterans and their families
- Health/Property Insurance
  - AOB reform related to Auto Glass claims and PIP reform with proper bad faith language
- Construction/Environment Issues
  - Support efforts to encourage the redevelopment of brownfields and the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties, including funding the Voluntary Cleanup Tax Credit Program.
  - Support Septic to Sewer conversions in Volusia.
- Employer/Manufacturers Issues
  - Support Tort Reform i.e. meritless lawsuits from employees or ex-employees
  - Support reasonable leave that is fair to both employee and employer
  - Address reasonable safety regulations/medical marijuana use
- Workforce Housing
  - Use Florida's Sadowski housing trust fund monies solely for housing.

## COUNTY - CITY PRIORITIES 2020

- Assist the working poor by supporting measures to provide additional workforce-housing in Volusia County
- Pursue next steps regarding efforts to increase funding for infrastructure improvements including roadway maintenance, sidewalks, water quality projects and flood control.
- Continue supporting the First Step (emergency) Shelter (for men & women) and Hope Place (for homeless families).
- Regulate Vacation Rental Units i.e. health, noise, fire code, zoning, and American Disabilities Act via Code Enforcement Division, Revenue Division and Property Appraiser's Office. Use necessary resources in the collection of sales tax as well as Volusia's bed taxes.
- Support Septic to Sewer projects countywide.
- Continue to improve the city's pro-active code enforcement process with particular attention to residential neighborhoods and businesses along East International Speedway Blvd, Main St, and in the Midtown Area
- Encourage city-county cooperation i.e. provide competitive incentives for residential and commercial development to encourage investment in the Main St area (from University Blvd to Silver Beach Ave)
- Focus on redevelopment of the Main St area and provide more access to the Ocean Center's parking areas when not in use. Add more publicly owned lots including a multi-level parking structure in the Auditorium St and Main St area.
- Continue supporting aesthetic and infrastructure improvements to East International Speedway Blvd (Halifax River to A1A)
- Expedite the review/permit process for large-scale development projects as well as small businesses to increase our tax base and add competitive wage jobs.

