



State Legislative Principals

- State Government should focus on state-level issues and allow local governments to operate with minimal state interference. The Town of Cutler Bay will oppose legislation that increases the involvement of state government in municipal affairs and preempts local governing prerogatives.
- For Florida’s economy to prosper, cities need to succeed. The Town of Cutler Bay will promote state investments in municipal infrastructure in order to create jobs and promote municipal revitalization. This will include funding for wastewater and stormwater improvements, local transportation projects, park and recreational activities, capital improvement projects, green technologies, climate change and sea level rise resiliency projects, and energy-saving initiatives.
- State Government should not be allowed to continue disrupting the relationship between citizens and their city elected officials’ authority to make decisions impacting the provision of municipal services and quality of life. The Town of Cutler Bay will oppose additional arbitrary limits on property assessments, municipal expenditures, and local revenues.
- State mandates should be funded with state resources and should not seek to access local tax dollars. The Town of Cutler Bay will oppose unfunded mandates and support policies that require full funding of state initiatives and mandates to cities.

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Legislation Supports

- The Town of Cutler Bay supports the South Florida Water Management District AND the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project. The Cutler Wetlands re-establishes connectivity between coastal and near shore wetlands and hydrates areas susceptible to hyper saline conditions including a pump station, culverts, and a spreader canal. The intent of the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project is to rehydrate coastal wetlands and reduce freshwater point source discharges to Biscayne Bay. In addition, the project will replace lost overland flow and partially compensate for the reduction in groundwater seepage by redistributing available surface water entering the area from regional canals through a spreader canal system.
- The Town of Cutler Bay supports legislation that strengthens Municipal Home Rule which is essential in reflecting the needs and desires of local communities. (Town Resolution No. 17-19). Furthermore, the Town of Cutler Bay supports legislation that allows local municipalities to regulate businesses such as short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb, HomeAway, Craigslist, etc.
- The Town of Cutler Bay supports state and local economic development efforts and urges Enterprise Florida, the Small Business Development Network, and other similar state entities to focus on the needs of local communities regarding the revitalization of their business core and job creation efforts.
- The Town of Cutler Bay supports urges the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to continue funding the Urban Forestry Program to provide technical assistance and funding for the greening of communities.
- The Town of Cutler Bay supports legislation to reform Florida's sales and use tax that apply to online sales from out of state retailers.
- The Town of Cutler Bay supports the legalization and regulation of marijuana for recreational use (Town Resolution No. 19-52).
- The Town of Cutler Bay supports the urging of the State Legislature to initiate a study of the health effects of small cell towers built to accommodate 5G technology and to develop installation guidelines protecting the health and welfare of residents (Town Resolution No. 19-33).
- **NEW** The Town of Cutler Bay supports the efforts of the Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Projects Review Committee in the protection and conservation of endangered lands and its efforts of environmental conservation and resiliency objectives (Town Resolution No. 20-28).
- **NEW** The Town of Cutler Bay supports the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation for all the recommendations for Unemployment Assistance measures recommended by the County outlined in the letter to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis (Town Resolution No. 20-22).



- **NEW** The Town of Cutler Bay supports the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council and has taken action to remove invasive exotic plant species and prevent their negative ecological impact by adopting a Prohibited Species List and creating a Public Awareness Campaign to educate Town residents of the environmental harm caused by non-native invasive plants (Town Resolution No. 20-30), preliminarily identifying this issue as a State Legislative Priority.
- **NEW** The Town of Cutler Bay supports and urges Miami-Dade County to adopt a County-wide Ordinance for Florida-Friendly fertilizer use on urban landscapes for the protection of local surface and groundwater quality (Town Resolution No. 20-23), preliminarily identifying this issue as a State Legislative Priority.
- **NEW** The Town of Cutler Bay supports the urging of the Florida Legislature to approve Senate Bill 182, and any companion bills repealing the preemption in Florida Statutes § 403.7033 and 500.90, so that local governments can enact appropriate legislation relating to the regulation of plastic bags and polystyrene containers (Town Resolution No. 20-09).
- **NEW** The Town of Cutler Bay supports the United States House Bill 6800 – The HEROES ACT (Town Resolution No. 20-26) to provide relief from the direct effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **NEW** The Town of Cutler Bay supports the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board’s 2021 State of Florida Legislative Program (*pending* Town Resolution No. 21-##).
- **NEW** The Town of Cutler Bay supports Miami-Dade County (Resolution No. R-1093-20) urging the Florida Legislature to expand the qualifying improvements that may be financed through property assessed Clean Energy Programs to include the conversion from septic tanks to sewer systems and other sewage treatment improvements; preliminarily identifying this issue as a State Legislative Priority (*pending* Town Resolution No. 21-##).
- **NEW** The Town of Cutler Bay supports the United States House Bill 157 – K-12 Physical Health Requirements which requires school districts to provide training in CPR to students at high school level; provides requirements for such training; & requires medical evaluation for participation in interscholastic athletic competition to include EKG.

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