



# Preparing for Legislative Session: Are You Ready?

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- *Sometimes Florida's cities find themselves at odds with the state Legislature over the principle of Home Rule. Over this past year, we have seen a very different approach taking hold in the Legislature. Lawmakers repeatedly considered the role of local authority, trying to shift many hometown responsibilities to the state.*
- *One-size-fits-all solutions proposed by the Legislature will not fix or help our neighborhoods meet their challenges and opportunities. Let cities work together, through the Florida League of Cities, to stand up for the right of our communities to determine their own destinies.*



FLC President Gil Ziffer



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### FLC Legislative Super Priority on Local Self-Government

- Oppose legislative efforts to impede constitutional right Floridians have had over last 50 years to govern themselves under Municipal Home Rule powers
- Oppose Legislature's persistent intrusion into local finances, which are necessary to provide financial stability and essential services for municipal residents and local businesses



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## Call to Action – What can city officials do now to prepare for next Session?

- Learn the Issues
- Utilize FLC Resources
- Build Support for FLC Priority Issues
- Communicate NOW with legislators
- Keep the FLC staff informed



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## Learn the Issues 2018 Legislative Action Agenda

- Local Self-Government
- Communications Services Tax
- Community Redevelopment Agencies
- Sober Homes
- Transportation Funding
- Water Funding



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## Resources

- FLC Issue Briefs
- Draft Resolutions
- Talking Points
- FLC Website  
[www.floridaleagueofcities.com](http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com)



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## Build Support for FLC Priority Issues

- Discuss how the issues impact your city (tell your city's story)
- Meet with local chambers and civic groups
- Submit an op ed in your local paper
- Find other stakeholders who share the League's position
- Do what you do when you run for office



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### Tampa Mayor: Florida Preemption an 'Assault on Local Governance' Like Never Before



Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn speaking with Route Fifty on Thursday. ASHLEY BAHAMUKI/TAMPA MAYOR'S OFFICE

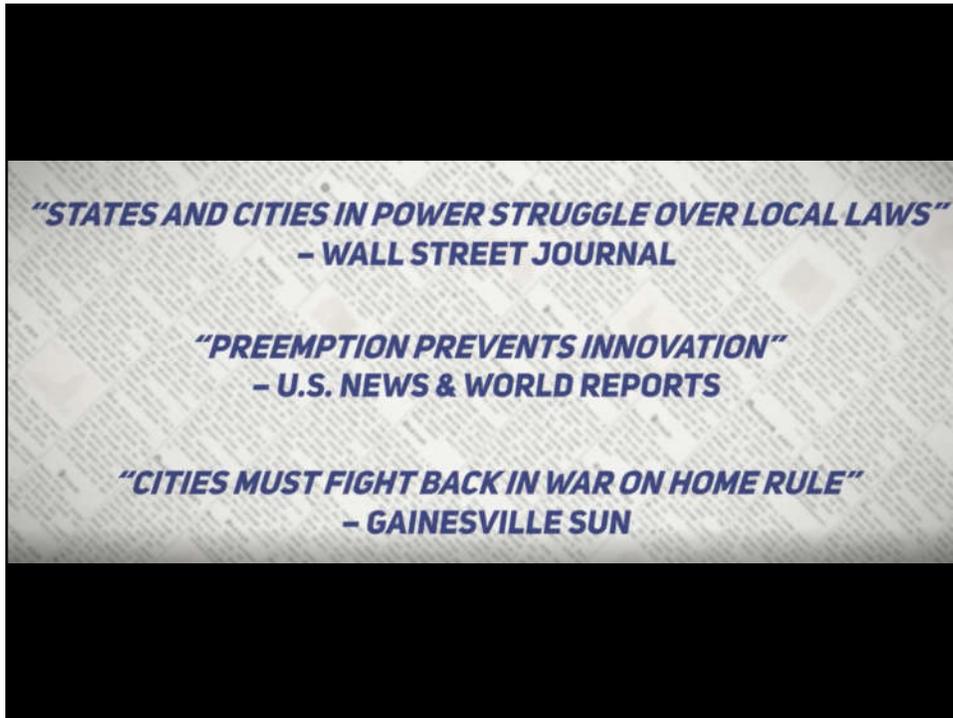
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"They're trying to throttle the goose that's laying the golden egg," said Bob Buckhorn, who fears conservative legislation is deterring potential residents from thriving cities.



By Dave Nyczepir,  
News Editor

TAMPA FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT STATE AND CITY RELATIONS  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT



## Communicate NOW with legislators

- Attend/Participate in Local Legislative Delegation Meeting
- Come to Tallahassee during House/Senate Interim Committee Week
  - September 12-15
  - October 9-13
  - October 23-27
  - November 6-9
  - November 13-17
  - December 4-8
- First come by FLC for Legislative Briefing!



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## Meet with Legislators in the district

- Invite them to coffee (include other city officials)
- Invite to city commission meeting
- Give them a tour of your city
- The more legislators hear from you, the better
- Ask legislators what you can do to help them
- Get their cell number so you can stay in touch during session



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## Keep the FLC staff informed

- Information is critical in the legislative process
- Keep the FLC informed on meetings/conversations with legislators
- FLC lobbying team can follow up with legislators, if needed
- Help identify legislators who share FLC position



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# Moving Our Agenda

**INFLUENCE**

**PLAN**

**ENGAGE**

**MOBILIZE**

**LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS**

Tell Your Story

Share City Needs

Highlight City Achievements

Building Relationships

Communicate with Media

Engage Local Businesses and Citizen Groups

Learn the Issues

Respond to Alerts

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# # LET CITIES WORK

- Use FLC legislative resources
- Be Ready - Your involvement is essential for Legislative Success!

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# Legislative Conference

December 7-8, 2017

Orlando, FL

*Registration coming soon.*



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# Questions?

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