



Lake Park Town Commission, Florida

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403

Wednesday July 01, 2026

Immediately Following the CRA Meeting

Roger Michaud	—	Mayor
Michael Hensley	—	Vice Mayor
John Linden	—	Commissioner
Michael O'Rourke	—	Commissioner
Judith Thomas	—	Commissioner
Richard J. Reade	—	Town Manager
Thomas J. Baird	—	Town Attorney
Vivian Mendez, MMC	—	Town Clerk

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED, that if any interested person desires to appeal any decision of the Town Commission, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such interested person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in the meeting should contract the Town Clerk's office by calling 881-3311 at least 48 hours in advance to request accommodations.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

6:48 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Roger Michaud

Vice Mayor Michael Hensley

Commissioner Judith Thomas

Commissioner John Linden

ABSENT

Commissioner Michael O'Rourke

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge was bypassed as it had been conducted during the Special Called CRA Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Vice Mayor Hensley, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice Mayor Hensley, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Linden.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:

1. Proclamation - National Parks and Recreation Month - July 2026.

Mayor Michaud presented the Proclamation to Special Events Director Riunite Franks.

Mayor Michaud thanked Special Events Director Franks and her staff for all they do.

2. Proclamation – Recognition of Independence Day and Honor Our Veterans - 250th anniversary of the United States of America - July 4, 2026.

Mayor Michaud presented the Honor Guard and Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) Captain Terria Sanford with the proclamation. They were thanked for their service to this country.

3. 2025 State of Florida Legislative Update - The Honorable Senator Mack Bernard, The Honorable House Representative Jervonte Edmonds and Town State Lobbyist Ellyn Bogdanoff - Becker & Poliakoff.

House Representative Jervonte Edmonds introduced Town Lobbyist Ellen Bogdanoff who provided a quick update on what occurred during the State legislative session. House Representative Edmonds and Senator Mack Bernard presented to the Commission (Exhibit A). The Commission expressed their gratitude for all the hard work being done in Tallahassee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time is provided for addressing items that do not appear on the Agenda. Please complete a comment card and provide it to the Town Clerk so speakers may be announced. Please remember comments are limited to a TOTAL of three minutes.

-Susan LaFontaine provided her comments via Exhibit B.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under this item are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner or person so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Any person wishing to speak on an agenda item is asked to complete a public comment card located on either side of the Chambers and given to the Town Clerk. Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed.

4. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2026

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Vice Mayor Hensley. Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

Voting Aye: All.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Presentation, Discussion & Direction - Town of Lake Park Education Advisory Board

This item was moved to a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Resolution 54-07-26 - Task Order No. 1 - 2nd Street Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Improvements Project - Phase II (Engineering and Design) - Water Resource Management Associates, Inc. (WRMA) - \$297,938

Public Works Director Jaime Morales explained that this item is for the final design and permitting for WRMA and is not a matching grant.

Motion to approve 54-07-26 made by Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Vice Mayor Hensley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice Mayor Hensley, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Linden.

7. Resolution 55-07-26 - Task Order No. 2 - Ilex Court and 8th Street Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Improvements Project (Engineering and Design Services) - Water Resource Management Associates, Inc. - \$99,373

Public Works Director Jaime Morales explained that this item is for the final design and permitting for WRMA and is not a matching grant.

Motion to approve 55-07-26 made by Vice Mayor Hensley, Seconded by Commissioner Linden.

Voting Yea: Mayor Michaud, Vice Mayor Hensley, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Linden.

8. Presentation, Discussion & Direction - On-Street Parking – Residential Zoning Districts (Locations To Be Determined).

The item was moved to a future meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

-Town Attorney Baird had no comments.

-Town Manager Reade announced a party at the Library on July 2nd to celebrate America's birthday and also that the Library will be closed July 3rd and 4th as well as Town Offices. The Commission gave consensus for a Proclamation for water professionals' month. Town Manager Reade asked the Commission if they were in favor of giving employees off on Monday, July 6th to be a partial match to what the Governor's has given to State employees for the holiday. The Commission were in support of giving the employees Monday off provided there are no negative impacts to sanitation pickups. Town Manager Reade thanked Palm Beach Fire Rescue for attending the meeting.

-Commissioner Thomas spoke highly of the Red, White and Blue Sunset Celebration and gave thanks to everyone involved.

-Commissioner Linden also found the fireworks wonderful. He stated that Riviera Beach won an award for All American City and he would love to see Lake Park enter that next year.

-Vice Mayor Hensley also enjoyed the event. He wished a Happy Birthday to his son.

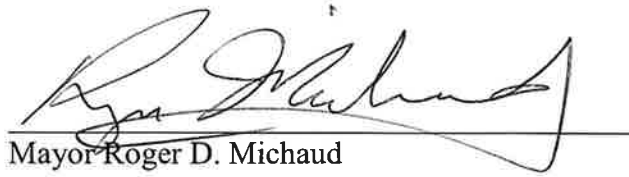
-Mayor Michaud also enjoyed the event. He explained that the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser will be in attendance on July 15th and encouraged residents to attend. He also thanked Ms. LaFontaine for her public comment and for the research she provided.

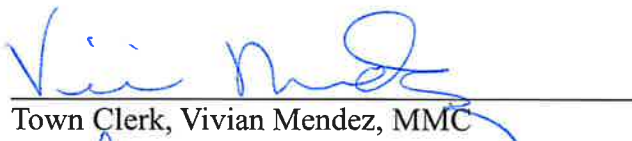
REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

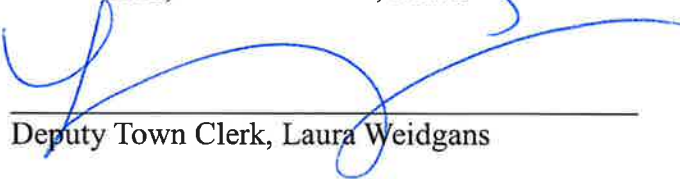
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Vice Mayor Hensley. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas
Meeting adjourned 7:50 P.M.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Next Scheduled Regular Commission Meeting will be held on July 15, 2026.


Mayor Roger D. Michaud


Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, MMC


Deputy Town Clerk, Laura Weidgans



Approved on this 15th of July, 2026

Exhibit A

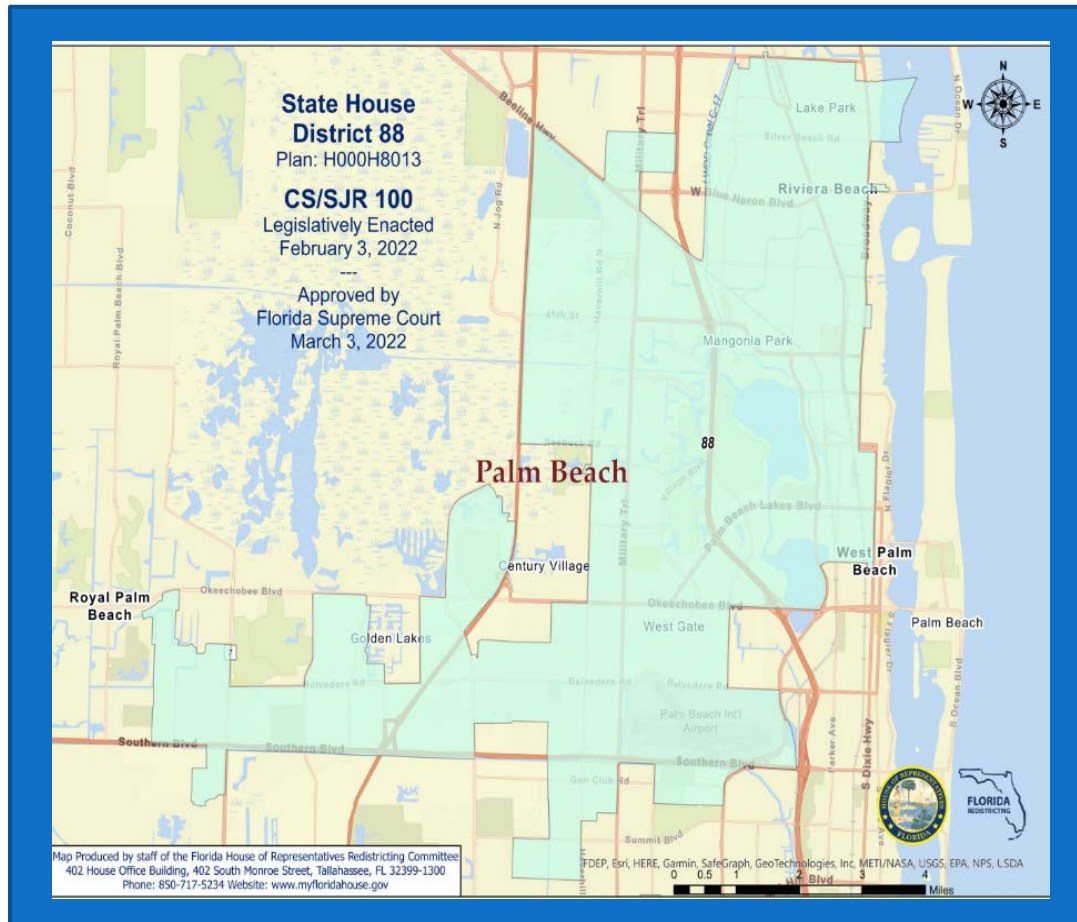
Florida Legislative Session Recap 2026



District 88



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Legislative Session

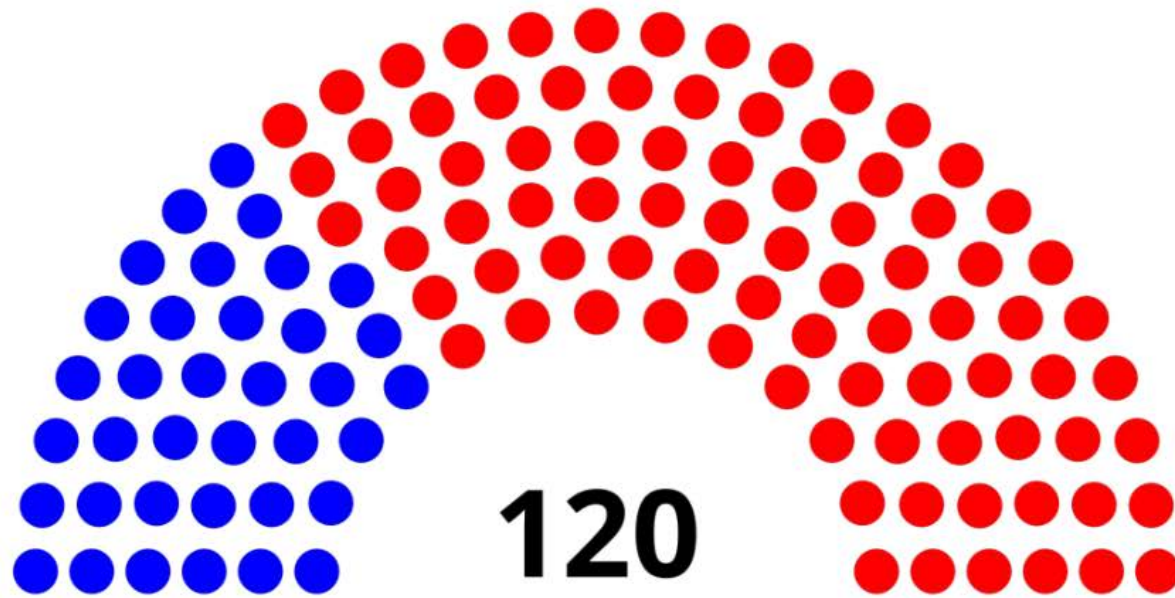
- 60 days, January to March
- Extended to June 2nd
- 1,896 Bills Filled, 236 Passed, 122 Signed.
- 2,846 Appropriation projects





The Florida House

- 120 member body
 - 87 Republicans
 - 33 Democrats
- ALL seats up for election 2026





Rep. Edmonds Committee Assignments

Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee - Ranking Member

Education & Employment Committee

Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee

State Administration Budget Subcommittee

Select Committee on Property Taxes

Legislation



HB 253 Veterans Dental Care Grant Program

HB 4035 Palm Beach County

HB 311 Tax Credits for Contributions to Assist Homebuyers

HB 171 Responsible Firearm Safety Awareness Month

HB 195 Payment Scam Task Force

HB 345 Funding for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

HB 727 Instructional and Personnel and School Administrator Salaries

HB 775 Homeowner's Insurance Premium Reductions

Representative Edmonds Appropriations



- ▶ Town of Lake Park Traffic Safety Upgrade - \$800,000
- ▶ Mangonia Park Mill and Repaving Program - \$500,000
- ▶ City of Riviera Beach Law Enforcement Training Center - \$500,000
- ▶ Town of Lake Park Final Septic-to-Sewer Conversion - \$500,000
- ▶ West Palm Beach Membrane Pilot Testing for Use of Alternative Water Supply - \$375,000
- ▶ Riviera Beach Utility Special District – New Water Treatment Plant Construction - \$1.5M
- ▶ Mangonia Park Addie Greene Regional Park Improvements - \$220,000
- ▶ Gulfstream Goodwill Industries Behavioral Health Services - \$438,992

Senate District 24



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Senator Bernard's Committee Assignments

- Ethics and Elections, Vice Chair
- Agriculture
- Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
- Criminal Justice
- Finance and Tax
- Fiscal Policy
- Regulated Industries
- Joint Administrative Procedures Committee
- Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining



Legislation

- CS/SB 554 Nonprofit Corporations
- Local Bills:

4063: West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund

4065: West Palm Beach Firefighter Pension Fund



Budget & Appropriations

- Over \$41 million in funding secured in the legislative budget

Highlights

- City of Riviera Beach Law Enforcement Training Center----500,000
- Boys & Girls Club & Teen Workforce Readiness Center of West Palm Beach---1,500,000
- Roosevelt Elementary School Program Enhancements---440,000
- Palm Beach County Australian Avenue Drainage Improvements---2,000,000
- Palm Beach County Peanut Island Coast Guard Facility and Bunker Restoration—650,000
- YMCA of the Palm Beaches Community Center---1,500,000
- Cox Science Center and Aquarium Expansion--\$3,000,000
- Multi-Mission Aircraft - Emergency Response Expansion for Palm Beach County---3,000,000
- Youth Center at The Lord's Place Family Campus---500,000
- Mangonia Park Addie Greene Regional Park Improvements---220,000
- Mangonia Park- Mill and Repaving Program—500,000
- Riviera Beach Utility Special District New Water Treatment Plant Construction---1,500,000



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- West Palm Beach Membrane Pilot Testing for Use of Alternative Water Supply—375,500
- West Palm Beach Fire Department Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Package—163,275
- West Palm Beach-Old Okeechobee Rail Safety Intersection Improvements(Fern Crossing)—3,000,000
- Downtown West Palm Beach Signalization Upgrades-Phase 3—3,000,000
- Palm Beach Atlantic University LeMieux Center for Public Policy—2,000,000
- Gulfstream Goodwill Industries Behavioral Health Services—438,992
- Goodwill Works Vocational Training for the Unemployed—500,000
- Connections Autism School & Vocational Center Expansion—1,000,000
- Arc of Palm Beach County—Completion of Special Needs Shelter—1,500,000

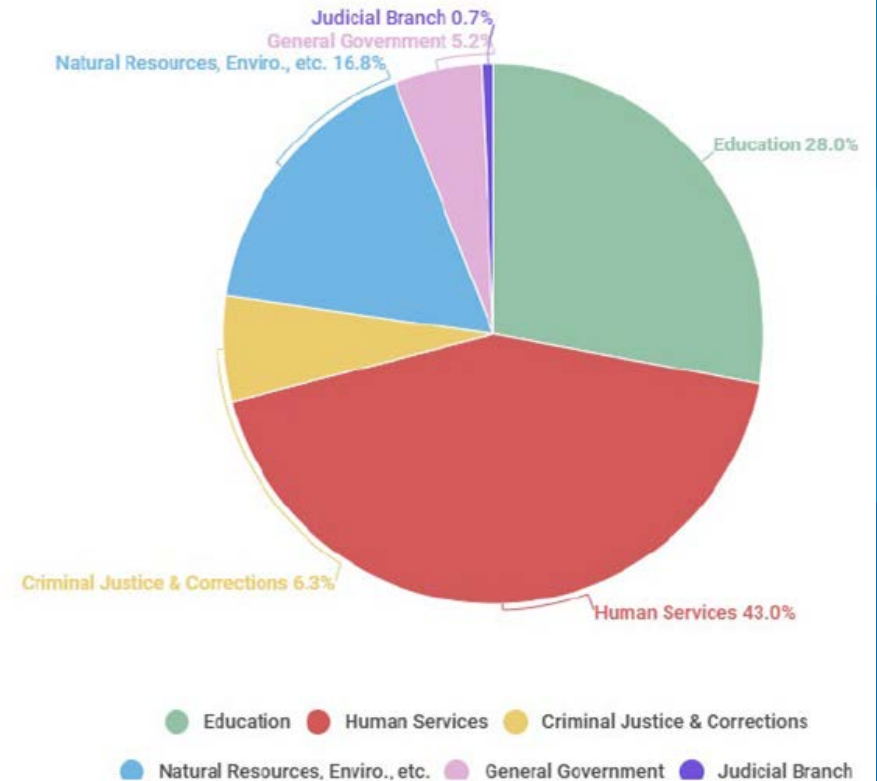


Budget

- ▶ Total Budget: \$114.5B (including reserves & multi-year funds)
- ▶ Key Allocations:
 - \$49.2B – Health & Human Services
 - \$32.B – Education (K–12 & Higher Ed)
 - \$19.2B – Transportation, Environment & Infrastructure
 - \$7.2B - Criminal Justice & Corrections
 - \$5.9B - General Government
 - \$832.7M - Judicial Branch



Proportional Allocation by Section



Budget and Taxes

TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Affordable Housing

- SHIP Program Funding
- SAIL Program
- Hometown Heroes Program
- My Safe Florida

Transportation Policy

- Rail & Transit Funding (South Florida Impact)



Housing & Development

HB 399

HB 399 makes it harder for cities and counties to block housing development and gives developers a stronger legal path to build.

-Cities cannot deny housing projects just because they don't "fit" the neighborhood in some cases

SB1434

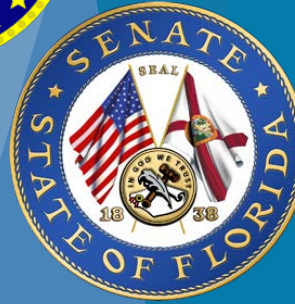
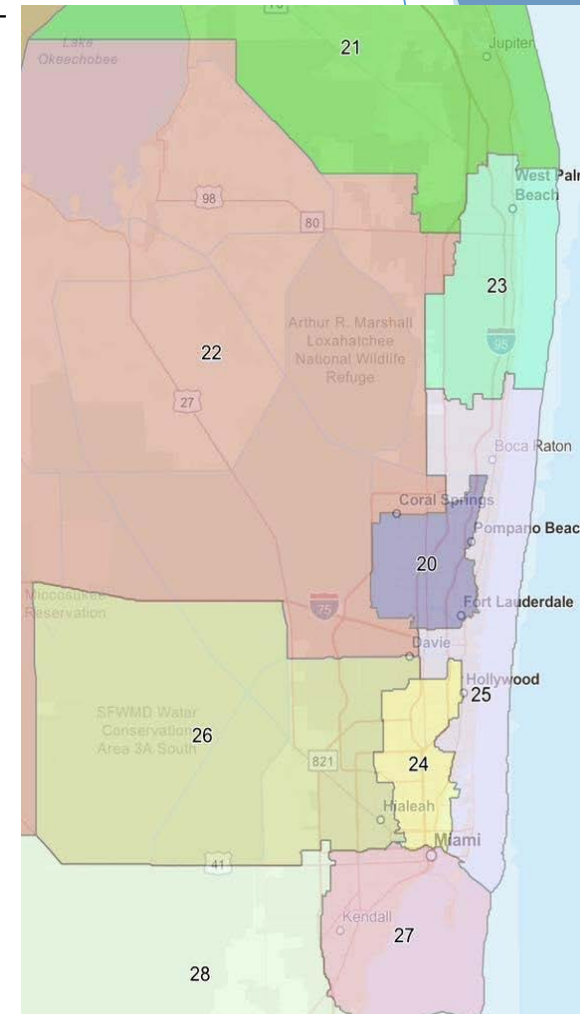
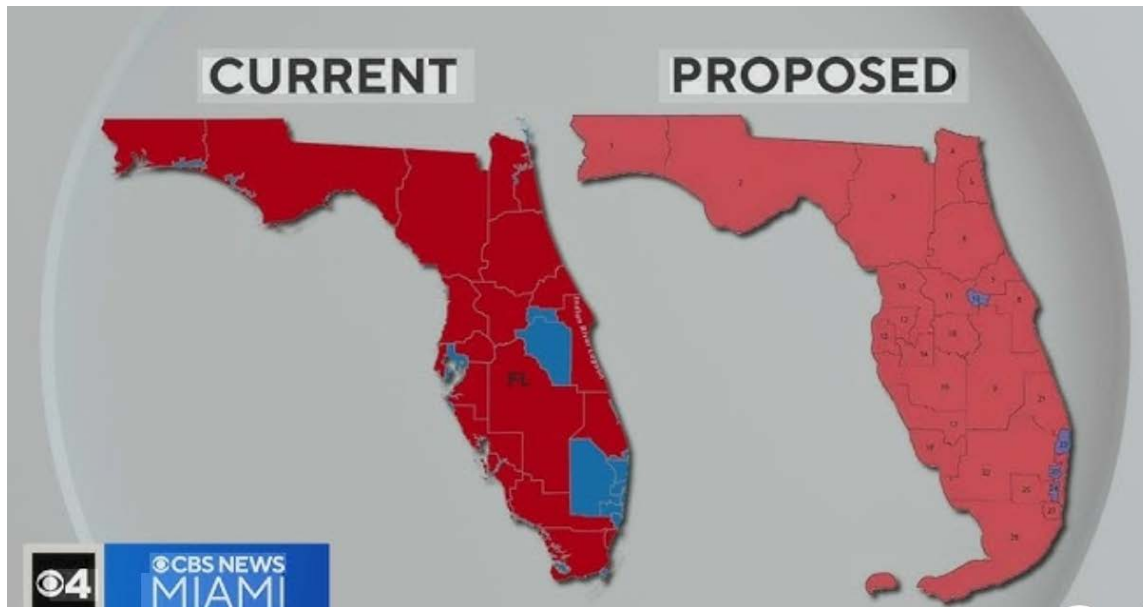
This bill is designed to increase housing supply by making it easier to build on underused or contaminated land (brownfields) in urban areas



Redistricting & Voting

HB 991

Requires verification of U.S. citizenship using government-issued IDs, eliminating student and retirement home IDs as valid forms.



Property Tax

- ▶ Property taxes will be on the ballot in November. If passed, these will be the most significant changes:
 - The \$50,000 homestead exemption on primary residences will be raised to \$150,000 in 2027 and \$250,000 in 2028.
 - Starting 2028, the homestead exemption will be increased by the Consumer Price Index.
 - People who move to Florida after December 31st will not receive the tax benefit for five years.
 - Annual assessment increases for non-homestead properties (corporations and second homes) will be capped from the current 10% to 5%.
- ▶ **The REAL ISSUE: Homeowners Insurance Rates**



Education

- Freedom Tax Credit The Governor opted into the federal Freedom Tax Credit, therefore expanding school choice by directing more funding to private and alternative education options, while putting long-term financial pressure on traditional public schools.
- SB182 Creates a statewide program that pairs experienced teachers with newer ones to provide training, support, and mentorship, including stipends for mentor teachers.
- HB1279 Updates school and university policies like course requirements, student supports, and funding rules, while also tightening certain higher education eligibility and enrollment rules (ex. caps out of state enrollment in preeminent universities at 5%).
- HB1073 Creates a “Bill of Rights” for school board members that gives them stronger access to district documents and more while increasing transparency and limiting practices like employee non-disclosure agreements.



Business



HB1134

A local government DEI ban. Prohibits cities and counties from funding or promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, with potential legal consequences for violations.

SB 484

This bill establishes new regulations for large data centers, requiring them to cover their full energy and infrastructure costs and limiting the ability to shift those costs onto consumers. It also adds oversight on water usage, foreign ownership concerns, and local zoning authority, shaping how and where data centers can develop in Florida.

SB 1296

Union Regulation. This bill imposes stricter requirements for public union certification and limits union activities during work hours.

Health Care and More

SB1668

This bill revises how Florida's birth-related neurological injury compensation program coordinates with Medicaid, including requiring the state to recover certain costs. It also clarifies insurer responsibilities and adjusts legal and financial obligations within the program.

HB 697

This bill focuses on prescription drug affordability by updating rules around pricing transparency and insurance coverage. It aims to improve how insurers handle reimbursement and patient access to medications.



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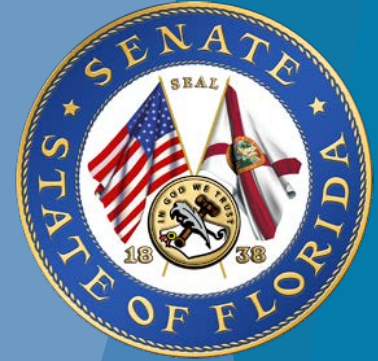
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Exhibit B

Susan LaFontaine For LP Commission 7/1/2026

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06	06	Boca Raton (O.E.)	3.6476	3.6476	0.0000
06	06	Boca Raton (D.S.)	0.0173	0.0173	0.0000
08	08	Boynton Beach (O.E.)	7.7500	7.8000	(0.0500)
09	09	Briny Breezes	3.7500	6.7500	(3.0000)
10	10	Cloud Lake	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
12	12	Delray Beach (O.E.)	6.1611	6.1611	0.0000
12	12	Delray Beach (D.S.)	0.0309	0.0309	0.0000
14	14	Glenridge	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
18	18	Greenacres (O.E.)	6.3000	6.3000	0.0000
20	20	Gulf Stream	3.6724	3.6724	0.0000
22	22	Haverhill	3.9000	4.0500	(0.1500)
24	24	Highland Beach (O.E.)	3.4159	3.4159	0.0000
24	24	Highland Beach (Aggregate Debt Service)	0.1716	0.1716	0.0000
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28	28	Juno Beach	1.8195	1.8195	0.0000
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32	32	Jupiter Inlet Colony	5.5600	5.5600	0.0000
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62	62	South Palm Beach	3.4000	3.4000	0.0000
66	66	Village of Golf	6.5452	6.5452	0.0000
68	68	North Palm Beach	7.4000	7.4000	0.0000
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Meeting Date 7/1/2026

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Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!

***Three (3) minute limitation on all comments

Name: Suzan LeFontaine
Address: 545 Evergreen

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address: _____

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

Town Property Tax rate

Commission

Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

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