

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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The Honorable Representative Gary Aubuchon, Chair
Lee County Legislative Delegation
3501 Del Prado Blvd, Suite #305
Cape Coral, FL 33904

RE: Lee County Board of Commissioners Legislative Requests

Karen B. Hawes
County Manager

Dear Representative Aubuchon:

David M. Owen
County Attorney

On November 30th our Lee County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to support the following pre-session legislative agenda items to be consistent with the recently adopted Florida Association of Counties legislative platform:

Diana M. Parker
County Hearing Examiner

1. Oppose Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) concept as inconsistent with home rule.
2. Support strategic lobbying on unfunded mandate issues (i.e. Medicaid and Juvenile Justice increases to Counties).
3. Support the creation of Florida Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (RPS)

We are interested in supporting appropriate septic tank inspections and monitoring the numerous State agency rulemaking initiatives particularly those that affect water quality and environmental regulation.

We are also very supportive of the State's economic incentive programs and encourage any effort to increase the efficiency of distributions of those funds to increase job creation throughout the State of Florida.

We respectfully submit this list of pre-session legislative issues to the Southwest Florida legislative delegation and request time for a brief statement from both Commissioner Judah and myself at the Delegation meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

We look forward to working closely with you on these issues and others that are critical to the quality of life for the citizens of Lee County.

Sincerely,



Commissioner Frank Mann, Chair
District 5

cc: Lee County Board of Commissioners, Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.
Karen Hawes, Lee County Manager