



Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

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Ms. Paige Anne Biagi
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State Representative Gary Aubuchon
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RE: Lee County Delegation Meeting on December 15, 2010

Dear Ms. Biagi:

This letter is to serve as official request to make a general presentation at the Lee County Delegation Meeting on December 15, 2010. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is a locally formed regional planning agency serving six counties: Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota. Its mission is *to work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share... for the benefit of our future generations.*

At its November 18, 2010 meeting, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council adopted its 2011 Legislative Priorities which I have attached the packet in the form of a summary sheet along with a 3x5 card for quick reference. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Mick Denham
Chair

MD/nlg

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Regional Planning Council
2011 Legislative Priorities

Regional priorities regarding fertilizer and water quality legislation:

1. Support strong, statewide fertilizer legislation.
2. Oppose unfunded mandates and any preemption of local governments.
3. Any legislation must not inhibit the authority of local government to protect their communities from harm.



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2011 Legislative Priorities

Key policy priorities for 2011:

1. Support implementing a state comprehensive renewable energy action plan.
2. Support natural resource conservation programs, to include Everglades restoration and Florida Forever, as vital to sustainable economic development including agriculture, fisheries and tourism, and to provide resiliency to natural disasters.
3. Oppose unfunded mandates and pre-emption of local authority generally, and specifically regarding fertilizer and stormwater rules.
4. Support sufficient funding for DCA and Regional Planning Councils.

