



City of Bonita Springs

Legislative Priorities – 2013

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1. The City of Bonita Springs opposes any Legislation that would preempt local Home Rule protection. This would include any legislation which would provide a "one size fits all" solution to issues that local governments can and should control.
2. The City of Bonita Springs supports legislation which increases the frequency of rotation of municipalities onto the Lee County Tourist Development Council (TDC). Towards this end, Bonita Springs supports the legislation proposed by Lee County increasing rotation frequency and reducing term lengths from 4 years to 2 years.
3. The City of Bonita Springs opposes any legislation that would require State mandated fertilizer standards that preempt municipal adopted standards.
4. The City of Bonita Springs supports legislation that would allow pari-mutuel facilities within counties that have passed referendums to provide slot gaming.
5. The City of Bonita Springs supports legislation that would provide funding (\$250,000) for improvements to Oak Creek. The Governor vetoed legislation the last two (2) years.

Also, more generally, we support increased funding to education (including Charter Schools) and the enactment of a State Energy Policy.