



*City of Fort Myers*  
*Forrest Banks*  
*Councilman Ward 5*

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To Lee County Legislative Delegation:

The Southwest Florida League of Cities supports a balanced water resources policy that provides for enhancements to water quality and resource conservation that provides for reductions in nutrients, flood damage prevention, protects the tourism economy, rehabilitates natural environments, and provides recreation opportunities.

The Southwest Florida League of Cities opposes unfunded mandates and supports legislative action that strengthens the prohibition on unfunded mandates, improves identification and quantification procedures, eliminates loopholes, and requires full funding of new State mandates to the City.

The Southwest Florida League of Cities supports legislation that provides home rule authority of municipalities to diversify sources of revenues to provide for a healthy fiscal condition and reduce costs in the issuance of debt. The Southwest Florida League of Cities opposes legislation that seeks to cap revenues of state and local governments.

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