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# GEORGE MORAITIS' MID-SESSION UPDATE:

## EDITOR'S COMMENTARY

*"In his 2016 Mid-session Legislative Update, District 93 Statehouse Representative George Moraitis reaffirms his commitment to competitively enhancing Port Everglades, applauds Statehouse efforts to bolster education, reviews appropriations to Everglades Restoration and looks at the House version of a complex \$1 billion targeted tax cut nested in House Bill 7099 filed by Representative Matt Gaetz (R – Fort Walton Beach), who Chairs the House Finance and Tax Committee. Seated on the House Appropriations Committee and Vice Chair of the House Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Moraitis is uniquely placed to help develop Broward's Transportation infrastructure.*

### **PEAT and the Port**

*Moraitis opens his message by focusing on a critically important financial opportunity that, if managed properly, will inject \$billions into the local economy, funnel truckloads of tax revenue into state and regional coffers, and pluck thousands of local residents from unemployment rolls. As the reconfigured Panama Canal increasingly accommodates supersized transports, tankers and cruise ships, plummeting shipping costs will significantly alter international patterns of commerce. Port Everglades will have to compete with other East Coast and Gulf ports for an impending trade windfall projected to inflate the State treasury and enhance the local economy.*

*While most of the required funding is generated by the Port (a highly profitable Broward Enterprise Fund), Moraitis has been instrumental in bagging incremental State financing to help implement the \$1.6 Billion "Port Everglades Master Plan" - a short list of improvements that will enable the Port to compete for this bonanza. The three "Master Plan" projects referenced by Moraitis are the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility, which has been providing Port patrons with seamless ship-to-rail cargo capability since its completion last year; deepening and widening the entrance channel to accommodate post-Panamax oceangoing monsters; and lengthening the 900-foot deepwater Southport Turning Notch to 2400 feet, allowing for the addition of five new cargo berths along its expanded perimeter. After 16 years of Federal "Kick the Can" and Congressional gridlock, the Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Committee finally gave the projects a green light last year.*

*Empaneled with Broward officials and local business leaders, the Port Everglades Advocacy Team (PEAT) travelled to Tallahassee to promote the Port's legislative agenda on February 1 and 2, 2016. Led by District 4 Broward Commissioner Chip LaMarca, the team included Gail Bulfin (Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance); Sam Stephenson (Port Everglades Pilots Association); Eric Roth (Premier Beverage); Bob Ledoux (FECI); Nancy Leikauf (Port Everglades Association); along with staffers from Port Everglades and the Broward Intergovernmental Affairs Division.*

*Accompanied by representatives from other Florida Ports, PEAT lobbied to increase the state's funding allocation to the Florida Seaport and Transportation Economic Development Council (FSTED) from \$15 million to \$25 million. FSTED is a resource wallet for Florida Seaports. To underwrite other County infrastructure projects (like improvements to the Galt Mile stretch of A1A), they also advocated to fully fund the Florida Department of Transportation's 5-year Work Program.*

*In addition to visiting Moraitis, team members met with Senate President Andy Gardiner, Department of Economic Opportunity Executive Director Cissy Proctor, Transportation Secretary Jim Boxold, Frank Collins (Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Rick Scott), Statehouse Representatives Lake Ray and Frank Artiles, and several members of the Broward Legislative Delegation (Senators Chris Smith, Eleanor Sobel, Jeremy Ring and Representative Richard Stark). The strategy was simple; keep pounding away until someone says "Yes". Last year, during a similar expedition with identical objectives, Broward Mayor Tim Ryan and LaMarca faced a more vigorous one-day schedule, orchestrating 36 meetings with Committee Chairs, key legislators and executive branch officials. Check out Moraitis' mid-session message to constituents... - [editor]"*

## FROM GEORGE MORAITIS...

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we pass the midpoint of the 2016 Florida Legislative Session, I am writing to give you an update on the progress of several important items to our area. This Session we are working diligently to invest in education, to improve our region's infrastructure in order to stimulate job growth, to cut taxes to return money to hard working families, and to implement a comprehensive

### **Port Everglades Expansion**

Port Everglades is working on three crucial expansion projects that will create jobs and improve the regional economy as we anticipate the completion of the Panama Canal expansion within the next year. These expansion projects will deepen and widen the channel to accommodate larger ships, add up to five berths, and create an estimated 7,000 new jobs locally and an additional 135,000 jobs statewide over the next 15 years.

In connection with this initiative, we were honored to host the Port Everglades Action Team in Tallahassee earlier this month. Composed of leaders of the greater Fort Lauderdale business, government, and education community, the Team did an outstanding job advocating for the improvement of our Port and made an excellent impression in our state capital.

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I am proud to announce that working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County, and Port Everglades, the Florida House Budget passed last week will appropriate over \$12 million for these projects in this coming year. We anticipate funding a total of \$122 million for Port expansion between now and 2021.

**Education Budget**

The Florida House showed its commitment to providing a quality education for Florida's students by proposing to increase K-12 per student funding to its highest level ever. The proposed K-12 Education budget passed by the House last week totals \$14.2 billion which is a total of \$7,231.57 per student. The House budget also includes \$20 million for Preeminent State Universities and \$10 million for Emerging Preeminent State Universities to encourage our universities to strive for academic and research excellence and offer more high-quality educational opportunities to Floridians.

Education remains a cornerstone to a better future for the children of our state, and the Florida House budget demonstrates our commitment to the promise of an outstanding public education for our students.

**Everglades Restoration**

Our state is home to many beautiful and critical natural resources that must be protected, foremost of which is the Everglades. Under the House Legacy Florida proposal, \$198 million will be provided for Everglades Restoration to preserve its beauty and protect this vital environmental resource for future generations. The proposal allocates \$100 million for comprehensive restoration, \$32 million for the regional water quality plan and \$66 million for Northern Everglades and estuaries protection. The Florida House budget puts into action the expressed desire of many Floridians to restore the Everglades and improve our environment.

**Florida House Passes \$1 Billion Tax Cut**

The proposed House Budget includes a proposed \$1 billion tax cut through a reduction in the commercial sales tax on leases to help small businesses, a repeal of the sales tax on manufacturing equipment to help diversify our economy, and a back-to-school sales tax holiday on books, clothing and school supplies. We are proposing relief for individuals and small businesses, while also infusing more money directly into our economy. This tax package will not only help Florida's businesses create jobs, but make Florida a more affordable state to live and raise a family.

It is important that I hear from you as we prepare to finish the legislative session next month and address initiatives to benefit the citizens of our state and local community. Please contact me by phone at 954-762-3757 or by email at [george.moraitis@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:george.moraitis@myfloridahouse.gov). It remains my privilege to represent you in our state capitol. God bless you and the great state of Florida.

Sincerely,  
George

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<b>27</b> Las Olas Sunday Market 333 East Las Olas Blvd. & SE 4th Ave. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-426-8436	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Sanger: 954-563-7268	<b>30</b> BINGO Regency South Party Room 7 p.m. Info.: Bob Pearlman: 954-547-4063  Riverwalk Noon Tunes Performer(s): The Flyers (Rock 'n' Roll) Huizenga Plaza Noon to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-468-1541 ext. 205
<b>3</b> Las Olas Sunday Market 333 East Las Olas Blvd. & SE 4th Ave. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-426-8436  <b>Sunday Jazz Brunch</b> Riverwalk, Downtown FL 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-396-3622	<b>4</b>  Commissioner Bruce Roberts: Pre-Agenda Meeting Beach Community Center, 6 p.m. Info.: 954-828-5033	<b>5</b> BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Sanger: 954-563-7268  Fort Lauderdale City Commission Meeting City Hall Regular Agenda: 6 p.m.	<b>6</b> BINGO Regency South Party Room 7 p.m. Info.: Bob Pearlman: 954-547-4063
<b>10</b> Las Olas Sunday Market 333 East Las Olas Blvd. & SE 4th Ave. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-426-8436  7th Annual Jazz Picnic in the Park Performer: WT Heck Ilene Lieberman Botanical Gardens, Lauderdale 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Info.: 954-730-3000	<b>11</b>  Riverwalk's Spring Get Downtown YOLO courtyard 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info.: 954-468-1541 ext. 205	<b>12</b> BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Sanger: 954-563-7268	<b>13</b> BINGO Regency South Party Room 7 p.m. Info.: Bob Pearlman: 954-547-4063
<b>17</b> Las Olas Outdoor Green Market 333 E Las Olas Blvd. & SE 4th Ave. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-426-8436	<b>18</b> Tri County Business Expo Embassy Suites in Fort Lauderdale 5 to 8 p.m. Info.: 954-838-9644  Commissioner Bruce Roberts: Pre-Agenda Meeting Beach Community Center, 6 p.m. Info.: 954-828-5033	<b>19</b> BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Sanger: 954-563-7268  Fort Lauderdale City Commission Meeting City Hall Regular Agenda: 6 p.m.	<b>20</b> BINGO Regency South Party Room 7 p.m. Info.: Bob Pearlman: 954-547-4063

MARCH 26-27: 24th Annual Florida Renaissance Festival, Quiet Waters Park, 10 a.m. to Sundown, Info.: 954-776-1642

MARCH 26-27: Flamingo Gardens - 35th Annual International Orchid & Bromeliad Show, Flamingo Gardens, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Info.: 954-473-2955

MARCH 30: Palm Beach Cando & HOA Expo 2016, Palm Beach County Convention Center, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Info.: 952-881-5030

APRIL 1-3: West Palm Beach Antiques Festival, AmeriCraft Expo Center (South Florida Fairgrounds), WPB, Info.: 941-697-7475

APRIL 1-3: 14th Annual Auctions America's Fort Lauderdale Collector Car Auction, Broward County Convention Center, Info.: 954-566-2209

APRIL 2-3: 28th Annual Las Olas Art Fair - Part II, Las Olas Blvd between SE 6th Ave. and SE 11th Ave., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Info.: 954-472-3755

APRIL 2-3: Paul & Young Ron's RockFest 80's Music Festival, Markham Park, All Day, Info.: 754-701-4992

APRIL 2-3: 4th Annual Dania Beach Arts and Seafood Celebration, Frost Park (300 NE 2nd St.), Dania Beach, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Info.: 954-924-6801

APRIL 3: Festival Flea Market Annual Spring Mega Classic & Foreign Car Show, Festival Flea Market Mall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Info.: 954-563-4000

APRIL 8: CAI-SEFL Annual Golf Tournament, Jacaranda Country Club (Plantation), Noon to 7 p.m., Info.: 954-816-0661

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<b>31</b>  	<b>1</b>  Relay For Life of Sunrise Sunrise Athletic Complex 6 p.m. to Midnight Info.: 954-564-0880  Friday Night Sound Waves Live Music Series Performer(s): Dr. Ed Calle Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub at Las Olas and A1A 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.	<b>2</b>  4th Annual Yoga Fest Huizenga Plaza 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Info.: 704-756-9245  MS Walk - Fort Lauderdale George English Park (1101 Bayview Dr.) Registration: 7 a.m.; Start: 8:30 a.m. Info.: 855-372-1331
<b>7</b>  31st Annual Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run Huizenga Park, 6:45 p.m. Info.: 305-666-7223	<b>8</b>  Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration Museum of Discovery and Science Info.: 954-712-1172  Friday Night Sound Waves Live Music Series Performer(s): Electric Piquete Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub at Las Olas and A1A 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.	<b>9</b>  Annual KID Duck Fest Derby Esplanade Park Noon to 3 p.m. Info.: 954-390-7654  54th Annual Delray Affair: Arts & Craft Festival (Through 4/10) Intracoastal to NW 2nd Ave, Downtown Delray Info.: 561-279-0907
<b>14</b>  5th Annual Delish - 2016 Gallery of Amazing Things (481 S Federal Hwy) 7 to 10 p.m. Info.: 954-749-4900	<b>15</b>  Fishing for the Dream Tournament Lighthouse Point Yacht and Racquet Club Info.: 954-564-3512  Friday Night Sound Waves Live Music Series Performer(s): The Andrew Morris Band Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub at Las Olas and A1A 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.	<b>16</b>  Hotsume Fair: First Bud of Spring (Through 4/17) Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info.: 561-495-0233  Rock the Ocean - Tortuga Music Festival (Through 4/17) Fort Lauderdale Beach Park Info.: 615-498-7548
<b>21</b>  G.M.C.A. Advisory Board Meeting Nick's Italian Restaurant 11 a.m.	<b>22</b>  Friday Night Sound Waves Live Music Series Performer(s): Joel DaSilva & The Midnight Howl Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub at Las Olas and A1A 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.	<b>23</b>  The Color Run 5K Huizenga Plaza 7:30 a.m. to Noon Info.: 954-468-1541, Ext. 205  Gold Coast Derby Girls War Memorial Auditorium, 8 p.m. Info.: 954-401-8712

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April 24  
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Huizenga Plaza, 7:30 a.m. to Noon  
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April 27 - May 1  
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Intracoastal Waterway, along Flagler Dr. from Banyan Blvd.  
to Lakeview Ave, West Palm Beach  
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April 29  
21st Annual Las Olas Wine & Food Festival  
Las Olas Blvd., 7:30 to 10 p.m.  
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April 29  
Friday Night Sound Waves Live Music Series  
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APRIL 16-17: Garden & Bonsai Festival, Flamingo Gardens, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Info.: 954-473-2955

First Saturday of Every Month: Beach Cleanup, Commercial Blvd. & the Beach LBTS (Meet at Pavilion), 9 to 9:30 a.m., Info.: 954-776-1000

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Second Saturday of Every Month: Beach Sweep, Fort Lauderdale Beach Park, 1100 Seabreeze Blvd., 7 to 11 a.m., Info.: 954-593-8501

Mondays: Food Trucks at ArtsPark, 5:30 to 10 p.m., Youngs Circle in Hollywood

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# SINE DIE IN THE STATE CAPITAL

By Eric Berkowitz

With a handful of exceptions, dozens of association bills filed during the 2016 Legislative Session were finally exiled to the ever-expanding Tallahassee boneyard. In the last week of the session, a set of companion bills in the House and Senate were poised to become legislative trains, repositories for bits and pieces of stalled legislation whose sponsors hoped to rescue from death on the calendar. Senate Bill 1050 filed by Senator Jeffrey Brandes (R - St. Petersburg) and House Bill 1187, sponsored by Representative James W. "J.W." Grant (R - Tampa), relating to the Department of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR), were besieged by lawmakers with bills destined for oblivion.

## Tallahassee Train Time

Essentially deregulation bills, they were suddenly bloated by an eclectic collection of unrelated provisions including (HB 1357/SB 1716) a mandate that large associations upload association documents (i.e. association financial records, contracts, unit owner accounts, insurance policies, etc.) to a new or expanded website (hackable by the average tech savvy eighth grader), (HB 1405/SB 1292) the removal of an exemption for associations with fewer than 50 units which currently allows them to prepare a report of cash receipts and expenditures in lieu of an audit, review, or compilation based on annual revenues, (HB 203/SB 722) a requirement that estoppel certificate fees must be paid from the proceeds at closing (sound familiar?), and dozens more last ditch maneuvers by lawmakers desperately attempting to salvage fast-fading bills.

The association-related provisions were subsequently dumped from HB 1187 when deemed irrelevant to a DBPR deregulation bill. Also burdened with a laundry list of orphaned bill provisions was Senate companion bill SB 1040, which remained on the Senate's Special Order Calendar from March 4 through March 11, but was never heard. In short, the trains never left the station.

## Estoppel Endgame

In early February, association advocates lamented how legislation widely known as "The Home Tax" would adversely impact association homeowners. Fueled by Title Company lobbyists and the powerful Realtors Association, House Bill 203 filed by Rep. John Wood (R - Winter Haven) and Senate Bill 722 filed by Sen. Kelli Stargel (R - Lakeland) threaten to dump the cost of preparing estoppel certificates on an association's unit owners. Since Wood is a Realtor and Stargel owns and operates several Real Estate companies, the legislation would line their pockets.

Of the bills' prospective statutory changes, the most damaging is a prohibition against the association being paid upon delivering the estoppel certificate. Instead, the bill would require that estoppel costs and fees be paid to the association from the proceeds at closing. If the unit doesn't close, and the association is unable to collect from the seller - as often occurs when distressed properties are being sold by owners already delinquent on their association obligations - the association is left holding the bag.

The bill also initially capped how much an association could charge for preparing an estoppel certificate. The legislation set the fee at \$200 if the unit is free of delinquencies, or \$400 if not. When a unit is swimming in debt, burdened with multiple liens or entangled in litigation, such complex estoppels would typically cost the association more than the bills' maximum amount recoverable at closing. Any difference was also hung on the necks of unit owners.

While codifying a confusing procedure and precluding unjustifiable fees are useful and productive objectives, Statute shouldn't force an association's unit owners to subsidize every prospective homebuyer's closing costs. This is the second consecutive year that these lawmakers are carrying the water for the trade organizations that drafted and lobbied for their respective bills. As of early March, they appear headed to the same endgame.

On January 13th, when Stargel's SB 722 marginally squeezed by the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries by a vote of 6 Yeas vs. 4 Nays, it had a sobering effect on Wood, who suddenly became more amenable to enhancing his bill's palatability. Armed with angry emails from thousands of unit & parcel owners from across the State (including the Galt Mile), association advocates negotiated some significant changes to HB 203.

In addition to removing the "pay at close" bear trap, Wood raised the estoppel preparation fee for a unit with no delinquencies from \$200 to \$250. These concessions paved the way for unanimous approval on February 18th by the House Judiciary Committee, the bill's final Committee stop before hitting the House Floor. Ultimately, these maneuvers proved futile, as Stargel's companion bill in the Senate was never scheduled in the Senate Committees on Judiciary or Fiscal Policy, two of its three committee stops.





The death of her bill on the calendar buys a one-way ticket to the cornfield for Wood's HB 203. When Wood and Stargel whip out the same turnip at next year's session, if they excise the provisions that unnecessarily stick it to unit owners, it would be largely unopposed. Given their two-year learning curve, don't bet on it.

#### Some Survivors

A few of the surviving bills that impact community associations include:

- Senate Bill 184 by Senator Aaron Bean (R - Jacksonville) relating to military and veterans affairs provides that a landlord, Condominium Association, Co-operative Association or HOA requiring a prospective tenant to complete a rental application before residing in a rental unit must process such a rental application from a military service member within seven days of submission. Approval or denial of the military service member's application must be in writing and if denied, include the reason for denial. If the landlord, Condo, Co-op or HOA fails to timely deny a rental application that complies with all the other terms of the application and lease, the rental unit must be leased to the service member.

- House Bill 535 by Representative Dane Eagle (R - Cape Coral) relates to Building Codes. Buried in sixty-six pages of other code updates, the bill amends Chapter 633.202, F.S., requiring all new and existing high rise buildings to maintain a minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications. Currently non-compliant apartment buildings are required to comply by January 1, 2025. The bill also amends Chapter 633.208 F.S., relating to Fire Safety Standards. The amendments provide that the local fire official may consider the fire safety evaluation systems found in NFPA 101A, Guide on Alternative Solutions to Life Safety, adopted by State Fire Marshal, as acceptable systems for the identification of low-cost reasonable alternatives.

- House Bill 931 by Representative Kathleen Passidomo (R - Naples) is entitled Operations of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. In her end-of-session summary of the legislation, Association Advocate Yeline

Goin states, "Among other things, the bill changes the current depopulation procedures for personal lines residential policies (i.e., individual homeowner policies) by requiring that take-out offers be communicated by Citizens and not the take-out company. Notice of a take-out offer must include standardized information that compares the coverage and estimated premium of each take-out offer to the coverage and premium provided by Citizens and must advise policyholders that they may accept or reject any offer. In some cases, policyholders who accepted a take-out offer in the past 36 months may return to Citizens. The reforms must be in place by January 1, 2017."

#### DBPR Tragicomic Relief

Stirring suspicions that the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes in the Department of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR) solicits legal guidance from Soupy Sales, it punctuated the legislative session with an enigmatic January 27, 2016 Declaratory Statement. Responding to a query about board eligibility petitioned by the Alhambra Village No. 1 Association, Inc., Division Director Kevin Stanfield parsed the Condominium Act and the association's governing documents to determine "whether a husband and wife, as co-tenants who do not own a condominium unit" can simultaneously serve on a condominium board.

The Florida Condominium Act – specifically Chapter 718.112(2)(d)2, F.S. - states, "In a residential condominium association of more than 10 units, or in a residential condominium association that does not include timeshare units or timeshare interests, co-owners of a unit may not serve as members of the board of directors at the same time unless they own more than one unit or unless there are not enough eligible candidates to fill the vacancies on the board at the time of the vacancy."

Director Stanfield cites a previous Declaratory Statement issued to Sunrise Lakes on February 9, 2009, in which the Division upheld the statutory prohibition against co-owners simultaneously serving on a board. Stanfield notes how the Division deems the prohibition reasonable "because of the inherent propensity for the persons with joint financial interests to pursue common goals." He included this quote because it's followed by "This is particularly so where spouses serve on the board simultaneously." Characterizing the practice as "an evil to be corrected," the 2009 Statement continues "Alignment of financial interests creates an inherent risk of disproportionately affecting the balance of a board's voting power and its ability for robust and independent debate."

It's unclear why Stanfield dwells on this decision, since he follows it with "If the drafters intended to restrict co-tenants from serving on the board, such language would have been included in the Statute," and declares "the Division will not look to the intent behind the statute." As if delivering a punch line, Stanfield lets fly: "Ordered that absent a provision in the governing documents, husband and wife co-tenants may simultaneously serve on the board of directors of the Association. Done and ordered this 25th day of January, 2016, at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida." As a parting shot, gubernatorial appointee Stanfield sees no ambiguity in his decision to provide rights to husband and wife co-tenants that are denied to husband and wife co-owners.

And the hits just keep on coming. •



# Soliciting Beach Investment in Tallahassee:

## Commentary: Chip LaMarca's February 2016 Newsletter

*In his February 2016 Newsletter, District 4 Broward Commissioner Chip LaMarca reports meeting in Tallahassee with officials from other Florida coastal communities to solicit lawmaker support for a reliable beach maintenance funding resource, describes how the Port Everglades Advocacy Team lobbied Tallahassee lawmakers to annually allocate at least \$25 million to insure that Florida seaports remain economically competitive, details how a free Mobile Passport Control smart phone / tablet app can expedite processing by U.S. Customs for travelers at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, invites budding Broward entrepreneurs to hone their business skills at the 2016 Capacity Building Conference on March 4th and 5th, and applauds Broward County Library for showering patrons with a staggering 1.2 million eBooks in 2015.*

### Fixing a Funding Breakdown

*While accompanying Broward beach officials through the mind-numbing regulatory and fiscal gauntlets prerequisite to replenishing beach infrastructure critical to the State's tourism economy, LaMarca learned that their frustration was shared by officials in coastal jurisdictions all over the State. Shortly after launching the Segment II beach project, LaMarca traveled to Tallahassee to help mitigate future fiscal impediments. Under the auspices of the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association, LaMarca joined with counterparts in other Florida beachfront communities to help establish a dedicated funding resource. Drawing on a January 2015 study by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR – research arm of the Florida Legislature) at the request of former House Speaker Will Weatherford, the visiting local politicians prepared a presentation for influential legislative leaders that focused primarily on the fiscal impact of beach renourishment.*

### EDR Beach Investment Analysis

*Entitled "Economic Evaluation of Florida's Investment in Beaches", the EDR report calculated the Return on Investment (ROI) of Beach Restoration, assessed the economic risk of disasters and concluded that beaches are the most important feature of Florida's "Brand". During the study's 3-year review period (covering FY 2011, 2012 and 2013), the state invested \$44 million in the Beach and Management Restoration Program (roughly 30.5% of the total cost shared by Federal, State, and local sources). This investment directly increased State GDP an average \$2.4 billion per year.*

*By identifying each revenue source and calculating its tax impact, the study tracks how the incremental GDP plumped state revenues by \$237.9 million over the three year period. After crunching complex funding formulas to validate the raw data, the report concluded that \$44 million invested in the State Beach Program "generated a positive return on investment of 5.4", based solely on tangible financial gains or losses to state revenues. Since in-state tourism was not included in the analysis, the actual ROI exceeds 5.4.*

*To quantify the protective value of replenished beaches against catastrophic weather events (hurricanes, storm surge, etc.) and man-made disasters (i.e. the BP oil spill), the EDR analysis utilized beach restoration data for Fiscal Years 2003-2004 through 2013-2014 to address how low-impact, average and high-impact disasters stunt the State economy. The scope included lost tourism revenues, the cost of restoring neglected beaches shocked by disasters, and heightened damage to property adjacent to heavily eroded beaches.*

*For an average disaster, EDR calculated a loss of \$921.1 million in visitor spending, reducing state tax revenues by \$55.3 million. A high-impact disaster, while requiring a State appropriation of \$79.9 million toward a "Federal-State-local" cost-sharing partnership to repair the damaged shoreline (i.e. beaches restored under the Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control and Coastal Emergency Program), would also precipitate the loss of approximately \$56.8 million in tax revenues. Of course, this pales compared to the incremental post-catastrophic repair costs to property left unprotected by severely eroded beaches. The report esti-*

*mates that a high impact storm "would result in \$159.5 billion worth of property damage, of which \$80.4 billion would be uninsured."*

*Consistent with its mandate, the report seeks to capture economic benefits in project selection, asserting "While it may not be feasible to determine return on investment on a project-by-project basis, it is possible to include measures of economic benefit as part of the ranking process." In other words, the study recommends adding a project's estimated economic impact to the list of parameters currently used to prioritize State funding.*

*In addition to caucusing with the top dog in both chambers – Florida Senate President Andy Gardiner and Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Steve Crisafulli – the visiting County officials scheduled meetings with Senators Alan Hays, Tom Lee, and Jack Latvala and Statehouse Representative Ben Albritton. While Hays and Latvala both sit on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee chaired by Lee, Hays also serves on the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation. Latvala chairs the Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee while seated on the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism. In the other chamber, Albritton serves on the House Appropriations Committee and chairs the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee.*

*Having imparted the EDR research to Florida's legislative leadership and heavy hitters in Committees at the nexus of Natural Resources, Conservation, Tourism and most importantly – Appropriations, LaMarca and the other coastal County officials also provided these key legislators with a potential funding source that wouldn't increase taxes.*

### Capsize Florida's Future

*When Governor Rick Scott incapacitated the State's 5 regional water management districts, neutered enforcement of anti-pollution laws, packed regulatory boards with developers, polluters and land use lawyers, and stripped the state budget of funds that insure safe drinking water and clean air, the statewide bipartisan backlash by angry residents and skull-blocked citizens groups was legion, prompting lawmakers to quickly restore some of the divested funds. Budget cuts Scott initially brandished as recessionary palliatives in 2010 were enigmatically deepened each year despite the recovering economy. By 2014, the centerpiece of Florida's Land Conservation program – Florida Forever – lost over 95% of its funding.*

### Voters Approve Amendment 1

*To deter future Gubernatorial - or legislative - attempts to eviscerate funding critical to the State's environmental infrastructure; conservation watchdogs (Florida's Water and Land Legacy) filed Ballot Amendment 1. Despite opposition by lawmakers who regularly raided the fund to flesh out personal pork projects, the popular Amendment became Article X, Section 28 of the Florida Constitution following its approval by 75% of the Florida electorate on November 4, 2014 (passage only requires 60% approval).*

*By setting aside 33 percent of net revenues from an existing excise tax the state collects on documents when real estate is sold (the "Documentary Stamp Tax") - estimated at more than \$700,000 annually or roughly \$15 - \$19 billion over the 20-year life of the measure (the amount fluctuates with the economy), the Constitutional Amendment enables the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites.*

*Despite their victory at the polls, Florida residents were quickly disabused of the belief that the State's Constitution would protect Florida's natural resources from political whimsy for the next 20 years. Enraged by the loss of a flush funding squeeze toy, lawmakers implemented a strategy to circumvent the Constitutional mandate. In short, they ignored it.*



### Lawmakers Face the Court

In crafting the 2015 budget, instead of using Amendment 1 funds to protect environmentally sensitive lands and waterways from development, lawmakers allocated the funds to pay the salaries of state workers for the parks and forest services, Florida Fish and Wildlife enforcement officers and employees at the Division of Historical Resources and Cultural Affairs. The money paid for vehicles, office equipment, risk management insurance, damage awards for Civil Rights Act violations, and \$5 million to polluters who try to restrict their pollution to their own lands. Amendment funds were also allocated to capital projects, such as sewage treatment plants and the new reservoirs heavily lobbied by agribusiness. In many cases, Amendment 1 funds addressed expenses not remotely connected to the environment. All told, only \$50 million was spent on conservation lands while more than \$230 million was siphoned off to the general fund.

Despite lawmaker protests, the courts will now decide whether lawmakers met their Constitutional burden. A suit filed last June in Leon County (Tallahassee) by the Amendment's supporters (the Florida Wildlife Federation, the St. Johns Riverkeeper, the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida and the Sierra Club) claims that lawmakers violated the Constitution and wrongly diverted funds. In response, Legislative leaders moved that the judge dismiss the suit, asserting that separation of powers immunizes lawmakers to judicial review. Although it's usually not a good idea to deliberately tick off the judge who's hearing your case, another motion inferred that the Legislature's innate power to appropriate funds somehow supersedes the State's Constitution.

Although the argument was colorful, since the same Constitution empowers the Legislature, it didn't work. On December 3, 2015 Leon County Circuit Court Judge George Reynolds ruled that the case against the legislature could go forward, although he tossed out a request requiring state Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater to transfer \$237 million from the general-revenue fund to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. Since Atwater serves in the Executive branch, which is not constitutionally empowered to allocate funds, the request was later redirected to the Legislature. On November 12, a second suit was filed by the Gainesville-based "Florida Defenders of the Environment", seeking to block Florida's environmental agencies from spending wrongly allocated funds. In justifying this legislative bait and switch to constituents, lawmakers are claiming that they technically complied with a "broader interpretation" of the Constitutional amendment.

The legislature's reaction to Amendment 1 was neither surprising nor novel, as lawmakers used the same shell game to backfill educational funding after implementation of the State lottery. Educational funding reallocated by lawmakers to other purposes was replaced dollar for dollar with lottery money, thwarting voter intentions to enhance Florida's abysmal educational system. Conservationists have observed that the same tactic is now being used to maintain developer control of the State's environmental agenda.

### County Officials Make their Play

Given the huge impact that Florida's beaches have on the State's economy (notwithstanding their importance to the quality of life of almost every Floridian), the visiting County officials suggested annually cloistering \$50 million of the Amendment 1 revenues in a dedicated fund to maintain Florida beaches. The strategy was timely, as the current controversy provides lawmakers with incremental political reasons to support the proposal. Unlike most conservation investments, Florida beaches make money. The EDR report maps out how these economic engines provide the lawmakers with fiscal resources that would otherwise be lost to the State. While spitting in the face of the electorate may have provided some lawmakers with a gratifying cathartic experience, it doesn't play well with the folks back home. Since maintaining the State's beaches is squarely part of the amendment's original mandate, using the funds for beach renourishment would provide embattled lawmakers with credible evidence of Constitutional compliance — which is currently in short supply. In addition to redeeming some trust with embittered constituents, it might score points in the courthouse.

Whether or not it bears fruit, it was certainly worth a shot. Look over the rest of LaMarca's February 2016 message to constituents... — [editor]\*



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## Chip LaMarca's February 2016 Newsletter

Dear Broward County Residents,

I am honored to serve as your County Commissioner, representing our coastal communities each day from Deerfield Beach to Fort Lauderdale. Here are some recent highlights from Broward County.

#### Coastal Commissioners Head to Tallahassee to Push for Designated Beach Funding

The Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association and a group of coastal county commissioners from the Panhandle to South Florida joined forces in Tallahassee to discuss the significant role that beaches play in our state's economy. Meetings with state lawmakers included discussions to encourage designated funding for beaches using money reserved for the environment with the passage of Amendment 1.

Our beaches are extremely important for our residents and keeping them healthy is what drives our economy. Reports from the Office of Economic and Demographic Research confirm that the statewide beach management program generates a positive return on investment of 5.4 for each dollar that is invested in our beaches. Protecting our beaches is an ongoing process that must be continuously funded to keep their beauty and essence intact.

#### Port Everglades Advocacy Team Heads to Tallahassee

Port Everglades is a tremendous economic engine for Broward County with an economic impact of \$28 billion. This month, the Port Everglades Advocacy Team (PEAT) which is composed of Port Everglades and Intergovernmental Affairs staff, members of the local business community and myself took an advocacy trip to Tallahassee. The team met with several key legislators and decision makers to thank them for their support of the Port's infrastructure and to encourage a continued effort of support to provide for future successes.

Broward County's Port Everglades, along with other Florida Ports recommend that the Florida Seaport Transportation Economic Development Council (FSTED) program receive a minimum of \$25M annually to adequately support seaport infrastructure. According to a study commissioned by the Florida Ports Council, for every \$1 invested in Florida Seaports, Florida's economy experiences \$6.90 in economic activity. The Port is such a valued asset to our community. It helps create jobs and also has a great economic impact on Broward County.

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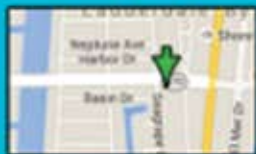
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