

# LEGISLATIVE ISSUES OF **IMPORTANCE** TO DELRAY BEACH



## OVERALL ISSUES AFFECTING OUR BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT



- Lawsuit Abuse Reform
- Childcare Tax Credit
- Property Insurance Premiums
- Education & Talent Pipeline
- Mental Health
- Affordable Housing
- Support of the Arts & Cultural Organizations
- Support for Home Rule
- Tax credits and Business Incentives for Registered Apprenticeships

## WE SUPPORT PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD PRIORITIES



- Fully fund a full-day Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program for all students, including instruction, aftercare and wrap around services.
- Increase per pupil funding to expand career and technical electives/programs for high school students and adults. Provide for new opportunities for age-appropriate career and technical training for middle school students.
- Support continuing funding of the Tri-Rail system for its importance to workers, school faculty, students and parents.
- Increase the Teacher Salary Allocation so that school districts can increase salaries to attract more certified teachers.
- Restore the requirement for Schools of Hope to compensate districts for the cost of services provided.

## DISCOVER THE PALM BEACHES



- Preserve Tourist Development Tax (TDT/Bed Tax) revenue to drive our tourism economy - supporting local businesses, creating jobs, funding arts and sustainability initiatives, and hosting world-class sporting events.

## CULTURAL COUNCIL OF THE PALM BEACHES



- Grow funding levels to the Florida Division of Arts & Culture (DAC) grant programs and maximize the number of organizations/artists/municipalities who receive funding in the 2026-2027 state budget to drive economic growth and cultural tourism, support quality of life, enhance education, and foster social cohesion in our communities.

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## WE SUPPORT CITY OF DELRAY BEACH APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	TOTAL COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
<b>Fire Rescue Department</b>	Beach Rescue Drone Program	\$676,000	The primary application for the drone program would be to help keep our beaches safe for our visitors. However, there is applicable use for this drone program in the event of a natural disaster. Specifically, storm surge and flooding related events. These drones could be utilized during these events to quickly located those victims, provide them with personal floatation devices (PFD) and relay their locations to rescuers.
<b>Public Works</b>	Swinton Ave & Atlantic Ave Intersection Improvements	\$4,000,000	This is a gateway intersection into the heart of Delray Beach and is a junction between FDOT and local roadways, with high growth in the area and historical congestion problems, and a high level of pedestrian activity. The roadway recently had a FDOT safety audit stating the need for improvements which could be alleviated through state funding. The downtown area of Delray Beach holds significant events throughout the year which bring an influx of people from all over south Florida.

# FACT SHEET



## OUR VISION

The Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce is the voice for the business community and economic prosperity of our Delray Beach community. We are an innovative leader dedicated to strengthening, supporting and advocating for the businesses we represent. We provide meaningful and valuable return-on-investment to our members. We champion a connected, cooperative business community that collaborates with other community stakeholders to support the economic wellbeing of our community and our members.

### OUR MISSION



Our mission is to advance the business interests of our members through advocacy, business intelligence, marketing, and network.

### NUMBER OF MEMBERS

**800+**

*Representing the Delray Beach Community*

### CORE VALUES



- Members First
- Collaboration
- Curiosity & Innovation
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Community

### LEADERSHIP

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### STRATEGIC PILLARS



- Member ROI & Engagement
- Financial Wellness
- Advocacy & Policy
- Technology
- Operational Excellence

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