MEMORANDUM

Date: August 26, 2013

TO: Town Commission

FROM: Dave Bullock, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Legislative Priorities

Each year the legislative delegations for Manatee and Sarasota Counties ask the community for input regarding their legislative priorities for the upcoming year. In the past these issues have been considered by the Town Commission at a Regular Workshop Meeting then forwarded to a Regular Meeting for formal action.

The Sarasota County Legislative Delegation requested that the Town forward the Commission's legislative priorities by September 12, for consideration at their September 18, 2013 Legislative Delegation Meeting and Public Hearing. I have attached a proposed list of legislative issues for your consideration. For your reference, I have included the Commission-approved priorities submitted to ManaSota League, Sarasota County and Manatee County identifying Longboat Key's 2012-2013 legislative priorities.

The County-sponsored Legislative Delegation Meetings are not the only opportunity the Town has to present information to the legislative delegation. In fact, if the Town has a serious concern about any particular issue it is recommended that a more directed lobbying effort be made.

The Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners will take formal action on their proposed legislative priorities at their September 11, 2013 meeting. The Manatee County Legislative Delegation Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2013; therefore, the Manatee County legislative priorities will be developed later in the Fall.

The following information regarding 2013-2014 legislative delegation meetings is provided for your convenience.

> Sarasota County Legislative Delegation Meeting and Public Hearing – September 18, 2013 at 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the Sarasota County Commission Chambers, 1660 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, FL.
>
> Manatee County Legislative Delegation Meeting and Public Hearing – December 4, 2013 at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Selby Auditorium at USF Sarasota/Manatee Campus, Bradenton, FL.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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At the September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting the Town Commission will adopt legislative priorities for 2013-2014. A list of proposed legislative issues for the upcoming legislative delegation meetings was forwarded from the September 3, 2013 Special Meeting.

2013-2014 Town of Longboat Key Legislative Priorities
(Not in Order of Priority)

Proposed 2013-2014 Priority

1. Support for Legislative action to address unintended consequences of Florida House Bills 537 and 7019, Growth Management, regarding the Local Government's ability to conduct referendum processes relating to Development Orders, Comprehensive Plan Amendments, or Map Amendments. (Draft language amending Subsection (8) of Section 163.3167, Florida Statutes is attached.)

2012-2013 Legislative Priorities

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Legislative Priorities Proposed by Sarasota County

12. Ensure local authority and flexibility to regulate pain clinics
13. Support legislation for local authority to impose smoking bans
14. Retain local authority for setting thresholds and administration of Communications Services Tax
15. Provide equitable State funding for Department of Juvenile Justice programs

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PROPOSED DRAFT AS OF 8/14/2013

Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 163.3167, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3167 Scope of act.

(8) (a) An initiative or referendum process in regard to any development order is prohibited.

(b) An initiative or referendum process in regard to any local comprehensive plan amendment or map amendment is prohibited. However, an initiative or referendum process in regard to any local comprehensive plan amendment or map amendment ~~that affects more than five parcels of land~~ is allowed if it is expressly authorized by specific language in a local government charter that was lawful and in effect on June 1, 2011; a general local government charter provision for an initiative or referendum process is not sufficient.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that initiative and referendum be prohibited in regard to any development order. It is the intent of the Legislature that initiative and referendum be prohibited in regard to any local comprehensive plan or map amendment, except as specifically and narrowly permitted in paragraph (b) ~~with regard to local comprehensive plan or map amendments that affect more than five parcels of land~~. Therefore, the prohibition on initiative and referendum stated in paragraphs (a) and (b) is remedial in nature and applies retroactively to any initiative or referendum process commenced after June 1, 2011, and any such initiative or referendum process that has been commenced or completed thereafter is hereby deemed null and void and of no legal force and effect.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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October 3, 2012

ManaSota League of Cities
c/o Pamela Nadalini, City Auditor and Clerk
City of Sarasota
P.O. Box 1058
Sarasota, FL 34230

Dear Ms. Nadalini,

At our October 1, 2012 Regular Meeting, the Longboat Key Town Commission took formal action to establish the legislative priorities for presentation to the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC), the Manatee County Legislative Delegation and the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation.

As the Town's representative, and on behalf of the Mayor and Town Commission, I am forwarding the attached list for consideration at the MSLC Meeting when the Legislative Priorities will be discussed

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I look forward to participating in the ManaSota League Meeting when these Legislative Priorities are discussed and other issues that may come forward from our other members.

My best regards,

Jack Duncan, Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

cc: Longboat Key Town Commission

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November 8, 2012

The Honorable Senator Nancy Detert, Chair
Sarasota County Legislative Delegation
417 Commercial Court, Suite D
Venice, FL 34292

Dear Senator Detert,

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My best regards,

James L. Brown
Mayor

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November 12, 2012

The Honorable Jim Boyd, Chair
Manatee County Legislative Delegation
717 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 100
Bradenton, FL 34210

Dear Representative Boyd,

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