

2019 West Orange Chamber of Commerce Legislative Position Paper



SUPPORTS:

- Funding the Florida Supreme Court Certification recommendation for 2 additional judges for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court.
- Increase in recurring state funding for Valencia College, in an amount commensurate with Valencia's exemplary performance and its historical funding position within the Florida College System. Coupled with our region's significant growth in the past years, an increase in recurring state funds assists Valencia College in meeting the needs of our population.
- The identification and/or dedication of new or existing state funding for K-12 public schools to keep up with growth, costs, and inflation.
- Ensuring workforce training programs fill the gaps between employer need and talent availability.
- The renewal and continuation of Visit Florida (public-private business model) enabling statute which expires October 1, 2019 and maintain the current funding levels.
- Ensuring access to healthcare solutions and services which improve the health of those in the West Orange community while reducing the financial impact on the West Orange community. The focus on cutting costs in the healthcare system must be balanced with improving quality and limiting the financial impact to the healthcare industry.
- Health Central's continued additional healthcare funding which helps offset the charity care provided and positively impact the quality of care provided to those in the West Orange Community.
- The continued funding of a sewer system in the Town of Oakland, to help bolster economic development and relieve the environment of septic tank pollution.
- The West Orange Water Initiative (WOW) – A Regional Cooperative Compact between the City of Ocoee and the Town of Windermere. This joint request will reduce water consumption in the Wekiva Water Shed Basin and reduces private wells drawing from the aquifer surrounding Outstanding Florida Waters.
- The connection of the West Orange Trail to Magnolia Park

OPPOSES:

- Workers' comp rate hikes that hurt job creators.

MONITORING:

- Legislation establishing Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday, a one-day sales tax holiday on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.
- Legislation enabling Associated Health Care Plan implementation
- Legislation enacting the collection of online sales tax.