



## City of North Port's 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### THE CITY OF NORTH PORT SUPPORTS HOME RULE

#### **North Port Facts:**

Largest city in population and landmass in  
Sarasota County

North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota Metropolitan  
Statistical Area

104.1-square-miles with a portion of U.S. 41 and  
Interstate 75

More than 70,000 residents, median age 44, and  
more than 12,000 children

More than 80 miles of freshwater canals, from  
which it draws its drinking water during certain  
parts of the year

Home to the Myakka State Forest; North Port is  
the only city in the state with an entire state  
forest within its boundaries

More than 800 miles of local roads

Two high schools, three middle schools, six  
elementary schools

#### **North Port City Commission**

Mayor Chris Hanks

Vice Mayor Debbie McDowell

Commissioner Vanessa Carusone

Commissioner Pete Emrich

Commissioner Jill Luke

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## 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities

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- The City of North Port **SUPPORTS** an effort to receive faster reimbursement from FEMA after disasters, and include mitigation costs of sheltering people from across the region.
- The City of North Port **SUPPORTS** changing the classification of medical marijuana to be a legal substance.
  - The City of North Port **SUPPORTS** criminal reform.
- The City of North Port **SUPPORTS** building infrastructure including but not limited to:
  - Widening of local roads that function as evacuation routes
  - Water quality
  - Health care services
  - New I-75 interchanges
- The City of North Port **SUPPORTS** assisting our local veterans.
  - Health care
  - Mental health
  - Affordable housing
  - Suicide prevention
- The City of North Port **SUPPORTS** internet access for all.