



2024 State Legislative Priorities

Home rule

OPPOSE cost shifts, unfunded mandates, or preemptions of North Port City Charter authority

SUPPORTS Florida Constitution which gives local governments authority to self-govern

Infrastructure

SUPPORTS funding resources for infrastructure including:

- Widening and extension of local roads leading to evacuation routes
- Construction of new I-75 interchanges in North Port and completion of I-75 full interchange at State Road 681
- Water quality improvements, storm water management, providing of septic to sewer conversion incentives, testing and resiliency
- Broadband internet access for all

Mental health

SUPPORTS legislation that will provide funding for early intervention and treatment of mental health issues for all ages

Affordable housing

SUPPORTS initiatives and incentives to support affordable housing projects that do not preempt commercial land uses

SUPPORTS amendment to Live Local Act to define minimum commercial use threshold for mixed-use residential projects

SUPPORTS use of the Sadowski Fund for local housing assistance as intended and approved by statewide voters

Suncoast Technical College

SUPPORTS continuation of funding to ensure all facility and growing student population needs are met

Property insurance

SUPPORTS state efforts to reform property insurance industry

Jails, juvenile justice

SUPPORTS state funding of jail diversion and efforts to reduce juvenile detention

SUPPORTS increasing the fees provided for in Chapter 983 Florida Statutes to fund Teen Courts



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 81,800 residents
- 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, seven elementary schools

North Port City Commission*

Mayor **Barbara Langdon**

Vice Mayor **Alice White**

Commissioner **Pete Emrich**

Commissioner **Debbie McDowell**

Commissioner **Phil Stokes**

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