

***2021 Legislative Priorities***

**Visit Florida**

The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce supports the continued full funding of Visit Florida based on the agency requested appropriations.

**2021 Water Quality Legislative Priorities**

• We support consistent sustained funding levels for priority Everglades Restoration projects including the Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir to accomplish the objective of sending clean water south as quickly as possible; the C-43 Reservoir project and associated water quality treatment along the Caloosahatchee; and implementation of other critical storage and water quality infrastructure projects north, south, east, and west of Lake Okeechobee.

• We support legislative actions implementing the Blue-Green Algae Task Force’s recommendations that aim to reduce nutrient pollution from all sources, in order to protect the public, businesses, and the environment from harmful algal blooms.

• We support strengthening stormwater standards for urban landscapes and agricultural runoff, particularly for nutrient pollution from nitrogen and phosphorus that feeds harmful algal blooms.

• We support funding for and plans to upgrade and build advanced wastewater treatment to reduce nutrients in reuse/reclaimed irrigation water with monitoring of nutrient concentrations.

• We support the establishment of statewide septic tank inspection and maintenance requirements.

**Business Litigation Protection**

We are asking the State of Florida to support businesses and employers who take reasonable steps to protect their employees and customers while following public health and safety guidelines.