

TOP PRIORITY: FUNDING CENTRAL POLK PARKWAY

Central Polk Parkway: We ask for your support of the expeditious funding for the completed design and construction of the Central Polk Parkway. The Central Polk Parkway has regional impact, creating seamless connectivity between the Central Florida Intermodal Logistics Center and Interstate 4 that will provide efficient intermodal freight service to Orlando and Tampa. It will also help in the efficient movement of millions of visitors a year to LEGOLAND Florida, Bok Tower Gardens and other attractions outside of the immediate Orlando area.

SUPPORTING POLICY POSITIONS

The Greater Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce supports the following policy positions:

Important Local Issue:

Acquisition of Nora Mayo Hall- Support the City of Winter Haven's effort to acquire the currently vacant Florida Citrus Building (a.k.a. Nora Mayo Hall), which is a valued and much needed community venue for large events, meeting and gatherings. It has additional potential to meet the needs for local government offices and public meetings.

Economic Development:

Enterprise Florida - Support additional funding to Enterprise Florida for marketing Florida as prime location for business.

Enterprise Zones - Support legislation that reauthorizes but also improves the accessibility of the Enterprise Zone program due to sunset on December 31, 2015.

Education:

Polk State College - Finalize funding for the Board-approved PECO projects that are currently underway at PSC (Center for Public Safety - \$3 million, Winter Haven Learning Resources Building - \$5.9 million, Advanced Technology Center - \$14 million, and Winter Haven Fine Arts Building - \$16 million)

Florida Polytechnic University - Support funding for the Applied Research Center (\$10 million) and Center for Sensor Analytics (\$13 million). Support the Center for Applied Economic Research with \$1 million in reoccurring funds.

Polk County Public Schools - Restoration of the local capital outlay millage to pre-recession levels to cover critical capital needs within the district.

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