

# **Existing Federal Policies/Adopted (2021 and 2022)**

## NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) REFORM

SUPPORT reauthorization of the NFIP with legislative, policy and programmatic modifications to ensure no coverage lapses and to improve the affordability, transparency, and financial stability of the program through reforms in the following areas: 1) Affordability/Rate Structure; 2) Mapping/Data Collection/Modeling; and 3) Mitigation.

OPPOSE any reauthorization efforts that are detrimental to policy holders, local governments, and the integrity of the program.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN

### **UPDATE:**

- Resolution in NACo's 2022-2023 American County Platform: "urging Congressional attention and action to include provisions in the reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program to ensure equity, address affordability, and empower counties."
- Current authorization ends on September 30, 2022. The National Flood Insurance
  Program Authorization and Reform Act of 2021 (<u>S.3128/H.R.5802</u>) was introduced in
  November 2021. This legislation extends NFIP for five years and tackles issues such as
  protecting policyholders from extreme premium increases by capping annual increases
  at 9%, providing affordability measures for low-and middle-income policy holders,
  freezing interest payments on NFIP debt, and reinvesting savings towards cost saving
  mitigation efforts. The bill reauthorizes the program through FY2026.
- Full implementation of Risk Rating 2.0 (RR2.0) on April 1, 2022, the implementation of RR2.0 increased 77% of policies nationwide.
- May 2022: FEMA provided a Legislative Package Reform letter to Congressional leaders that included 17 legislative proposals to reform the program.
- June 2022: The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs held hearings on the reauthorization of the NFIP on June 16 and June 23. FEMA testified at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> hearing calling on Congress to reauthorize the NFIP for a 10-year period and to consider the various reform proposals provided to Congressional leaders in May 2022.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

## WATER (Water Resources Development Act)

SUPPORT bi-annual passage of the Water Resources Development Act that authorizes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects and policies that often have state-wide impacts to Florida, including Everglades' restoration, port and inlet construction, and beach nourishment projects.



SUPPORT restoration of congressionally directed spending.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN

### **UPDATE:**

- Resolution in NACo's 2022-2023 American County Platform: "NACo supports federal
  matching funds for local governments to plan for and implement projects that reduce
  flood-damage risks and accomplish other goals under the Water Resources
  Development Act. NACo urges Congress to appropriate the funds needed. (page 54)
- H.R. 7776- Water Resources Development Act of 2022, passed in the House on June 8, 2022, 384-37, and in the Senate on July 28, 2022, 93-1. However, the House and Senate must now reconcile the differences between the two bills before final passage. House and Senate congressional leaders expect to pass a final bill sometime in September.
- A new WRDA is developed every two years to respond to local water resource needs and to ensure continued Congressional oversight over the Corps. Congress has enacted four consecutive WRDA bills in 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020.
- 2022 Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development: <a href="https://transportation.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Final-2022%20report%20to%20congres-s%207001">https://transportation.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Final-2022%20report%20to%20congres-s%207001</a> 2FEB2022%20wTables.pdf
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - o The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

### UPPER KISSIMMEE BASIN WATER STORAGE PROJECTS

SUPPORT the inclusion of funding in the Water Resources Development ACT (WRDA) for studies and implementation of water storage projects within the Upper Kissimmee Basin to reduce harmful discharges, enhance central Florida water supply, and to mitigate negative economic impacts on communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee.

SUPPORT including the following language in the next WRDA bill: The Secretary is authorized to conduct a feasibility study for the following - Expanding the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Program, to the fullest extent of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP), to include the Upper Kissimmee Basin and the headwaters of the Kissimmee River at the Shingle Creek tributary.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN

### **UPDATE:**

 As discussed above, H.R. 7776- Water Resources Development Act of 2022, includes a section on Feasibility Reports. S. 203 (a): "The Secretary shall expedite the completion of a feasibility study for each of the following projects: (21): Project for ecosystem



restoration, Lake Okeechobee, Florida, (22): Project for ecosystem restoration, Western Everglades, Florida.

- H.R. 7776, S. 212. Upper St. Johns River Basin, Central and Southern Florida: at the request of the St. Johns River Water Management District evaluation of the Upper St. Johns River, Central and Southern Florida for flood control and other purposes.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

### DISASTER RECOVERY & PREPAREDNESS

SUPPORT increased investment in mitigation programs such as the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and other partnerships between local and federal governments to complete mitigation projects and increase resiliency to disasters.

SUPPORT measures that ensure any supplemental disaster recovery assistance appropriated by Congress, including the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR), is expediated to states to be made available to disaster-impacted counties.

OPPOSE programmatic changes that would increase the local cost share for disaster recovery, such as implementation of a disaster deductible.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REVISE AND RETAIN

\*\*NOTE: ONLY NEED TO EDIT THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM

## **UPDATE:**

- Resolutions in NACo's 2022-2023 American County Platform:
  - "Resolution on FY 2023 Appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: "no less than \$4.2 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
  - "Resolution in Support of Increased Flexibility for Building Code Requirements in FEMA's BRIC Program Scoring Criteria" (Page 164)
- 2022 Report to Congress Recent Funding Increases for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance: https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IN/IN11733
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be revised and retained by the committee.

## OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING



SUPPORT the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA), which bans oil and gas leasing within 125 miles off Florida's Gulf Coast until 2022.

SUPPORT keeping Florida's east coast free from offshore drilling and maintaining the Department of Interior's commitment to remove Florida from consideration in the next draft of the proposed leasing plan.

OPPOSE any legislation that moves the ban to an earlier date.

**Recommended new policy statement:** SUPPORT keeping Florida's east coast free from offshore drilling and OPPOSE inclusion of Florida from offshore leasing in the proposed National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REVISE AND RETAIN

## **UPDATE:**

- The GOMESA Moratorium:
  - The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 banned oil and gas leasing within 125 miles off the Florida Coastline in the Eastern Planning Area, portion of the Central Planning Area, until June 2022.
  - The Department of Interior had begun plans for offshore leasing in the moratorium area after the expiration date.
  - In 2019, the House passed H.R.205 Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act of 2019 which would have permanently extended the moratorium on oil and gas leasing, and related activities sin certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico near the coast of Florida. Congressional Report:
    - https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46195
- Staff Recommendation: Due to the timeline, this proposal appears out of date & a new
  proposal should be adopted to support keeping Florida's east coast (Gulf of Mexico) free
  from offshore drilling & to keep Florida out of consideration in the next draft of the
  proposed plan. Staff recommends the Committee adopt a policy statement that reads as
  follows: SUPPORT keeping Florida's east coast free from off shore drilling and OPPOSE
  inclusion of Florida from offshore leasing in the proposed National Outer Continental
  Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.
- U.S. Department of Interior: <a href="https://www.boem.gov/oil-gas-energy/energy-economics/gulf-mexico-energy-security-act-gomesa">https://www.boem.gov/oil-gas-energy/energy-economics/gulf-mexico-energy-security-act-gomesa</a>
- The Biden administration proposed a five-year offshore oil and gas leasing program, which opened for a 90-day public comment period on July 1, 2022. President Biden placed a moratorium on the Trump's administration lease plan in 2021. The new proposed plan is likely not to be finalized until 2023. The proposed plan may be accessed at: <a href="https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/oil-gas-energy/national-program/2023-2028">https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/oil-gas-energy/national-program/2023-2028</a> Proposed%20Program July2022.pdf



- The proposal lists out lease options, including one sale in the Straits of Florida Program Area, or no sales within the Straits of Florida Program Area.
- The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) reinstates an oil and gas lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico and requires the U.S. Department of Interior to conduct three additional lease sales: 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Program.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be revised and retained by the committee.

## FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

SUPPORT the continuation of adequate funding of critical programs that provide resources for the provision of local services and local public infrastructure. These funding programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funds Everglades' restoration, port & inlet construction, maintenance, and beach nourishment (USACOE)
- Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG)
- Community Services Block Grant program (CSBG)
- Social Services Block Grant program (SSBG)
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN

## **UPDATE:**

- H.R. 2471- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, passed by Congress and signed by the President in March 2022 funded the above programs at the levels below, which includes funding amounts in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that passed in November 2021.
  - USACOE FY 2022: \$8.343 Billion (\$2.492 for Project Construction; and \$4.57B for Operations and Maintenance);
  - CDBG FY 2022: 3.3 Billion:
  - CSBG FY 2022: \$787.383 Million;
  - SSBG FY 2022: \$1.7 Billion;
  - EDA FY 2022: \$373.5 Million; and
  - SCAAP FY 2022: \$234 Million.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

## VETERANS



SUPPORT legislation requiring the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide case management support to local housing authorities under the VA-supported housing program.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN**

### **UPDATE:**

- Resolution in NACo's 2022-2023 American County Platform: "Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness"- NACo supports the goal of ending homelessness among veterans and military families. (Page 27)
- 2021-2022 Bills:
  - H.R.6677 To amend the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 to modify the eligibility requirements for entities collaborating with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide case management services to homeless veterans under the Veterans Affairs supported housing program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
  - H.R.6810 Housing our Veterans Act This bill requires the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on the availability of affordable housing for veterans who have or are participating in any program administered by the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

### FEMA FLOOD MAPPING – RISK RATING 2.0

SUPPORT measures that ensures FEMA consults with counties as it develops its new Risk Rating 2.0 flood mapping initiative.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NOT RETAIN

#### **UPDATE:**

- This proposal is no longer needed as FEMA has implemented Risk Rating 2.0. Facts sheets and additional information about the current NFIP is designed to adjust flood insurance rates to reflect each structure's unique flood risk is available at https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - o The existing proposal was recommended not to be retained by the committee.

HEALTH CARE FOR NON-CONVICTED PERSONS

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SUPPORT the reinstatement of federal health care benefits, including those benefits awarded to veterans, for non-convicted justice involved individuals.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN**

### **UPDATE:**

- Resolution in NACo's 2022-2023 American County Platform: "Resolution to Amend the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy in the Federal Social Security Act" - urges Congress to amend the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy in the Social Security Act, allowing pre-trial detainees to access Medicaid services while awaiting trial. (Page 109)
- 2021 Bills:
  - S.2697- Due Process Continuity of Care Act: This bill allows an otherwise eligible individual who is in custody pending disposition of charges (i.e., pretrial detainees) to receive Medicaid benefits at the option of the state. The bill also provides funds for state planning grants to support the provision of such benefits.
  - H.R. 955/S. 285- Medicaid Reentry Act of 2021: This bill allows Medicaid payment for medical services furnished to an incarcerated individual during the 30-day period preceding the individual's release.
- NACO Letter to Senate Finance Committee on Behavioral Health Policy: https://naco.sharefile.com/share/view/scbe15f5b869f429f9f7d7a0f60f3fa7f
- NACo and NSA Joint Task Force Report recommends amending Section 1905(a)(A) of the Social Security Act to allow for the continuation of federal benefits such as Medicaid, Medicare and Children's Health Insurance Plan for pre-trial detainees: <a href="https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/naco-nsa-joint-task-force-report-addressing-federal-medicaid-inmate-exclusion-policy">https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/naco-nsa-joint-task-force-report-addressing-federal-medicaid-inmate-exclusion-policy</a>
- FAC's HSJ Guiding Principle #47. The Florida Association of Counties supports policies that provide Medicaid eligibility for persons incarcerated in county jails while waiting disposition of their cases and to ensure that existing Medicaid benefits are not terminated during incarceration.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - o The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

NON-DOMESTIC SAND SOURCES

SUPPORT enabling the Secretary of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow counties to acquire sand by purchase, exchange or otherwise from non-domestic sources for the purpose of beach renourishment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN

**UPDATE:** 

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- Resolution in NACo's 2022-2023 American County Platform: Resolution Supporting
  Affordable Beach Renourishment Projects "Allowing local governments to purchase
  sand from countries outside of the U.S. to replenish shoreline due to beach erosion."
  The policy allows the Secretary of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow counties to
  acquire sand by purchase, exchange, or otherwise from non-domestic sources for the
  purpose of beach renourishment.
- Since 1956, the U.S. Army Corps has been authorized to carry out beach nourishment for shoreline protection. The Corps has participated in approx. 350 miles of shoreline, including on the Gulf coasts.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

## COVID-19 FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

SUPPORT the continuation of funding to state and local governments to assist with critical local response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Recommended new policy statement:** SUPPORT the continuation and flexibility for state and local governments to assist with critical local response efforts and services from the COVID-19 pandemic through recovery funds.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REVISE AND RETAIN

### **UPDATE:**

- This proposal was adopted in 2020 to support the CARES Act passed on March 4, 2020.
- Since the American Rescue Plan Act was passed there has not been an update to this
  policy, and there is ongoing federal legislation, such as the State, Local, Tribal and
  Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Act (S.3011/H.R. 5735)
  that would provide additional flexibility within transportation, infrastructure, economic
  development, and disaster relief recovery funds.
- Staff Recommendation: The proposal could be updated to say. "SUPPORT the continuation and flexibility for state and local governments to assist with critical local response efforts and services from the COVID-19 pandemic through recovery funds.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be revised and retained by the committee.

### ○ INFRASTRUCTURE

SUPPORT federal legislation that would create a National Infrastructure Bank where infrastructure is backed by private investment (bonds, etc.).



## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NOT RETAIN**

### **UPDATE:**

- On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, they
  would provide over \$973 billion in funding over five years in transportation, water,
  broadband, energy and power, environmental remediation, western water infrastructure,
  and resiliency. Due to the passage of this massive infrastructure bill this policy is no
  longer needed.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended not to be retained by the committee.

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## LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

SUPPORT legislation expanding the 4% and 9% tax credits of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program to encourage more private development of affordable housing units.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN

### **UPDATE:**

- The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program is a federal affordable housing program established under 26 U.S.C. §42. Unlike traditional affordable housing programs, the LIHTC program itself does not include rental assistance or any other type of direct government expenditure. Instead, private investors fund a portion of project costs in exchange for a tax credit that is claimed over the course of 10 years. There are two types of tax credits: 4% and 9% credits.
- In Florida, The Florida Housing Finance Corporation administers the Low-Income Tax Credit program. The competitive (9%) and non-competitive (4%) Housing Credits program provides nonprofit and for-profit developers with federal tax credits.
- In its 2021 Annual Report, the FHFC summarizes the program's activities as follows:
  - \$69,304,672 in competitive (9%) housing credits was allocated in 2021. 3,682 units were funded (3,583 units will be set aside as affordable).
  - \$57,430,143 in non-competitive (4%) housing credits was allocated in 2021. A total
    of 6,004 units were funded (6,004 units will be set aside as affordable).
- <a href="https://www.taxpolicycenter.org/briefing-book/what-low-income-housing-tax-credit-and-how-does-it-work">https://www.taxpolicycenter.org/briefing-book/what-low-income-housing-tax-credit-and-how-does-it-work</a>
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - o The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

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### CORAL REEFS



SUPPORT the State of Florida delegation working with the State of Hawaii delegation, and other delegations represented on the U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee and NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program, to hold a Congressional hearing on the status, trends, and urgent issues facing the U.S.'s coral reefs. SUPPORT reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2000, and additional recurring funding dedicated to improving the health of the nation's coral reefs. Also, recommend that NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration), in coordination with the states and territories, update the economic value of coral reefs for each region and establish a regular update schedule for these studies.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN**

### **UPDATE:**

- Adopted by NACo and submitted as a Florida resolution (within the Florida Resolutions adopted by NACo). Both submitted by Commissioner Doug Smith, Martin County, Florida. Ongoing issue.
- H.R. 6738 Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2020 (Introduced in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress). This bill sets forth requirements concerning the conservation and restoration of coral reef ecosystems, including to reauthorize through FY2025 and expand the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, reauthorize through FY2025 the Deep Sea Coral Research and Technology program, and establish the Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies Program. The bill was introduced in the House on May 8, 2020, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Science, Space and Technology. On May 21, 2020, the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - o The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

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### STREAMLINE TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING PROCESS

SUPPORT legislation and other actions to streamline the federal permitting processes for transportation projects to reduce project study periods, accelerate project delivery, and achieve financial cost-savings for taxpayers, while protecting the environment and natural resources.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NOT RETAIN**

### **UPDATE:**

- On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The law includes provisions to streamline the federal permitting process for transportation infrastructure projects.
- May 2022: The Biden Administration released an Action Plan to strengthen and accelerate the Federal permitting and environmental reviews, leveraging the permitting provisions in the BIL. Plan lays out new provisions and timeline requirements in the BIL (Section 11301 One Federal Decision).



- The Action Plan contains five key elements that build on strengthened Federal approaches to environmental reviews and permitting:
  - (1) Accelerating permitting through early cross-agency coordination to appropriately scope reviews, reduce bottlenecks, and use the expertise of sector-specific teams;
  - (2) Establishing clear timeline goals and tracking key project information to improve transparency and accountability, providing increased certainty for project sponsors and the public;
  - (3) Engaging in early and meaningful outreach and communication with Tribal Nations, States, territories, and local communities;
  - (4) Improving agency responsiveness, technical assistance, and support to navigate the environmental review and permitting process effectively and efficiently; and
  - (5) Adequately resourcing agencies and using the environmental review process to improve environmental and community outcomes.
  - The Biden-Harris Permitting Action Plan: <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Biden-Harris-Permitting-Action-Plan.pdf">https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Biden-Harris-Permitting-Action-Plan.pdf</a>
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - o The existing proposal was recommended not to be retained by the committee.

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS (SECTION 8) PORTABILITY

SUPPORT legislation to reform the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program's mobility feature by eliminating the negative fiscal impact to an initial Public Housing Agency (i.e., the PHA that initially issued the HCV to a family) that results when a voucher family moves to a high-cost area and the receiving PHA bills the initial PHA to administer the voucher instead of absorbing the moving family into its (i.e., the receiving PHA) program.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN**

### **UPDATE:**

- The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is authorized by section 8(o) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. §1473f(o)), as amended, and the HCV program regulations are found in 24 CFR part 982. Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs).
- No updated information on this so keep the policy.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

## OPPORTUNITY ZONES

SUPPORT legislation allowing county governments to select additional eligible census tracts within the limits of their boundaries to be designated as opportunity zones when an existing



opportunity zone does not attract investment or is subject to documented insufficient investment.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN

### **UPDATE:**

- The Opportunity Zone Program aims to foster economic development and job creation in economically distressed communities. According to the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council, 52 million Americans live in economically distressed communities, including 35 million who reside in Opportunity Zones. A lack of investment has contributed to this economic distress, and the lack of access to economic opportunity can result in high unemployment rates, stagnant wages, low graduation rates, unsafe neighborhoods, and shorter life expectancy.
- To assist these distressed communities, Qualified Opportunity Zones were introduced in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Act) in 2017. A total of 427 Qualified Opportunity Zones are designated in Florida and located in every county in the state, stretching from the Panhandle through the Florida Keys. DEO The Opportunity Zone Program: <a href="https://www.floridajobs.org/business-growth-and-partnerships/for-businesses-and-entrepreneurs/business-resource/opportunity-zones">https://www.floridajobs.org/business-growth-and-partnerships/for-businesses-and-entrepreneurs/business-resource/opportunity-zones</a>
- Financial benefits: Taxes are deferred on capital gains rolled into Qualified Opportunity Zone Funds and the original tax bill through December 31, 2026, or the sale of the Opportunity Zone investment, whichever is earlier.
- October 2021: Opportunity Zones: Census Tract Designations, Investment Activities, and IRS Challenges Ensuring Taxpayer Compliance Congressional Report: https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-22-104019.pdf
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.

### IMMIGRATION

SUPPORT federal legislation that establishes a secure border, but ensures a reasonable and workable process for individuals who desire to better their economic prosperity to apply to come and work in the US, especially those in the agricultural and hospitality industries.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RETAIN**

#### **UPDATE:**

- President Biden's has issued many Executive Actions on Immigrations, to view the following actions: <a href="https://cmsny.org/biden-immigration-executive-actions/">https://cmsny.org/biden-immigration-executive-actions/</a>
- President Biden priorities are found within his bill the "U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021." The bill was introduced but no action has taken place.
- The Act, among many other things, would:



- Allow undocumented individuals to apply for temporary legal status with the ability to apply for green cards after give years if they pass background checks and pay their taxes;
- Reform the family-based immigration system;
- Funding for training and continuing education to promote agent and officer training.
- To view the full Fact Sheet: <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/20/fact-sheet-president-biden-sends-immigration-bill-to-congress-as-part-of-his-commitment-to-modernize-our-immigration-system/">https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/20/fact-sheet-president-biden-sends-immigration-bill-to-congress-as-part-of-his-commitment-to-modernize-our-immigration-system/</a>
- NACo includes Immigration Reform within its American County Platform and encourages Congress and the President to enact compressive immigration reform that secures the border and establishes coordination with federal, state, and local authorities (page 132).
- Ongoing issue.
- FAC 2022 Policy Conference
  - o The existing proposal was recommended to be retained by the committee.