

2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

In the past year, 26 new projects resulted in \$1.7 billion in capital investment in our region and 2,591 new jobs were created. Our state and our region are poised to grow at an unprecedented rate over the next 5 years and we must be proactive in our approach to managing this growth. It is our unique assets— #1 ranked research university and college, a highly educated population, a world-class healthcare system, unmatched natural beauty and big-city cultural amenities— combined with our central location that position us for global competitiveness.

Collaborating with our local partners—our county, our municipalities, the University of Florida, Santa Fe College and our non-profits—we prepare for success by taking a deliberate approach to support the policies that leverage our assets and address our challenges in a way that honors the spirit of our region and stays true to who we are.

Supporting these initiatives will be our focus in 2024

Infrastructure

- Funding public safety facilities for police, fire and public works
- Improving resiliency and addressing aging critical water, wastewater, electrical, roadway and stormwater infrastructure
- Converting Archer Road from Tower Road to Parker Road in Alachua County from a rural 2-lane undivided section to a 4-lane divided roadway
- Redeveloping the 8th and Waldo Road Corridor to bring new economic and recreational opportunities to the East Side

Talent & Education

- Boosting funding and expanding eligibility for both School Readiness and the Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) program to better serve more families
- Expanding professional licensure reciprocity to get more workers working
- Increasing teacher salaries to attract and retain more professionals locally

Affordable Housing

- Funding fully the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund programs, including SHIP and SAIL, and using the state's General Revenue to support additional affordable housing initiatives

Economic Development

- Funding the World Masters Athletics Indoor Championship to be hosted at the Alachua County Sports Events Center in 2025

Healthcare

- Advocating for more resources for mental health, social and support services to reduce gun violence

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