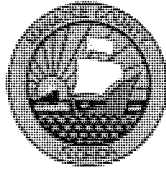


TAB 10



MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

September 26, 2008

To All Elected Officials:

It is once again time to prepare for the upcoming 2009 Legislative Session. In an effort to present a unified platform – Manatee’s Initiatives for Legislative Endeavors (MILE), we have prepared a list of matters that may be key issues considered by the Florida Legislature.

The list of issues is attached with an area for each participating entity to identify support or opposition. It is realized that not every issue will be agreed upon by every participant; however, this format allows us to identify those issues for which there is agreement in order to include them in the joint platform. On the left you will notice a column that has been provided so that you may rank your top five priorities. A comment section has also been included for inclusion of any changes you feel should be made. Please remember that there will be opportunity for discussion at the October 15, 2008 Council of Governments Meeting.

With the Legislative Delegation Hearing to be held in November or December, it is important that we finalize the MILE for presentation at that meeting. It is our goal to have the project completed by the end of October if at all possible. To that end, we would ask that you set aside a time at one of your upcoming meetings to discuss and formalize a position on each item. We would also ask that you let us know when you will be discussing this matter. If you feel it would be beneficial to have someone present in order to answer any questions, or clarify any uncertainties, I would be happy to attend along with Amy Merrill, who is coordinating our legislative initiatives. We leave that decision for you to make.

We look forward to working together over the next several months as we address issues that have a direct impact on how we provide services to our constituents.

Sincerely,

Ed Hunzeker

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