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Save the Date

Registration will open soon!

**2022
FBC-LEO
Spring Conference**

**SAVE
THE DATE**
March 17-18, 2022
Kissimmee, FL



President's Message



Season's Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends,

I hope that you all enjoyed Thanksgiving with your family and loved ones. It was wonderful fellowshipping with so many of you at the FBC-LEO Annual Reception in Orlando during Legislative Conference.

For those of you who viewed our webinar on Healthy Living During the Holidays, we hope that you will continue to gather safely and be healthy. When so many have experienced severe economic hardship and loss over the last two years, always remember, it is a gift to gather together and share gifts with family.

In this season of celebration, I rejoice for all that the association has accomplished in 2021, including membership growth, successful events and more educational and networking opportunities.

Looking ahead to 2022, please save the date for our Spring Conference – March 17-18, 2022 and plan to invite your colleagues. We will return to the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South in Kissimmee and are currently planning an epic conference for you. Registration will open in January.

As a reminder, 2022 membership dues will also be invoiced in January. If you have colleagues who are not members of FBC-LEO, please encourage them to join us in our efforts to advocate, support and grow, together.

Teresa Watkins Brown

President Teresa Watkins Brown
Councilwoman, City of Fort Myers

2022 Dues Invoices



FBC-LEO 2022 dues invoices will be emailed the first week of January.

If you would like a copy of the dues invoice to be sent to someone other than yourself, please notify staff at fbcleo@flcities.com before January 1, 2022.

Thank you for your membership. We appreciate your continued support of FBC-LEO.

Last Chance: Ethics Training

**State-Mandated Ethics Training for Elected Officials
Final Virtual Offering for the Year!**

Wednesday, December 15
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET



In January 2015, a law went into effect requiring all elected municipal officers to receive four hours of ethics-specific training.

Getting the training you need has never been easier. In 2021, the FLC University will continue to bring the state-required Continuing Education in Ethics course to you, virtually!

The next class will be held as a webinar **Wednesday, December 15** and will include a morning and afternoon session to cover all four hours with a lunch break in-between

Agenda

Session 1: Florida Ethics Law (Chapter 112)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET

BREAK

Session 2: Florida Public Records and Public Meetings Law

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET

Participating in the FULL four hours of this webinar meets the state requirement for annual ethics training. We hope to see you there!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Stay in the Legislative Loop

Prepare for Legislative Session

The 2022 regular Legislative Session is January 11 - March 11, 2022.

With the 2022 Legislative Session right around the corner, now is the time for city officials to meet with legislators, build and strengthen relationships and educate legislators on what is going on in their cities.

The Florida League of Cities has offered some advocacy tips to help ensure your meetings with legislators are successful and productive.

Check out the League's most comprehensive advocacy tool, The Advo-Kit, for a list of 10 things you can do **BEFORE** the legislative session begins!



[View Advo-Kit](#)

Bill Summaries

[View summaries](#) of all the bills with municipal impact that have been filed to date.

FLC Pre-Legislative Session Webinar

Join the FLC Legislative Affairs staff to learn what's in store for the 2022 Legislative Session.

[Register Here](#)

Monday Morning Call-Ins

January 10 - March 17, 2022
Every Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Every Monday morning during session, you'll be updated on what issues the Legislature will discuss in the upcoming week and what advocacy efforts may be needed.

View more details [here](#).



2022 Legislative Action Days

February 8-9, 2022
Tallahassee, FL

Every year during session, city officials from across the state come together in Tallahassee for Legislative Action Days. This is a valuable opportunity for members to get to know their legislators and to view the legislature at work first-hand.

Save these dates!

View the full list of important **2022 Legislative Advocacy Dates**.

FBC-LEO Webinar Recordings



This year, FBC-LEO President Teresa Watkins Brown, Councilwoman, City of Fort Myers created a Healthy Living Webinar series and offered three webinars covering timely topics regarding health and wellness.

If you were unable to attend these informative webinars, please click on the dates below to watch the recordings.

Details on future webinar offerings will be available soon.

January 14, 2021 - 2020 Health Challenges Impacting our Communities

June 15, 2021 - Mental Health in our Communities

November 2, 2021 - Healthy Living During the Holidays

Events & Training Opportunities

FLCities Strong Webinar
Monday, December 13, 2021
10:00 a.m. ET



On **Monday, December 13** at **10:00 a.m. ET**, the Florida League of Cities will host its final 2021 edition of **#FLCitiesStrong!**

December's #FLCitiesStrong broadcast continues looking at the **League's legislative priorities** and some recent developments during the Legislature's committee weeks.

Special guests from the FLC Advocacy Team will be joining us:

- **Jeff Branch, Senior Legislative Advocate**
- **Rebecca O'Hara, Deputy General Counsel**
- **Tara Taggart, Legislative Advocate**

Guests will discuss short-term rentals, smoking in outdoor public places, the economic impact of ordinances, cybersecurity and transportation infrastructure.

Join hosts **Shwanda Barnette** and **Scott Paine** and their special guests for important conversations about the coming legislative session.

Register today!

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Officials**

