



# SPECIAL PROJECTS/INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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## Goal Statement

To serve as a bridge from strategic planning to action implementation by ensuring alignment of organizational activities, initiatives, and culture with the overarching strategic vision and plan set forth by the Board of County Commissioners.

## Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

### Governance

- Provide support for County Commissioners in their leadership roles with the National Association of Counties and the Florida Association of Counties. Through these positions, County Commissioners lead national and statewide conversations about policy issues impacting county governments, as well as exchanging best practices with fellow County Commissioners and staff.
- Convene a Charter Review Committee to review the Leon County Home Rule Charter and propose any amendments or revisions which may be advisable for placement on the general election ballot.

### Economy

- Hosted the 2016 Leon Works Expo, connecting over 360 students and 220 additional citizens with skilled careers and training opportunities.
- Leon County employed 20 local high school students as Leon Works Junior Apprentices to shadow and train with County staff to prepare for in-demand skilled careers.

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## ADVOCATING FOR LEON COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS



*Hurricane Hermine listening session*

- In collaboration with community partners, hosted five listening sessions following Hurricane Hermine. Through these sessions, staff gathered feedback from over 400 citizens and incorporated key findings in the County's comprehensive After-Action Report.
- Through Community Legislative Dialogue Meetings, Leon County continued to partner with stakeholders throughout the community to identify legislative items of shared significance. Leon County partnered with organizations such as the Florida Association of Counties, Leon County's state and federal legislative delegations, the City of Tallahassee, institutions of higher education, and others to identify these shared issues and to seek opportunities to leverage financial, technical, and human capital to draw attention to the community priorities at the federal, state and local levels.
- Staff prepared, guided and implemented the County's 2017 state and federal legislative priorities to leverage funding for local projects and preempt legislation that threatened local decision-making.
- During the 2017 legislative session, staff produced weekly briefings (the Capitol Update) to keep the Board of County Commissioners and senior staff apprised of legislative developments that would impact the community.

## Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service

### NACo Achievement Awards

Staff led a multi-departmental effort to win 13 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards in 2017 recognizing the cost-effective, high-quality services that Leon County provides to citizens.



## Did You Know

Leon County Government has received 47 NACo Achievement Awards over the past five years in categories ranging from Community and Economic Development to Parks and Recreation.

- Leon County hosted the Community Roundtable Discussion on Federal Funding for Nonprofit Human Services with local and regional nonprofit providers. The discussion addressed proposed programmatic reductions in the federal budget in an effort to continue enhancing collaboration to meet community needs.