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TO: All agencies of local government and interested parties
FROM: Representative Bob Rommel, District 81, Chair
SUBJECT: 2023 Collier County Legislative Delegation Meeting and Public Hearings

Monday, September 11, 2023 has been set as the date for the 2023 Collier County Legislative Delegation's Public Hearing for local bills and local budget requests. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. in the Commission Chambers on the 3rd Floor of Building F in the Government Center located at 3299 Tamiami Trail Est and will last until the completion of the agenda. The Delegation will take a 15 minute break at noon, if necessary, and reconvene at 12:15pm and continue until completion of the agenda and public comments.

Please be informed that these hearings are to hear local bills **and** local budget requests. If you are interested in filing a **local budget request**, please contact the office of your House and Senate sponsors to learn about the separate budget process requirements and deadlines in the House and the Senate.

Local Bills

The deadline for submitting local bills to the Delegation is **NOON on September 1, 2023**. All local bills must be accompanied by completed paperwork required by the Florida Legislature, including original signatures of the legislative sponsors. The original set of documents (letter size and 3-hole punched) must be forwarded to Representative Bob Rommel at 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 304, Naples, FL 34112. In addition, an electronic version of the local bill must be emailed in "pdf" format to Priscilla.Grannis@myfloridahouse.gov. All proposals for a **local bill** are expected to be presented at the hearing and must be drafted in bill form. Unless there is an emergency, the Delegation will consider for introduction only those bills that have been presented at the hearing. Decisions on whether to introduce local legislation will be made at the hearing.

If the local Legislative Delegation agrees to support the issue and introduce a local bill, a legal advertisement of the proposed bill **must** be placed in a newspaper of general circulation at least 30 days prior to introduction in the House or Senate unless the bill contains a referendum provision. **The local entity requesting the proposed bill will be responsible for placing the legal advertisement in the newspaper.**

According to sections 11.021 and 11.03, Florida Statutes, evidence that notice has been properly published must be submitted before a local bill, not subject to referendum, can be introduced. The notice must be broad enough to include all matters contained in the body of the proposed legislation, although the specific contents need not be listed in detailed

form. The function of the notice requirement is to provide reasonable notice to a person whose interests may be directly affected by proposed legislation so that he or she may inquire further into details of the local bill. Additionally, if he or she so desires, that person may seek to prevent enactment or to persuade the Legislature to change the substance of the proposed bill.

General Presentations

The deadline to **Request to Appear** on the meeting agenda for a general presentation before the Legislative Delegation (not related to local bills) is **NOON on Friday, August 18, 2023**. Attached is a **Request to Appear** form for those who wish to be placed on the agenda. This form must be emailed to priscilla.grannis@myfloridahouse.gov no later than **NOON on Friday, August 18, 2023**.

Presenters who wish to provide supporting documentation must submit the original (letter size and 3-hole punched) to our offices at 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 304, Naples, FL 34112 no later than **NOON on Tuesday, September 5, 2023**. In addition, a digital copy of the documents must also be submitted in “pdf” format to Priscilla.Grannis@myfloridahouse.gov.

Local Budget Requests (Appropriations)

If you are submitting a local budget request (Appropriations), this request must be in the proper format, which can be found at [APR Fillable Form FY 2022-2023.pdf \(myfloridahouse.gov\)](#), and sent to Kim Timm at Kim.Timm@myfloridahouse.gov by **NOON on Friday, October 27, 2023**. The forms for FY 2024-2025 are not yet available. Please use the FY 2023-24 forms and change the years.

General Public Comments

Members of the public who wish to comment will have an opportunity to speak upon completion of all local bills, budget requests and agenda items. You must complete a **Public Comment Request** card, which will be available at the check-in desk on **September 11, 2023**, and will be called to speak in the order in which the request was submitted

The agenda for the Collier County Delegation hearing will be released to the news media on **Thursday, August 24, 2023**, to allow the citizens of Collier County ample time to prepare comments if they so desire.

My staff and I stand ready to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to a successful delegation meeting for the 2024 Legislative Session.

Very Truly Yours,



Representative Bob Rommel, Chair of Collier Legislative Delegation
District 81