

## **Mayor Capote Appointed to Florida League of Cities 2016-2017 Growth Management and Economic Affairs Committee**

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**PALM BAY-** The Florida League of Cities has appointed Mayor William Capote to serve as Chair of the Growth Management and Economic Affairs Committee, a committee he has been actively involved in since 2009. Capote was appointed as Vice Chair in 2015 and will continue leading efforts to grow the local and regional economy around Brevard County and Palm Bay.

"Municipal officials are the driving force behind the League's legislative success. In addition to setting the legislative priorities, the League's policy committee members help to provide League staff with a better understanding of the real world implications of proposed legislation," said Florida League of Cities Legislative Director Scott Dudley. "We appreciate their willingness to serve, as well as the time, energy and dedication that goes into developing a policy direction for our legislative efforts."

During his tenure on the committee, Mayor Capote has seen significant economic development in Brevard County and Palm Bay including the Harris Corporation's new \$100-million technology center, Northrop Grumman's expansion in Melbourne, continued expansion of the Florida Institute of Technology and its presence in South Brevard County and a host of other new initiatives that continue to grow a more robust economy.

"With the first phase of the new parkway completed and the northern portion under construction along with construction of the new south interchange on I-95, we have a lot things going on and more coming," Mayor Capote said. "I'm thrilled to be serving as chair of this very important committee and will do my best to keep putting Palm Bay and Brevard County on the map."

Legislative Policy Committee chairs, vice-chairs and members are appointed annually by the League president. Any city official is eligible to serve on a policy committee and appointments are typically based upon a city official's support and advocacy of the League's adopted Legislative Action Agenda, participation at meetings, Legislative Action Day and other legislative-related activities.

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