## Mayor Rachel Keesling Appointed to Serve on Florida League of Cities 2018-2019 Legislative Policy Committee

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The Florida League of Cities has appointed Mayor Rachel Keesling to serve on the 2018-2019 Utilities Natural Resources & Public Works legislative policy committee and to serve as vice-chair.

"Municipal officials are the driving force behind the League's legislative success," said Florida League of Cities Legislative Director Scott Dudley. "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."

Mayor Keesling is in her fourth term on the Punta Gorda City Council and is very active in her community. She is the President of the Southwest Florida League of Cities and represents the eleventh district on the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors. Rachel is also active as board member with the Florida League of Mayors.

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.

Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities. Florida's cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy. For more information, visit <u>floridaleagueofcities.com</u>.

For more information on the Florida League of Cities' legislative policy development process, please visit <u>floridaleagueofcities.com/advocacy/policy-committees</u>.