



LAKE COUNTY
Investing in People
and Our Communities

Legislative Committee

January 8, 2019 Meeting

Legislative Agenda



PURPOSE & POSITIONS

‘Nimble Tool’ that explains County initiatives, informs County positions on specific bills, and attempt to influence policy

SPONSOR

Seek legislative sponsorship of a bill with specific impacts on or of high value to Lake County by a member of Lake County legislative delegation

SUPPORT

Support broad based proposals with impacts that extend beyond Lake County with a coalition or other organization taking lead with Lake County’s support

OPPOSE

Oppose bills determined not in best interests of Lake County based on values, principle and impact

MONITOR

Continue to monitor bills to determine impact upon and position of Lake County

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Guiding Tenets

Support legislation that

- Grants additional permissive authorities to counties
- Allows counties to expand non-property tax revenue sources
- Promotes transparency at all levels of government
- Encourages cost-effective government consolidation
- Mitigates inefficiency

Oppose legislation that

- Imposes unfunded mandates
- Would reduce existing authority of County government
- Erodes existing state-appropriated County revenues
- Weakens the County's ability to consolidate local governmental units and circumvents an existing appeals process

Guided by Strategic Plan Values:

- Leadership
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Exceptional Service
- Operational Excellence
- Environmental Stewardship

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Amendments

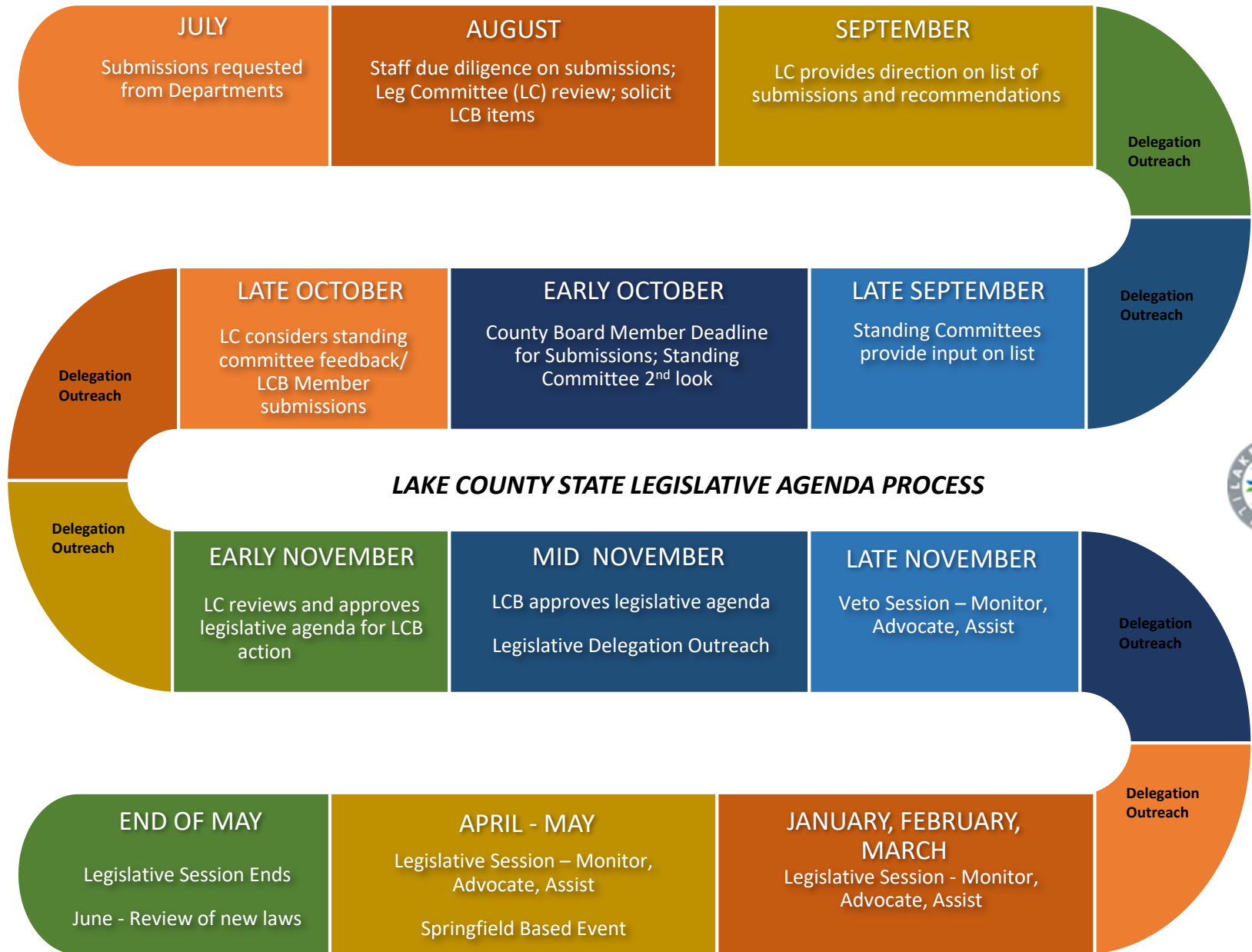
- Agenda may be revisited at any time by the County Board or Legislative Committee
- Any changes by Legislative Committee must go to County Board for approval
- Comm may take specific position on bill of significant impact – must inform Board which may revisit position

Consistent with following criteria

- Uniformity with the County Board's strategic plan
- Expected relevance in upcoming or present legislative session
- Uniqueness of issue or impact to Lake County
- Viability or likelihood of achieving a goal
- Opportunity for providing or preserving funding for Lake County
- High probability of metrics of success to allow the position to be removed from future legislative agendas, if achieved.
- Unique circumstances or to support County's regional partners

Testimony, Letters of Support, Witness Slips

- Board Chair or County Administrator may provide testimony or letters of support/ opposition based on benefit/ detriment to LC and/ or guided by principles and values
- Witness slip may be submitted by Board Chair, Administrator or Legislative Consultant when legislative agenda is clear about County position or specific action by Board or Comm on bill



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SPONSOR

- Expedited Process to address imminent hazards or safety concerns
- Regulation of intensive agriculture inside or adjacent to residential areas

SUPPORT

- Mandated Non-Attendance Day for Schools that Serve as Election Polling Sites
- Electronic Reporting of Fetal and Stillbirth Records
- Drivers License Reinstatement
- Storm Sewers as Underground Utility Facility

Initiatives of Interest

- Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF) Reform
- Reduction or Elimination of Sales Tax Surcharge
- Prescription Take Back Program
- Toxic Pavement Sealants
- Lead Pipe Abatement
- Capital Infrastructure Funding
- Voter Initiated Referendum by Petition to Reduce a Local Taxing Bodies' Property Tax Levy

2019 Legislative Timeline



January/ February

- 1/9: General Assembly Inauguration
- 2/1: LRB Request Deadline
- 2/15: Deadline to submit bills
- Lake County based event(s)
- 1:1 Legislative Outreach
- Legislative Priority Survey of County Board and Legislative Delegation

March/ April

- 3/22: Senate Substantive Bills out of Committee
- 3/29: House Substantive Bills out of Committee
- Springfield based event

May

- 5/31: Session Ends

- Monitor, Research, Advocate, Assist
- Agenda may be revisited anytime to amend and/ or provide direction



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