GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE CHAIR STEVE WALLACE reported that he will be attending Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee in January along with President Beth Rappaport, Committee Vice Chair Linda Levine and Past President Phil Barlage. The COBWRA Tallahassee Delegation will advocate for the following Legislative Priorities that were approved by the Delegates at the meeting:

Growth Management: Support SB 250 (Berman) and HB 6019 (Casello) which repeal the prevailing party attorney fees provisions when a municipal/county development order is challenged in court.

Vacation Rentals: Oppose any bill that allows vacation or short-term rentals that would adversely affect existing community association documents.

Education: Support legislation that provides increased funding for teacher salaries across the board and mental health professionals in district-owned public schools.

Environmental: Oppose any legislation that authorizes drilling, exploration, fracking, and matrix acidization in the State of Florida.

Health and Wellness: Support SB 1198 (Berman) and HB 899 (Casello) which creates the Purple Alert for missing adults with cognitive, developmental or intellectual disabilities.

Authorization: The Board of Directors authorizes the COBWRA Tallahassee Delegation to address issues affecting our member residential associations should such issues be presented prior to the opening of the Session.

Palm Beach County Director of Public Affairs Lisa De La Rionda emphasized the importance of participating in the 2020 Census. She noted that the amount of revenue Palm Beach County receives over the next 10 years will be based on the results of the census. Ms. De La Rionda emphasized that an individual’s census should be completed in the community where that person will be living on Census Day, April 1, 2020. Therefore, seasonal residents who will be living in Palm Beach County on April 1, 2020 should complete the census using their Palm Beach County address. She also stressed the importance of reporting every person living in the household, including young children.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 15 AT BELLAGGIO

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