

Attending or Speaking at a Legislative Delegation Meeting

10/5/2023

If you want to sign up to speak - Most counties ask that you let them know ahead of time that you'd like to speak, mainly so they can place your name on the agenda and ensure they allot time for all who wish to be heard. Some counties ask that you fill out a form and others simply ask that you send an email to a specific person, usually a Legislative Aide. They also ask that if you are going to hand out paperwork, that you send it to them ahead of time (we'll get to that piece in just a minute). As for the request to speak, if the form asks something along the lines of "who do you represent?" or "Organization Name", go ahead and leave this space blank, or write something such as "representing the tens of thousands of people in Florida and their families".

It is important that you do not write "Florida Action Committee" as the Organization you are with or representing, for a few reasons. Most importantly is, because our voices as individuals impacted by the legal system speak louder than an "organization" ever could. Legislators need to see constituents (voters in their district) as everyday people who are feeling the weight of the extreme sex offense laws in the state of Florida.

Include copies of statutes or research - about those documents you may want to send with your request to speak. When we speak at Delegation meetings, your focus can be on the affect residency restrictions have on day to day life, educating them on recidivism rates, etc. No matter what you're speaking about, the main purpose is to gain the Legislator's attention and spark their interest in these issues to ultimately to gain their support, or even better, for one of them to sponsor a workgroup on residency restrictions or another area you speak about.

The final very important aspect of attending a Delegation Meeting is acquiring names and business cards of the legislators and aides whom you speak with to send them a follow up email the next day, thank them for hearing you and remind them of what you are asking them to support.

Legislative Delegation Meeting Dates

See complete list for times and locations.

<https://floridaactioncommittee.org/legislative-delegation-calendar-2024/>

The listing is updated as new meetings are scheduled so if you do not see your county, please check back or contact your representative and tell us so we can add it to the listing.

9/27/2023: Franklin, Gulf, Duval

10/2/2023: Indian River, Pasco, Polk, Bay

10/3/2023: Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun

10/4/2023: Broward, Highlands, Glades, Okeechobee, Clay

10/5/2023: Manatee, Martin, Walton

10/6/2023: St. Lucie, Putnam, Wakulla
10/23/2023: St. Johns, Flagler
10/23/2023: Palm Beach
10/24/2023: Volusia, Santa Rosa
10/25/2023: Alachua, Brevard
10/26/2023: Hernando, Sarasota, Pinellas, Sumter, Escambia
10/27/2023: Palm Beach
10/30/2023: Lee, Seminole, Citrus
10/31/2023: Broward
11/1/2023: Hardee, Palm Beach
11/2/2023: Duval
11/20/2023: Charlotte, DeSoto
11/30/2023: Palm Beach
12/18/2023: Monroe