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Now that the 2012 election cycle has come to an end, it is time to focus on the future. The 2013 Legislative Session is fast approaching. As such, on December 12th, 2012, 2:00pm—5pm, we will be holding our annual Brevard County Legislative Delegation Meeting at the Brevard County Commission Chambers in Viera. This is an opportunity for those in the community interested in speaking with the delegation as a whole to do so in an abbreviated fashion prior to the upcoming Legislative Session. This meeting allows for individuals and organizations from around Brevard County to express their thoughts about the issues that relate to them with regard to the upcoming Legislative Session.

Should you wish to come before the delegation to speak, please contact Ashley Guinn in my office at (321)449-5111 to have your name placed on the meeting agenda. Due to the high volume of speaking requests we receive every year, each individual or organization will be given 3 minutes to speak on the issues essential to them. If this opportunity interests you, please respond by December 3rd, 2012; all requests received after December 3rd, 2012 will be placed on a standby list. Should you have information or handouts to distribute to the delegation, they **must** be dropped off or mailed to my office prior to December 3rd to be placed in the members' packets. When delivering your information, please be sure to include 13 copies for the Brevard County Legislators and their staff. There is a 3 hour time block allotted for this meeting. Should our time run out prior to your opportunity to speak, you are encouraged to contact each legislator individually prior to the upcoming Legislative Session to express your concerns.

With regards to General Bills and Local Bills, if you are interested in having a General Bill sponsored by one of the Brevard Delegation Members, you must, prior to the meeting or upon the completion of the meeting, set up a time with that individual member to discuss your request. At no time during the Delegation Meeting will there be requests for sponsorship of legislation due to the time constraints associated with these types of requests. If there is a need for a Local Bill to be sponsored, the individual or organization making this request must first - prior to the Delegation Meeting - secure a sponsor in the Delegation to sponsor such a bill. Secondly, the sponsor as well as the requestor must be prepared to discuss this legislation at the Delegation Meeting. After the discussion on the content of the Local Bill has taken place, the Delegation will then take a vote to decide if the measure should move forward. This determination will be decided by a simple majority vote of the Delegation; a tie vote will mean failure of the bill to move forward. It will be the responsibility of the requestor to educate the Delegation's members on the Local Bill's content prior to the Delegation Meeting so that a thoughtful conversation can take place without delay.

If you should have any questions with regard to this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

Steve Crisafulli

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