

**Mayor JB Schluter and City Clerk Leslie Guyer
Honored with
2026 Home Rule Hero Award**

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City of Gulf Breeze Mayor and City Clerk recognized for advocacy efforts during the 2026 Legislative Session



Gulf Breeze, FL – The Florida League of Cities (FLC), the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, recently recognized Gulf Breeze Mayor JB Schluter and City Clerk Leslie Guyer with a 2026 Home Rule Hero Award for their hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2026 Legislative Session. Mayor Schluter and Leslie Guyer worked throughout the session to promote local voices making local choices by sharing insights, local data, and real-world examples that informed state lawmakers and elevated the voices of Florida’s cities.

“Local voices matter, and during the 2026 Legislative Session, these leaders made sure those voices were heard,” said FLC Chief of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook. “By engaging early, often, and thoughtfully, they helped elevate the municipal perspective and reinforce the importance of local decision-making. We sincerely appreciate their dedication and are proud to recognize their advocacy on behalf of Florida’s cities.”

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and non-elected, who consistently responded to the League’s request to reach out to members of the Legislature and help give a local perspective on an issue.

JB Schluter has actively represented the City on matters involving local economic development tools and the protection of home rule powers. Leslie Guyer serves on the Florida League of Cities Municipal Operations Legislative Committee. Both Mayor Schluter and Leslie Guyer were honored with the Florida League of Cities Home Rule Hero recognition in 2025.



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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, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in “Local Voices Making Local Choices,” which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida’s communities. For more information, visit flcities.com.