



## 2012 Officers

### President

**Lynn Vilmar, RPA**  
*BOMA Greater Tampa Bay*  
(813) 221-7463

### Vice-President

**Richard King**  
*BOMA SW Florida*  
(954) 927-6119

### Treasurer

**Rick Beaver**  
*BOMA Jacksonville*  
(904) 504-9405

### Secretary

**Ron Macklin**  
*BOMA Ft. Lauderdale/Palm Beaches*  
(305) 373-0021

### Past President

**Jack Goodrich, RPA**  
*BOMA Miami-Dade*  
(305) 670-3056

### Executive Director

**Melanie Schrul**  
*BOMA Florida*  
(561) 395-6664

### Energy & Sustainability Chair

**Kent Walling**  
*BOMA Tampa*  
(813) 514-2434

### Lobbyist

**Hon. Lee Moffitt**  
(813) 831-1500

## ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

### **BOMA'S POSITION**

BOMA Florida opposes any federal, state or local government mandates requiring green building compliance in the private sector without providing corresponding and commensurate incentives to property owners. Laws and regulations designed to improve sustainability and energy efficiency, if needed, should be written into building codes and developed through the established industry codes and standards consensus processes.

BOMA Florida encourages commercial real estate owners and property managers to actively expand their role in implementing environmentally responsible consumption practices that are economically sustainable and utilize proven technologies and procedures.

### **BACKGROUND**

By implementing sustainable strategies, building owners and managers have shown their commitment to environmental stewardship and capitalizing on green technologies to provide a positive return on investment on our properties. These strategies include implementing current government programs; managing hazardous waste and environmental risks; establishing emergency response, recycling, water and energy conservation plans; ensuring healthy indoor air quality; implementing green purchasing practices; and encouraging public transportation and carpooling programs. BOMA leads the real estate industry:

- In educating our membership on green buildings and the various programs and technologies available for achieving an environmentally responsible building;
- In providing all information available to our members so they can make decisions that best reflect their needs and the marketplace within which they operate;
- Encourages the continued growth of PACE legislation at the state and local level which will provide an avenue of financing for "energy saving" projects for existing buildings.
- In monitoring and advocating in the legislative, regulatory and codes arena for the ability of BOMA members to continue to make the choices that work best for their buildings and tenants; and
- In promoting environmental stewardship and recognizing excellence.

\*BOMA Florida is affiliated with BOMA International and BOMA International has an active involvement in the federal codes and initiatives, such as CREEA (Commercial Real Estate Energy Alliance), which is a partnership with the Department of Energy, indicates public/private partnership expertise.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

BOMA members want to devote their talent and special skills to be part of the solution to improve sustainability and energy efficiency in commercial real estate. Towards this end, its members seek appointment to any governmental committee or body formed to draft policy aimed at implementing green technologies and preserve our environment.

Exhibit A to this paper details BOMA Florida's stance on 2012 bills of impact to the commercial real estate industry pertaining to Energy and Sustainability. We encourage our members to contact their elected officials regarding these stances.

**EXHIBIT A: 2012 FLORIDA SESSION BILLS  
IMPACTING COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AND ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY**

---

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>BOMA POSITION</b>
SB 100	Unclaimed Deposits Held By Utilities	Siplin	Support
HB 229	Unclaimed Deposits Held by Utilities	Watson	Support
SB 238	Florida Renewable Fuel Standard Act	Evers	Monitoring
HB 373	Environmental Permits	Glorioso	Support...BOMA FL supports reducing/waiving permit fees for certain development projects to obtain permits more quickly with the conceptual permits option.
HB 503	Environmental Regulation	Patronis	Monitoring...BOMA FL supports favorable expediting permit language and fast track permit process.
SB 640	Local Government Energy Zones	Bennett	Monitoring
SB 648	Florida Climate Protection Act	Hays	Monitor
SB 690	Solar Energy Systems	Bennett	Support
SB 696	Customer-owned Renewable Generation	Bennett	Support
SB 716	Environmental Regulation	Bennett	Monitoring
SB 740	Nuclear and Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Power Plants	Fasano	Monitoring
HB 4001	Florida Climate Protection Act Appear at Meeting	Plakon	Monitoring
HB 4013	Florida Renewable Fuel Standard Act	Gaetz	Monitoring
HB 4031	Nuclear and Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Power Plants	Rehwinklel Vasilinda	Monitoring
HB 4083	Florida Water Resources Act of 1972 Appear at Meeting	Eisnaugle	Support

**Building Owners and Managers Association of Florida**  
**7050 West Palmetto Park Road, Suite 15-668**  
**Boca Raton, Florida 33433 \* (561) 395-6664 \* (561) 395-6692 fax**  
[Melanie@bomaflorida.org](mailto:Melanie@bomaflorida.org) \* [www.bomaflorida.org](http://www.bomaflorida.org)