



Our Position!

One of the most important issues on the November ballot will be Amendment 4. This proposal has the potential to wreak havoc on your business, the building industry, and our state's entire economy. This is a referendum scheduled to be on the ballot in November 2010. We can not encourage you enough to become intimately familiar with this issue facing us. You need to be able to discuss this important matter with anyone you encounter over the next several months. **EDUCATION.... Is the key.**

To familiarize yourself with the issue, please visit www.florida2010.org. There, you will find the most current information about Amendment 4, and the adverse affect it would have on Florida's small businesses and working families. **The HBA encourages all members to "VOTE NO on 4"!** This veiled attempt to give the average citizen a say in any and all changes to the comprehensive plan of your county and or city is an effort to stop growth. All this will do is stop any progress in the recovery of our struggling economy, continue to put more of our citizens out of work and attempt to STOP any growth in the state of Florida.

This is not just an isolated threat to the construction industry, as everyone will suffer. A diverse group of businesses, local Chambers of Commerce, and government officials are opposed to Amendment 4. We have a representative government in place and they have knowledgeable and experienced staff to review and recommend to your elected officials what is best for your community when these changes to the comprehensive plan are submitted for review. The average citizen is neither willing nor capable of reviewing the hundreds of pages of documents required for any Comp Plan amendment to make an informed decision, especially when they would be reading only a 75 word description of the change on the ballot when voting. **BECOME EDUCATED ON AMENDMENT 4VOTE NO on 4!**

Other Groups Opposing Amendment 4?

- Florida Solar Energy Industry Association
- FL State Council of Machinists & Aerospace Workers
- Florida Surety Association
- Florida Surveying and Mapping Society
- Florida Swimming Pool Association
- Florida Transportation Builders Association
- Florida Turfgrass Association
- Florida United Business Association
- Home Builders Association Manatee-Sarasota
- Independent Electrical Contractors Association
- International Council of Shopping Centers
- International Hurricane Protection Association
- Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance
- Manatee Association of Realtors
- Manatee Chamber of Commerce
- National Assoc. of Credit Management (NACM)- ICPC
- National Assoc. of Credit Management (NACM)
- Tampa
- National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) of Florida
- National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)
- Sarasota Association of Realtors
- Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority

...and the list goes on!

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What is Amendment 4?

Amendment 4 is a proposed rewrite of Florida's constitution which would require taxpayer-funded referenda on all changes to local government comprehensive plans.

Amendment 4 is not just about voting on "future land use issues" amendment 4 would include all **12** elements of a Comprehensive Plan as described by Florida Statute... you would be going to the polls to vote on; capital improvement; future land-use plan; traffic circulation, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water, and natural groundwater aquifer recharge; conservation; recreation and open space; housing; coastal management; intergovernmental coordination; transportation; airport master plan; public buildings and related facilities; recommended community design; general area redevelopment; safety; historical and scenic preservation; and economic elements of the current Comprehensive Plan in your community. Do you care how many toilets there are in a public building? Amendment 4 would make you vote on it!

Has this been tried anywhere?

Yes it has...

November of 2006 The small town of St. Pete Beach adopted a local version of Amendment 4.

June of 2008 St. Pete Beach voters approved four changes to their comprehensive plan. Immediately, Amendment 4 lawyers sued to overturn the results of the election.

June of 2009 The St. Petersburg Times reports that St. Pete Beach has exhausted its annual legal budget months before the end of the year.

September of 2009 St. Pete Beach is forced to raise taxes amidst rising legal bills.

St. Pete Beach is proof positive that Amendment 4 is not designed to give the people a say on growth. It is designed to give anti-growth lawyers another legal avenue to stop commonsense progress, even when voters approve it.

"St. Pete Beach residents are tired of voting on everything, especially issues that don't even relate to development, this amendment doesn't work. It has resulted in chaotic, confusing and expensive elections driven by sound bites rather than sound planning." Ward Friszolowski, former Mayor of St. Pete Beach.

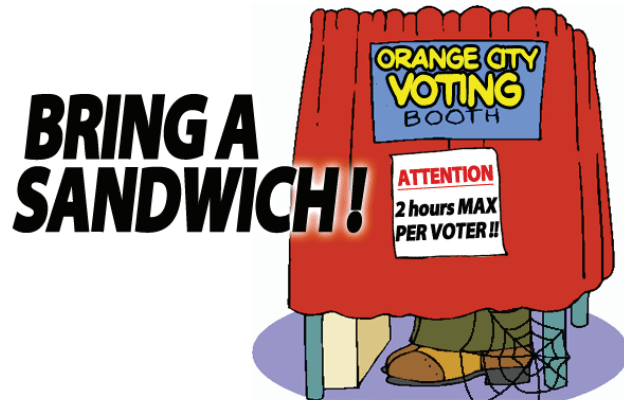
What do our leaders think?

"If you like the recession, you'll love Amendment 4, this amendment will cost jobs, hurt taxpayers and make it more expensive to live in Florida." Mark Wilson, President of the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

"If passed, this amendment will trap Florida's communities in gridlock."

-Clarence Anthony,
National League of Cities President

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WORSE FOR DEMOCRACY.**



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RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE VOTED 478 TIMES IN 2005!**

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Who Says NO on 4?

Alarm Association of Florida
American Institute of Architects - Florida
Building Owners and Managers Assoc. of Florida
Florida Air Conditioning Contractors Association
Florida Apartment Association
Florida Association of Dist. School Superintendents
Florida Association of Electrical Contractors
Florida Assoc. of Plumbing & Heating Contractors
Florida Association of Realtors
Florida Association of School Boards
Florida Automobile Dealers Association
Florida Bankers Association
Florida Chamber of Commerce
Florida Chapter of the American Planning Assoc.
Florida Citrus Mutual
Florida Coalition for Property Rights
Florida Economic Development Council
Florida Engineering Society
Florida Farm Bureau Federation
Florida Fire Sprinkler Association
Florida Forestry Association
Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association
Florida's Great Northwest
Florida Gulfcoast Commercial Assoc. of Realtors
Florida Health Care Association
Florida Home Builders Association
Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers
Florida Land Council
Florida Land Title Association
Florida League of Cities
Florida Limerock & Aggregate Institute
Florida Manufactured Housing Association
Florida Mineral and Chemistry Council
Florida Nursery Growers & Landscape Association
Florida Propane Gas Association
FL Refrigeration & A/C Contractors Assoc. (RACCA)
Florida Retail Federation
Florida Roof Deck Association
Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal & A/C Cntr. Assoc.
Florida Society of Landscape Architects

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