

RESOLUTION 10 – 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ST. LEO, FLORIDA, OPPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD FORCE VOTERS TO DECIDE ALL AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS AND URGING CITIZENS TO VOTE “NO” ON AMEDMENT 4; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is experiencing an unprecedented recession and the unemployment rate continues to rise and is among the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, attracting new jobs and business to the State of Florida is essential to the future recovery and prosperity of the state and its residents; and

WHEREAS, responsible growth requires careful planning and direction combined with a clear and effective means of engaging the citizens; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 seeks to place a constitutional amendment before Florida’s voters to amend Article II, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution to require a referendum vote on any change to a municipal or county comprehensive land use plan; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 will undermine well-coordinated planning and impede progress on responsible growth; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 will further disenfranchise millions of Florida’s already fatigued electorate, paralyze local governments and potentially cripple vital public services including crime prevention, transportation improvement and public education; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 will result in added costs to all local governments, weakened public services and heavier burdens on Florida’s taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 will damage Florida’s economy, the stability, and viability of its communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF ST. LEO, FLORIDA as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are ratified as true and are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Town Commission hereby recommends defeat of the “Florida Hometown Democracy” initiative and its proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution. The Town Commission does not agree that the one size fits all approach of Amendment 4 and believes in opening a broad-based dialogue that addresses the unique growth management concerns of our community.

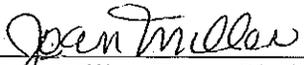
Section 3. The Town Commission hereby urges citizens to vote "NO" on Amendment 4 when it appears on the ballot this year.

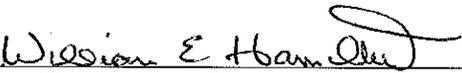
Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution 10-10 was read and passed in an open and regular meeting by the Town Commission of the Town of St. Leo, Florida, on this 13th day of September, 2010.

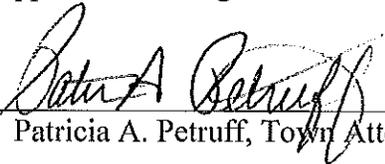
ATTEST

TOWN OF ST. LEO


Joan Miller, Town Clerk


William E. Hamilton, Mayor

Approved as to legal form and content


Patricia A. Petruff, Town Attorney