

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. OPPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD FORCE VOTERS TO DECIDE ALL CHANGES TO A CITY OR COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is experiencing an unprecedented recession; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida's unemployment rate continues to climb and is among the highest in our nation; and

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

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 seeks to place a constitutional amendment before Florida's voters to amend Article II, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, (Title: REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS); and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 creates a time-consuming and costly process for businesses locating or expanding in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 will impede efforts to grow and diversify Florida's economy; and

WHEREAS, a major economic study indicates that Amendment 4 is likely to lead to over 260,000 lost jobs in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 will make well-coordinated planning impossible; and

WHEREAS, this amendment constitutes a fundamental abandonment of government's responsibility to represent all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this amendment 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, this amendment will result in added costs to our local governments, weakened public services and heavier burdens on Florida taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the small Pinellas county town of St. Pete Beach adopted a local version of Amendment 4 in 2006; and

WHEREAS, this local version of Amendment 4 resulted in higher taxes, fewer jobs and endless litigation at taxpayer expense; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 will permanently damage Florida's economy and lead to a serious decline in the standard of living for Florida residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. THAT:


Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. hereby strongly opposes the proposed Constitutional Amendment 4 that poses a grave threat to Florida's unique quality of life, the stability of its communities, and the prosperity of its economy.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. recommends defeat of Constitutional Amendment 4.

Section 3. The Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. does not concur with the "one size fits all" approach of Amendment 4 and believes in opening a broad-based community dialogue that addresses the unique growth management concerns of our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2010.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PALM BEACH COUNTY
LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.



Mayor Thomas E. Lynch, President
(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Mo Thornton, Secretary/Treasurer