



STOP
the
SCAM

THE HOMETOWN SCAM
Keep Special Interest's Hands Off Florida

THE FACTS ABOUT HOMETOWN DEMOCRACY, INC.

Now is the Time to Fight This Anti-Growth, Anti-Jobs Initiative

Its Not About Your Hometown or Democracy

It is the latest special interest attempt to use our Constitution to advance an extremist political agenda. A South Florida environmentalist is on a crusade to use our amendment process to undermine our economy and destroy jobs.

Currently, complex growth management decisions involve an exchange among property owners, municipal and county planners and a host of local and statewide interests. This dialogue is critical to achieving a balance of views and a fair approach to managing growth. However a new political group, Hometown Democracy, Inc., is trying to subvert the planning process by enshrining their narrow agenda in our state's Constitution. If passed, Hometown Democracy's proposed amendment would require every comprehensive plan change, in every county and municipality to go before the voters. In some cases, voters could be required to consider more than 1,800 proposed changes in every election.

Negative Consequences for Our State

Imagine a place with a strong economy, low unemployment, and the easiest Constitution to amend in the nation. That place is Florida and few issues are more controversial or emotionally-charged than the issue of growth management and its potential side effects. If approved by voters in 2008 the amendment would:

Cripple Florida's Economy and Choke Investment in Our Communities

- *Halt much needed road and transportation projects.*
- *Shut down commercial and residential developments.*
- *Postpone or even stop new schools.*
- *Artificially inflate housing costs.*

Stifle Free Enterprise in Florida

- *Suppress diversifying our economy through research & development, technology and business expansion.*

Assault America's System of Representative Democracy

- *Strip our elected representatives of the ability to manage complex and controversial planning matters.*
- *Undermine the very foundation of our democracy.*

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