

## THE AMENDMENT 4 VOTER FACT SHEET

- **Why Vote Yes on Amendment 4?** Reckless real estate speculation has crashed our economy and our home values, and diminished our quality of life. Irresponsible local officials have let much of this happen by approving harmful changes to local comprehensive land-use plans. We taxpayers pay for the roads, schools, and water and sewer services for new development. We should get a vote. Even when developments sit empty, we pay. Amendment 4 will make politicians more accountable.
- **How Would It Work?** YOU will get a vote on growth and development in your community. Today, politicians exclusively control future development: they have the exclusive power to approve or deny development-related changes to local comprehensive land-use plans. Amendment 4 adds one new step to this process: YOU.

Under Amendment 4, your city or county commission will study, hold public hearings, and vote on proposed changes to the local comprehensive land-use plan, just like they do now. You will veto or approve their decision on the next regularly scheduled Election Day. It's that simple. Amendment 4 doesn't require special elections.

- **What Would I Vote On?** Amendment 4 requires voter approval only of local comprehensive land-use plan changes. Amendment 4 does not apply to the more frequently-decided individual development approvals, re-zonings, or variances.

Under Amendment 4, you'll decide if a proposed plan change serves the public interest and makes your community a better place to live. If the majority votes yes, the change will happen. If the majority votes no, the change doesn't happen.

- **Why Bother?** Our homes and our communities are too important to leave in the hands of politicians and lobbyists. We-the-people keep getting stuck with the costs of clogged roads, crowded schools, and needless pollution. Speculators and politicians get rich at our expense. Just look around Florida today: Real estate speculators got so many rubber-stamped approvals from politicians that they overbuilt, crashed our economy, and wrecked our home values. Now we are stuck with the bill.

Sometimes, when things get so out-of-whack, the people need to rise up and provide balance. It is time to try a new approach. Hometown Democracy is a nonpartisan, common-sense reform movement of Floridians from all walks of life. We lost our voice to the big moneyed interests— let's win it back with our votes.

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