

Why YOU should Vote **Yes** **FOR Amendment 4**

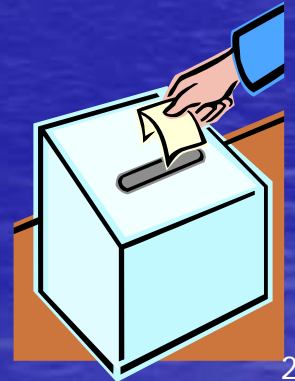


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WHAT IS AMENDMENT



- Adds a final step – giving **voters veto power**
- Now, local governments make those decisions
- **Supports residents' "ownership"** of their local land-use plan
- Developers must play by the rules



AMENDMENT 4

Applies to:

- Proposals that violate the comp plan
- Land use changes newly approved by officials

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Does not apply to:

- Zoning, variances, subdivision plats, building permits
- Projects that comply with the land use plan

What are Comp Plans?

- A blueprint to manage growth
- Designates land use & density
- Protects property rights of current citizens
- Balances everyone's interest
- Mandatory review every 10 years

Amendment 4 on the ballot

BALLOT TITLE:

**REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION AND
AMENDMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS**

BALLOT SUMMARY:

Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, the proposed plan or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Provides definitions.

Who Signed the Petitions?

Over 1,000,000 Florida voters
unhappy about:

- continuing overdevelopment and sprawl –
- governments that no longer represent the citizens
- foreclosures, spiraling taxes, decreasing property values



Amendment 4 will give residents a say in development that causes

Gridlocked roads



Overwhelmed municipal services fire, police, garbage, sewage, hospitals



Loss of green space



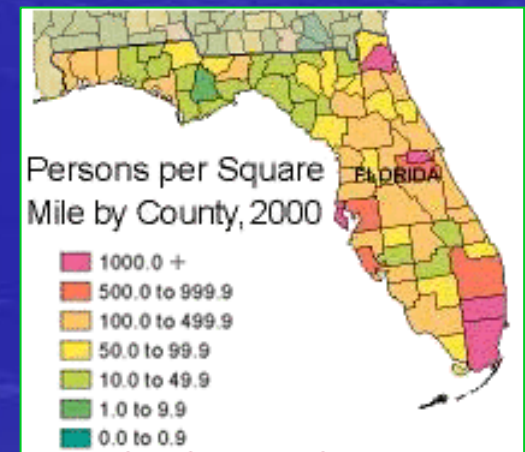
Declining, polluted water supply



100 Million Already Approved

- **5X current State population of 18 million**, even if not one more land-use plan change is approved
- Construction and construction jobs: **Unaffected** by Amendment 4

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Growth Costs \$\$\$\$

\$2.45 for every \$1.00

it generates in new taxes

- Existing residents pay for municipal services to new neighborhoods
- Overbuilding reduces property values

MONEY IN POLITICS

- Developers are the biggest campaign contributors
- Elected officials don't vote in the "public interest"



MYTHS

- Stop all growth, cost jobs, harm the economy
- Too many costly referenda
- Elect better representatives
- Growth adds to the tax base
- Property rights
- Supporters are NIMBYS or special interests

There is nothing in which the birds differ more from man than the way in which they can build and yet leave a landscape as it was before.

Robert Lynd, *The Blue Lion and Other Essays*

There is a sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed.

Mohandas K. Gandhi

In America today you can murder land for private profit. You can leave the corpse for all to see, and nobody calls the cops.

Paul Brooks, *The Pursuit of Wilderness*, 1971

Don't blow it - good planets are hard to find.

Quoted in *Time*

Nature provides a free lunch, but only if we control our appetites.

William Ruckelshaus, *Business Week*, 18 June 1990

So bleak is the picture... that the bulldozer and not the atomic bomb may turn out to be the most destructive invention of the 20th century.

Philip Shabecoff, *New York Times*, 4 June 1978


The land must be extensive enough to support a given number of people in modest comfort, and not a foot more is needed."

Plato, 4th century B.C.

Vote Yes 

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