

**A RESOLUTION OF  
THE NASSAU COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
OPPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION  
THAT WOULD REQUIRE VOTERS TO DECIDE ALL CHANGES TO A  
CITY OR COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has experienced tremendous growth; and

WHEREAS, the challenges presented by growth require that communities embrace smart growth policies aimed at protecting our State's quality of life, engendering greater economic prosperity, and building connected communities; and

WHEREAS, smart growth requires careful planning and direction combined with a clear and effective means of engaging the people's voice; 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, this amendment undermines planning and smart growth principals by seeking to replace a planning process with a political one; and

WHEREAS, this amendment poses a grave threat to Florida's unique quality of life, the stability of its communities, and the prosperity of its economy; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will cause further voter fatigue, paralyze local governments and cripple local businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD THAT:

Section 1. The Nassau County Economic Development Board, meeting in Fernandina Beach, Florida on July 28, 2009, having dedicated its own policies to advancing smarter growth recommends defeat of Amendment 4.

Section 2. The Nassau County Economic Development Board urges citizens to vote "NO" on Amendment 4 when it appears on the ballot.

Attest:



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Jim Mayo  
Chair of the Board