



*East Central Florida Regional Planning Council*

## **Resolution #01 -2010**

*EXPRESSION OF OPPOSITION BY EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL  
PLANNING COUNCIL TO PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4*

**WHEREAS**, Amendment No. 4 to the Constitution of the State of Florida has been certified to appear on the November 2, 2010 general election ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, Constitutional Amendment No. 4 would require 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 and consideration by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the ECFRPC spent thousands of hours in 2006 and 2007 in partnership with *myregion.org*, Florida DCA, FDOT, University of Florida, MetroPlan Orlando, Lake Sumter MPO, Volusia MPO, and Brevard MPO preparing a fifty year vision for the region; and

**WHEREAS**, this regional visioning effort directly involved 3,000 citizens participating at 30 workshops, and 20,000 citizens at community presentations; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Central Florida 2050 Regional Vision was adopted as a series of goals, policies and vision renderings by ECFRPC, and all its partners, and by representatives of the 93 jurisdictions with land use authority in the 6 county ECFRPC region, plus sister county Polk; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Florida requires regional planning councils to adopt a Strategic Regional Policy Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the ECFRPC has spent the past two years updating its Strategic Regional Policy Plan to comport with the adopted Regional Vision, and is preparing to distribute the draft plan to its members, affiliated agencies and DCA for the purpose of adoption by the ECFRPC in compliance with Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan is intended to influence the development patterns and densities of the region for the next 50 years, which will require that the 74 local governments within the region examine the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and make necessary amendments to their local comprehensive plans as may be needed to assure they comply with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposed Amendment 4 would require all Amendments to local government comprehensive plans to be presented individually to the voters; and

**WHEREAS**, this would require hundreds of individual ballot questions needed to implement compliance of local comprehensive plans with the regional policy plan, at a cost to the taxpayers of hundreds of thousands of dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the council supports the principals and policies of representational democracy inherent in the comprehensive planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council likewise supports active citizen participation in the comprehensive planning process;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council is opposed to Constitutional Amendment No. 4.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Martin  
ECFRPC Chair

  
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Phil Laurien  
Executive Director