

RESOLUTION 17-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO THE 2017-18 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION; SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE; SUPPORTING THE POSITIONS OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.; SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESIDENT, BOCA RATON MAYOR SUSAN HAYNIE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XI of the Florida Constitution establishes and describes the duties, powers, structure, and function of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC); and

WHEREAS, the CRC meets every 20 years, is next scheduled to meet in 2017 for the third time in the State's history, and will review and recommend changes to Florida's constitution that may appear on the 2018 General Election ballot for the consideration of Florida's voters; and

WHEREAS, the CRC is comprised of 37 members: the Attorney General of Florida, fifteen members appointed by the Governor, nine members appointed by the Speaker of the House, nine members appointed by the Senate President, and three members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the City of Panama City Beach is a member of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities, Inc. (FLC), was created in 1922 to work for the general improvements of its members, Florida's municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the FLC believes local self-government is the keystone to American democracy and constitutional municipal home rule authority should be protected and expanded; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are the only optional form of government, created primarily to serve the needs and desires of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are the governments closest to the people and are governed by the citizens who have distinguished themselves as public servants; and

WHEREAS, the more than 2,000 municipal elected officials, representing the 412 cities that comprise the FLC and account for more than 10 million Floridians, recognize the CRC will weigh in on a variety of proposals that potentially affect municipal home rule authority and the ability of city officials to respond to the needs and conveniences of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the FLC finds it is necessary to have municipal representation on the CRC to ensure that local perspectives and concerns are adequately voiced before the CRC; and

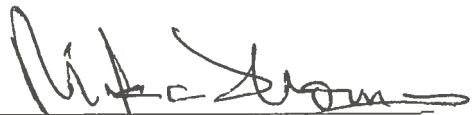
WHEREAS, the City of Panama City Beach supports the positions of the FLC relating to municipal representation on the CRC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Panama City Beach, Florida that:

1. The City respectfully requests that Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran, and Florida Senate President Joe Negron appoint municipal elected officials to serve on the 2017-18 Constitution Revision Commission (CRC).
2. The City supports the appointment of Florida League of Cities President, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie, as a member of the 2017-18 CRC.
3. The City urges the CRC to adopt proposals that protect municipal home rule authority and restrict unfunded state mandates.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran, and Florida Senate President Joe Negron, and the Chair of the CRC (once designated).
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 12th day of January, 2017.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By 
MIKE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


DIANE FOWLER, CITY CLERK



CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. DEPARTMENT MAKING REQUEST/NAME:

ADMINISTRATION

2. MEETING DATE:

JANUARY 12, 2017

3. REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

APPROVE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTEES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

4. AGENDA

PRESENTATION ☐
PUBLIC HEARING ☐
CONSENT ☒
REGULAR ☐

5. IS THIS ITEM BUDGETED (IF APPLICABLE)? YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A ☒
BUDGET AMENDMENT OR N/A

DETAILED BUDGET AMENDMENT ATTACHED YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A ☒

6. BACKGROUND: (WHY IS THE ACTION NECESSARY, WHAT GOAL WILL BE ACHIEVED)

The State Constitution provides that every 20 years a Constitutional Review Committee made up of 37 members will meet to consider constitutional amendments to be put on the ballot. The members are appointed as follows: 15 (and the Chair) by the Governor; 9 by the Speaker of the Florida House; 9 by the President of the Florida Senate; 3 by the Chief Justice of Florida Supreme Court. The Attorney General is also a member of the CRC.

The Florida League of Cities and the Florida League of Mayors is implementing a strategy to seek the appointment of a member from municipal government, in an effort to see Home Rule authority preserved and unfunded mandates prevented. In particular, these organizations are supporting the appointment of FLC President, Mayor Susan Haynie, Boca Raton, and have reached out to the City for its support of this effort.

Attached is a Resolution proposed by the Florida League of Cities requesting the appointment of municipal elected officials generally, and Susan Haynie specifically to the CRC, and confirming the City's support of proposals that protect home rule authority and restrict unfunded mandates.

If approved, the Resolution will be forwarded to Governor Scott, House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Senate President Joe Negron.