

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2010-023

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION FOR THE CREATION OF PACE (PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY) PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) programs can be created by local and state governments through Energy Financing Districts to allow property owners to voluntarily pay for energy retrofits over a set number of years; and

WHEREAS, Energy Financing Districts are special tax districts that enable local governments to fund PACE programs through the issuance of bonds or other methods of financing to be repaid over a set number of years through a "special tax" or "assessment" on the property tax bill of those property owners who choose to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of PACE programs include the elimination of upfront cost barriers for energy retrofits, providing long term repayment periods, and structuring payments as annual tax surcharges or special assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is currently developing legislation to provide a clear statutory basis for PACE programs and energy financing districts in order to provide a formal structure for the programs which would greatly reduce the time and risk associated with implementing the programs at a local level; and

WHEREAS, PACE programs have the potential to increase the accessibility and affordability of energy savings measures, consequently lowering energy bills to residents, reducing the environmental footprints of participating localities and creating opportunities for private industries; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners finds that the development and implementation of PACE programs and Energy Financing Districts are in the public interest and in the best interest of the health, safety, and economic welfare of the citizens of Charlotte County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida:

1. That the foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference herein.
2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida hereby supports the adoption of legislation creating PACE programs and initiatives and Energy Financing Districts during the 2010 legislative session.
3. That the County Administrator is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, to Charlotte County's legislative delegation and to the Executive Director of the Florida Association of Counties.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Robert J. Starr
Robert J. Starr, Chairman

ATTEST:
Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of Circuit
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