



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

January 25, 2018

Via Electronic Mail

Commissioner Erika Donalds, Chair
Constitution Revision Commission
The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Commissioner Chris Nocco, Vice-Chair
Constitution Revision Commission
The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Florida CRC Proposal 95

Dear Commissioners Donalds and Nocco,

I'm writing in opposition to Proposal 95 which would effectively destroy the home rule powers the Florida voters approved fifty years ago and have relied upon since. My opposition to Proposal 95 is three-fold:

- 1) **The language is confusing and ambiguous. If I am having a difficult time fully understanding it, I believe many Florida voters would also share that difficulty.**
- 2) **To the extent I understand it, Proposal 95 would unfairly favor large commercial enterprises at the expense of local businesses.**
- 3) **Proposal 95 would effectively change government closest to the People (Home Rule) into government closest to state Capitol favoritism.**

Please do not approve or forward Proposal 95.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henry Dean". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Henry Dean, Chair
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Copies to: Commissioner Emery Gainey
Commissioner Bob Solari
Commissioner John Stemberger
Commissioner Carolyn Timmann
Commissioner Nicole Washington

Senator Travis Hutson
Representative Paul Renner
Representative Cyndi Stevenson

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Greetings,

As a citizen and elected County Commissioner, I have an inside view of how the implementation of Proposal 95 would remove the ability of citizens to govern themselves. While there are numerous examples of specific issues where preemption to state authority is appropriate, thousands of other examples exist in constant reminder that Florida is one of America's most diverse states. The local needs of people living in Miami vary drastically from similar, but different needs in Orlando, and are both in significant contrast to the rural life of my home in Baker County.

The broad and vague confrontation to local home rule, which has moved our great State forward economically and socially over the past fifty years, would ultimately hurt Counties, Cities, Towns, Business and our Citizens. One size fits all does not fit for Florida, which is why I strongly urge you to oppose Proposal 95.

Very truly yours,

James A. Croft

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Baker County Commission, District 1

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