

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONCERNING AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL INEQUITIES IN FLORIDA'S TAX SYSTEM BY GRANTING CERTAIN TAX BREAKS TO SOME TAXPAYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TAXPAYERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2018 general election ballot as "Amendment 1"; and

WHEREAS, this proposed constitutional change exempts the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 is expected to cost \$644.7 million per year — resulting in either service reductions or tax hikes; and

WHEREAS, local communities may be forced to increase local property tax rates to offset revenue reductions; and

WHEREAS, changing local property taxes should be done locally, not through a constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, instead of fixing Florida's complicated tax system, Amendment 1 makes it more complicated and less fair; and

WHEREAS, Florida's tax system should work for all homeowners, not just a few; and

WHEREAS, most of Amendment 1's benefits go to only a handful of homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 exposes local businesses to a much higher tax burden; and

WHEREAS, this one-size-fits-all scheme is made to look like a tax cut, but it is really a tax shift that will further disenchant millions of already-skeptical Florida voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA THAT:

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Section 1. That the City of Riviera Beach will evaluate the impact Amendment 1 may have on its property taxes.

Section 2. That the City of Riviera Beach urges its residents to carefully consider the potential adverse consequences of Amendment 1 before voting in the November 2018 general election.

Section 3. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Florida League of Cities, Inc. and other interested parties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, this _____ day of October, 2018.

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