

RESOLUTION NO. 02-01-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA
OPPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA
CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD REQUIRE
REGISTERED VOTERS TO DECIDE THROUGH
REFERENDUMS AMENDMENTS TO THE
FUTURE LAND USE ASSIGNMENT OF
PROPERTIES TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is experiencing tremendous growth; and

WHEREAS, the challenges presented by growth require that local governments embrace smart growth policies aimed at protecting our State's quality of life, engendering greater economic prosperity, and equitably planning for the common good; and

WHEREAS, smart growth requires careful planning and direction combined with a clear and effective means of engaging the people's voice; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park understands that elected leaders must always empower citizens and never abandon government's primary responsibility for creating sound public policy; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Hometown Democracy initiative seeks to place a constitutional amendment before Florida's voters to amend Article II, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, (Title: REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS); and

WHEREAS, this amendment constitutes a fundamental abandonment of government's responsibility to represent all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will further disenfranchise millions of Florida's already-fatigued electorate, paralyze local governments and potentially cripple vital public services including crime prevention, transportation improvement and public education; and

WHEREAS, this amendment poses a grave threat to Florida's unique quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK THAT:

Section 1. The Town of Lake Park meeting in Lake Park, Florida on January 16, 2007, having dedicated its own policies to advancing smarter growth recommends defeat of the Florida Hometown Democracy initiative and the proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution.

Section 2. The Town of Lake Park urges citizens to vote "NO" on the proposed Florida Hometown Democracy amendment if it appears on any ballot.

Section 3: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Carey, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Balius and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR PAUL W. CASTRO	<u>Absent</u>	<u> </u>
VICE-MAYOR ED DALY	<u>/</u>	<u> </u>
COMMISSIONER CHUCK BALIUS	<u>/</u>	<u> </u>
COMMISSIONER JEFF CAREY	<u>/</u>	<u> </u>
COMMISSIONER PATRICIA OSTERMAN	<u>/</u>	<u> </u>

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution NO. 02-01-08 duly passed and adopted this 16 day of January, 2008.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

BY: 
 for PAUL W. CASTRO
 MAYOR

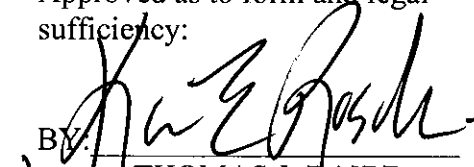
ATTEST:


 VIVIAN MENDEZ
 TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF LAKE PARK
 (TOWN SEAL)
 SEAL

FLORIDA

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

BY: 
 THOMAS J. BAIRD
 TOWN ATTORNEY