

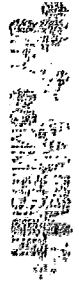


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September 22, 2015

The Honorable Mayor Ed Braddy
City of Gainesville
P O Box 490, Station 6
Gainesville, FL 32602

Dear Mayor Braddy,

On behalf of the Alachua County Commission, I am requesting your position on proposed referendum ballot language regarding funding for land conservation and recreational improvements.

That referendum ballot question is: *"Shall Alachua County be authorized to extend the Alachua County Forever Program to acquire and improve environmentally sensitive lands to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat, and to create, improve, and maintain park and recreational facilities in all cities and the County, with citizen oversight and independent audit, by the levy of a one-half percent sales tax for ten years starting January 1, 2017?"*

That ballot question did very well (67% in favor) in Trust for Public Land (TPL) poll and was recommended by the Joint County/Gainesville/League of Cities Task Force constituted to deliberate the question.

I am respectfully requesting your City Commission's input by October 30, 2015 in order to allow consideration at the November meeting of the Joint County/Gainesville/League of Cities City Task Force.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair
Alachua County Commission
Chr15.081

CSC/rpb

Att: TPL Conservation Finance Feasibility Study, May 2015
TPL Presentation to Alachua County Commission, September 15, 2015

cc: Board of County Commissioners
Joint County/City Task Force Members
Dr. Lee A. Niblock, CM, County Manager
Michele Lieberman, County Attorney
Chris Bird, Environmental Protection Department