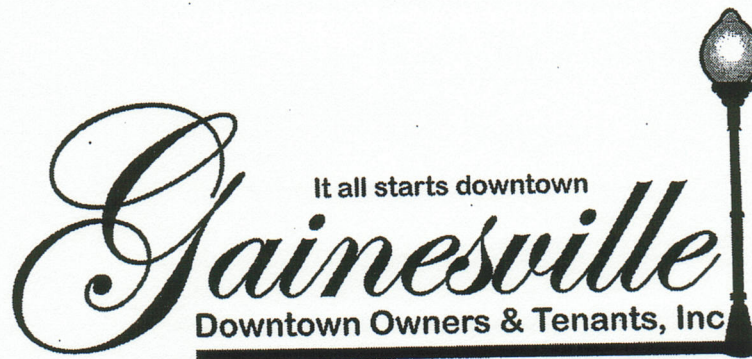


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October 24, 2011

City of Gainesville
City Commission
City Hall
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

I am writing you on behalf of the Board of Directors of Gainesville Downtown Owners and Tenants, Inc., also known as GDOT. Our Board voted to support repeal of Sunday Blue Laws in downtown. Our Board believes that Sunday Blue Laws should be repealed throughout the City; however, our area of concern is the downtown. The inability to sell alcoholic beverages sales in our numerous downtown restaurants that offer or would offer brunch service, which is an established meal that typically involves alcoholic beverages throughout the country, hurts these businesses.

There is no reason to limit alcoholic beverage sales based on antiquated restrictions that no longer serve a valid purpose. In fact, these restrictions place our businesses at a distinct economic disadvantage. Many other progressive cities have already gotten rid of their Sunday Blue Laws. We urge you to do the same. If you have any qualms about the repeal of these restrictions throughout the City, we specifically request that you repeal them for the downtown restaurants and bars as this area is your premiere entertainment district.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Yours truly,



Shawn Shepherd, President

CC: Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board
City Manager