

RESOLUTION NO. 080626

PASSED February 5, 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA; OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT CONTAINED IN THE INITIATIVE PETITION OF "CITIZENS FOR GOOD PUBLIC POLICY" AND URGING CITIZENS TO VOTE NO ON THE PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, an objective of Chapter 8 of the City of Gainesville's Code of Ordinances is to discourage and eliminate discriminatory practices in employment, housing, public accommodation, and fair credit based on race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City Charter Amendment contained in the initiative petition of the "Citizens for Good Public Policy" would negatively affect the City's antidiscrimination laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter Amendment would eliminate basic antidiscrimination laws in Gainesville that protect gay, lesbian and transgender citizens, making it legal to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City Charter Amendment would prohibit the Gainesville City Commission from passing or enforcing any antidiscrimination categories beyond those currently listed in the Florida Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City Charter Amendment would ruin Gainesville's reputation and economic outreach as a community that is inclusive and welcomes everyone who might come to work, learn or visit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City Charter Amendment would surrender the City's power to achieve the objectives of the City of Gainesville with respect to antidiscrimination and would hamper the City's ability to redress claims of discrimination; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Gainesville opposes the City Charter Amendment contained in the initiative petition of "Citizens for Good Public Policy."

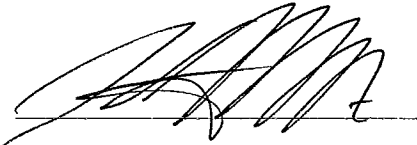
Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Gainesville urges citizens to vote no on the proposed City Charter amendment, in order to preserve the City's home rule power and continue to allow the City to redress claims of all types of discrimination as provided in City Code.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2009.


PEGEEN HANRAHAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


KURT M. LANNON
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


MARION J. RADSON, CITY ATTORNEY

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