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Charter amendment to ban the annexation of commercial and industrial land.

I am writing to ask the CRC to consider a charter amendment that would ban the city annexation of commercial and industrial land. Or at least ban the involuntary annexation of commercial and industrial land in order to protect jobs in Pinellas county.

Thousands of jobs have been lost over the last several years after cities annexed commercial and industrial land due to higher operating costs in cities after annexation: (16% taxes and franchise fees on electricity, license fees, permit fees and intangible taxes to name a few). These extra costs caused businesses to close or move out of the county. Example: the Evatone company was forced to move out of the county after being annexed by Largo.

Additionally, more jobs were permanently lost after cities annexed county industrial land then changed the zoning to apartments.

Anonymous