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May 22, 2006

Chairman Alan Bomstein
Pinellas County Charter Review Commission
C/O: Assistant County Administrator.
Elithia Stanfield
315 Court Street, 6th Floor
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Dear ~~Chairman Bomstein~~:

Alan,

Enclosed please find copies of Resolutions No. 2006-22, 2006-23 and 2006-24 concerning amendments to the Pinellas County Charter. The Dunedin City Commission is concerned that the amendments to the Pinellas County Charter will erode the authority and individuality of municipalities of Pinellas County. Therefore the City of Dunedin requests that the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission consider rescinding these harmful amendments that usurp municipalities' functions and regulatory authorities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (727) 298-3003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bob Hackworth".

Bob Hackworth
Mayor

Cc: Pinellas County Charter Review Commission Members
Pinellas County Municipalities

"The City of Dunedin does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, and disabled status in employment or the provision of services"

RESOLUTION 06 - 22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION OPPOSE THE EXCLUSION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS ON FUTURE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission has discussed the issue of the composition of future Charter Review Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission has taken an initial vote that would remove all elected officials currently specified to serve on Charter Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials work closely on a daily basis with issues contained within the Pinellas County Charter and as such bring a knowledge base to the "lay" membership that combines to assist in explaining any need for proposing changes to the charter; now, therefore,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of the City of Dunedin, in session and duly and regularly assembled;

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Dunedin opposes removing the provision from the current Pinellas County Charter that elected members serve on future Pinellas County Charter Review Commissions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS 18 DAY OF MAY, 2006.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 06- 23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, OPPOSING A PROPOSAL OF THE PINELLAS CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION THAT WOULD ELIMINATE THE DUAL REFERENDUM REQUIREMENT FOR A CHANGE OF ANY FUNCTION, SERVICE, POWER OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF A MUNICIPALITY, SPECIAL DISTRICT OR THE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

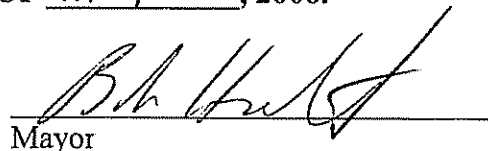
WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission has tentatively approved a proposal to amend Section 6.04 of the County Charter to remove the requirement that the voters of the County and the voters of an affected municipality or special district must approve by dual referendum any amendment to the charter that would change any function, service, power, or regulatory authority of a municipality, special district, or the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment, if adopted and if interpreted liberally, would erode the authority of the municipalities and special districts of Pinellas County by permitting the usurpation of their functions and regulatory authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of the City of Dunedin, in session and duly and regularly assembled;

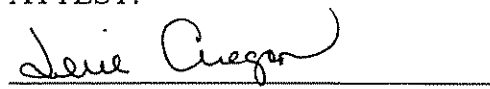
This Commission hereby expresses its opposition to the proposed amendment to the County Charter that would remove the requirement that the voters of the county and the voters of an affected municipality or special district must approve any amendment to the charter that would change any function, service, power, or regulatory authority of a municipality, special district, or the county.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS 18 DAY OF MAY, 2006.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

RESOLUTION 06-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE
PINELLAS COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
REJECT ALL OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER
PROVISIONS RELATED TO ANNEXATION POLICY; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the proposed charter provisions make annexation more difficult and help to preserve the status quo of inefficient city/county jurisdictional boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would conflict with statewide annexation law creating a precedent for a hodgepodge of inconsistent and conflicting annexation laws across the state; and,

WHEREAS, the 50% coterminous rule for non-referendum referendum, hereafter referred to as "property owner referendums", annexation is overly simplistic and arbitrary and further restricts a city's ability to annex; and,

WHEREAS, property owner referendums are a vote of the property owners and should have no greater requirement for a majority than an annexation referendum of registered voters (simple majority); and

WHEREAS, the 60/30 day revocable written consent proposal for property owner referendums will create an opportunity for consenting property owners to be harassed and threatened by opposing property owners up to and including at the annexation public hearing(s); and

WHEREAS, the 60/30 day revocable written consent proposal would essentially allow property owners to change their "vote" after the election; and

WHEREAS, the 60/30 day revocable written consent proposal will introduce a tremendous amount of chaos and conflict in a system that is currently sound and effective; and

WHEREAS, limiting repeat annexations to seven years is overly long and unnecessarily restricts the rights of residents to have a choice regarding annexation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed notice requirements for all referendum types is unprecedented and far exceeds any notice requirement for any other type of election or referendum regardless of the subject; and,

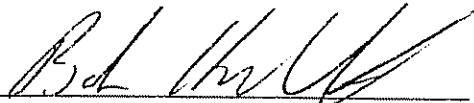
WHEREAS, the proposed notice requirement is overly burdensome, adds unnecessary cost to the process and is no more than an additional step that complicates the process and increases opportunities for conflict and litigation in order to prevent annexation in general; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed incentive limitation language creates confusion and is already addressed by existing laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Dunedin, in session and duly assembled;


SECTION 1. That the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission reject all of the proposed annexation policy related to charter and legislative proposals.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS 18 day of MAY, 2006.



Mayor

ATTEST:



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