



**Meeting Date:** December 15, 2016

**Agenda Item:** 11-A

### Report to Town Council

**Topic:** Resolution 2016-15, urging the appointment of municipal officials to the 2017-2018 Constitution Revision Commission and supporting the observance of home rule authority while restricting unfunded mandates.

**Recommended Motion:** None required.

**Summary:** Please see attached memorandum.

**Requested by:** Councilmember Paritsky

**Approved by:** Ms. Witt, Town Manager

**To: Jeaneen Witt**  
**From: Council Member Paritsky**  
**Date: December 7, 2016**  
**Subject: Constitution Revision Commission**

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**David J. Cruz, Assistant General Counsel to the Florida League of Cities, has asked for support of the attached Florida League of Cities' Resolution.**

**The Resolution urges, among other things, for the appointment of a municipal official to the 2017-2018 Constitution Revision Commission. Article XI, Section 2, of the Florida Constitution provides for the establishment of a Constitution Revision Commission. This Commission has the authority to make recommendations for revisions to the Florida Constitution that will be placed on the 2018 general election ballot.**

**A Constitution Revision Commission meets every twenty years, and this will be the third Constitution Revision Committee in the State's history.**

**I have drafted for the Town a proposed Resolution that mirrors the League's Resolution, and have included for Council's reading a letter dated October 10, 2016 by the Executive Director of the League, recommending to Governor Rick Scott, the appointment of Mayor Susan Haynie, the League's President and Boca Raton Mayor, to be the appointed municipal official to the Constitution Revision Committee.**



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Governor Rick Scott  
The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

October 10, 2016

**Subject: Recommendation of Mayor Susan Haynie to the Constitution Revision Commission**

Dear Governor Scott,

Florida League of Cities president, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie, possesses a wide range of qualifications and we strongly recommend her as one of your appointees to the Constitution Revision Commission.

The importance and significance of your appointments to the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) cannot be overstated. You are indubitably seeking 15 individuals from a wealth of backgrounds to have the potential to positively affect the lives of all Floridians.

The Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities, Inc., lend equal gravity to the significance of appointing municipal officials to the CRC. The Florida League of Cities finds it crucial to have municipal representation on the CRC to ensure that the perspectives and concerns of the more than 2,000 municipal elected officials, representing over 400 League-member cities, are adequately voiced.

Mayor Haynie is a seasoned municipal leader, with a decades-long service record and firsthand experience in job-creation. During her time on the Boca Raton City Council, she kept taxes low, streamlined regulation, improved public safety and fostered an environment for small businesses to thrive. As a mother of five, she is ever aware that policies must be designed for future generations.

As a state-licensed General Contractor and with a wealth of experience in the private sector, Mayor Haynie is familiar with running a business and understands that amendments need not all be made from the perspective of elected officials. She strongly favors streamlining tax relief, permitting and the unemployment system in favor of Florida's business owners.

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President **Susan Haynie**, Mayor, Boca Raton

First Vice President **Gil Ziffer**, Commissioner, Tallahassee • Second Vice President **Leo E. Longworth**, Commissioner, Bartow  
Executive Director **Michael Sittig** • General Counsel **Harry Morrison, Jr.**

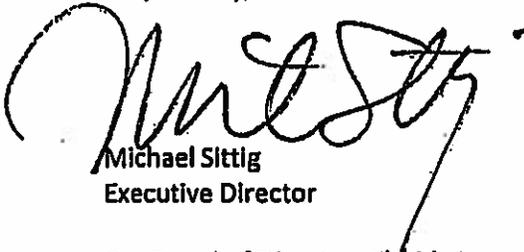
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Mayor Haynie's record of public and community service also includes her involvement with, among many other organizations and committees, the Coastal Ocean Task Force, Community Emergency Response Team, Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council, National League of Cities Task Force and the Florida Transportation Plan/Strategic Intermodal System Steering Committee.

Mayor Haynie understands that government begins at the local level, rather than from the top down. She believes that local self-government is the keystone to American democracy and constitutional municipal home rule authority is important to building a great state.

Along with her record as an elected official, experience in the private sector and breadth of affiliations, Mayor Haynie is an excellent candidate for appointment to the Constitution Revision Commission.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Sittig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "S".

Michael Sittig  
Executive Director

Cc: Board of Directors Florida League of Cities

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO THE 2017-18 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO PROTECT MUNICIPAL HOME RULE AUTHORITY AND RESTRICT UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Article XI of the Florida Constitution establishes and describes the duties, powers, structure and function of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC); and

**WHEREAS**, the CRC meets every 20 years, is next scheduled to meet in 2017 for only the third time in the state's history, and will review and recommend changes to Florida's constitution that may appear on the 2018 general election ballot for the consideration of Florida's voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRC is comprised of 37 members: the attorney general of Florida, fifteen members appointed by the governor, nine members appointed by the speaker of the House, nine members appointed by the Senate president, and three members appointed by the chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., was created in 1922 to work for the general improvement of its members, Florida's municipal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., believes local self-government is the keystone to American democracy and constitutional municipal home rule authority should be protected and expanded; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are the only optional form of government, created primarily to serve the needs and desires of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are the governments closest to the people and are governed by citizens who have distinguished themselves as public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 2,000 municipal elected officials, representing over 400 cities that comprise the Florida League of Cities, recognize the CRC will weigh in on a variety of proposals that potentially affect municipal home rule authority and the ability of city officials to respond to the needs and conveniences of their citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the FLC finds it is necessary to have municipal representation on the CRC to ensure that local perspectives and concerns are adequately voiced before the CRC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:**

**Section 1.** That the Florida League of Cities, Inc., respectfully request Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker-Designate Richard Corcoran and Florida Senate President Designate Joe Negron appoint municipal elected officials to serve on the 2017-18 Constitution Revision Commission.

**Section 2.** That the Florida League of Cities, Inc., urges the CRC to adopt proposals that protect municipal home rule authority and restrict unfunded state mandates.

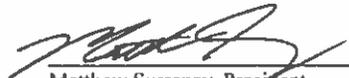
**Section 3.** That this resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions

**Section 4.** That a copy of this resolution be provided to Governor Rick Scott, House Speaker-Designate Richard Corcoran, Senate President-Designate Joe Negron, the chair of the CRC, once designated, and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, at the Diplomat Resort, Hollywood, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2016.

ATTEST

  
Michael Sittig, Executive Director  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

  
Matthew Surrency, President  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.  
Mayor, Hawthorne



## RESOLUTION 2016-15

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA URGING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO THE 2017-2018 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO PROTECT MUNICIPAL HOME RULE AUTHORITY AND RESTRICT UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES. PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Article XI of the Florida Constitution establishes and describes the duties, powers, structure and function of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC); and

**WHEREAS**, the CRC meets every 20 years, is next scheduled to meet in 2017 for only the third time in the state's history, and will review and recommend changes to Florida's constitution that may appear on the 2018 general election ballot for the consideration of Florida's voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRC is comprised of 37 members: the attorney general of Florida, fifteen members appointed by the governor, nine members appointed by the speaker of the House, nine members appointed by the Senate president, and three members appointed by the chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ponce Inlet believes local self-government is the keystone to American democracy and constitutional municipal home rule authority should be protected and expanded; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are the only optional form of government, created primarily to serve the needs and desires of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are the governments closest to the people and are governed by citizens who have distinguished themselves as public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 2,000 municipal elected officials, representing over 400 cities, recognize the CRC will weigh in on a variety of proposals that potentially affect municipal home rule authority and the ability of city officials to respond to the needs and conveniences of their citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ponce Inlet finds it is necessary to have municipal representation on the CRC to ensure that local perspectives and concerns are adequately voiced before the CRC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET:**

**Section 1.** That the Town of Ponce Inlet.. respectfully requests Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Florida Senate President Joe Negron appoint municipal elected officials to serve on the 2017-18 Constitution Revision Commission.

**Section 2.** That the Town of Ponce Inlet, urges the CRC to adopt proposals that protect municipal home rule authority and restrict unfunded state mandates.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions

**Section 4.** That a copy of this Resolution be provided to Governor Rick Scott, House Speaker Richard Corcoran, Senate President Joe Negron, and the chair of the CRC, once designated.

**Section 5.** All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that holding in no way affect the remaining portion(s) of this Resolution.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall effective immediately upon adoption

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that said Resolution be adopted. A roll call vote of the Town Council on said motion resulted as follows:

Mayor Smith, Seat #1	_____
Councilmember Milano, Seat #2	_____
Vice-Mayor Hoss, Seat #3	_____
Councilmember Perrone, Seat #4	_____
Councilmember Paritsky, Seat #5	_____

Passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

Town of Ponce Inlet, Florida

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Gary L. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeanen Witt, CMC  
Town Manager/Town Clerk