

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: November 29, 2016

TO: Dave Bullock, Town Manager

FROM: Trish Granger, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution 2016-25, Supporting the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Position and Appointment Request to the Florida Constitution Revision Commission

At the November 10, 2016, ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) meeting, a motion was adopted requesting that each member City prepare correspondence and adopt a Resolution supporting the Florida League of Cities (FLC) position relating to the appointment of a municipal official on the Florida Constitution Revision Commission.

Commr. Pastor, the Town's representative on the MSLC, provided information on the request to the Town Commission at their November 14, 2016, Regular Workshop.

There was consensus to honor the MSLC request and staff was directed to prepare the correspondence and draft a Resolution for Commission formal action at the December 5, 2016, Regular Meeting.

The documents are attached for formal action by the Town Commission.

Attachments:

Correspondence to Governor Rick Scott
Resolution 2016-25



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December 5, 2016

Governor Rick Scott
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
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Subject: Recommendation for appointment 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 the Longboat Key Town Commission strongly recommends her as one of your appointees to the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC).

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

The Town of Longboat Key lends equal gravity to the significance of appointing municipal officials to the CRC. The Longboat Key Town Commission 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 first-hand 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

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small businesses to thrive. As a mother of five, she is ever aware that policies must be designed for future generations.

Mayor Haynie is a state-licensed General Contractor and with a wealth of experience in the private sector, 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.

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 and the Longboat Key Town Commission certainly supports her appointment.

Respectfully,

Jack G. Duncan, Mayor
Town of Longboat Key, Florida

RESOLUTION 2016-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, URGING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO THE 2017-18 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION; SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE; SUPPORTING THE POSITIONS OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.; SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES' PRESIDENT, BOCA RATON MAYOR SUSAN HAYNIE; PROVIDING 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 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. (FLC), was created in 1922 to work for the general improvements of its members, Florida's municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the FLC 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 the 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 FLC, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key is a member of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key Commission fully supports the positions of the FLC relating to municipal representation on the CRC.

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. The Town Commission of the Town of Longboat Key respectfully requests that 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 (CRC).

SECTION 2. The Town Commission of the Town of Longboat Key supports the appointment of Florida League of Cities President, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie, as a member of the 2017-18 CRC.

SECTION 3. The Town Commission of the Town of Longboat Key urges the CRC to adopt proposals that protect municipal home rule authority and restrict unfunded state mandates.

SECTION 4. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker-Designate Richard Corcoran, and Florida Senate President-Designate Joe Negron, and the Chair of the CRC (once designated).

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Passed by the Town Commission of the Town of Longboat Key, Florida on the 5th day of December, 2016.

ATTEST:

Trish Granger, Town Clerk

Jack G. Duncan, Mayor



End of Agenda Item