

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA INSTITUTE
OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS OPPOSING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA
CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD FORCE VOTERS
TO DECIDE ALL CHANGES TO A CITY OR
COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is experiencing tremendous growth; and

WHEREAS, the challenges presented by growth require that communities embrace smart growth policies aimed at protecting our State's quality of life, engendering greater economic prosperity, and building connected communities; and

WHEREAS, smart growth requires careful planning and direction combined with a clear and effective means of engaging the people's voice; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Hometown Democracy initiative seeks to place a constitutional amendment before Florida's voters to amend Article II, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, (Title: REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS); and

WHEREAS, this amendment poses a grave threat to Florida's unique quality of life, the stability of its communities, and the prosperity of its economy; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will further disenfranchise millions of Florida's already-fatigued electorate, paralyze local governments and cripple local businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS THAT:

Section 1. The FICE Board of Directors meeting in Marco Island, Florida on August 2, 2007, having dedicated its own policies to advancing smarter growth recommends defeat of the Florida Hometown Democracy initiative and the proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution.

Section 2. The Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers, urges citizens to vote "NO" on the proposed Florida Hometown Democracy amendment if it appears on the general election ballot.