



Panama City Leaders Stand Against Amendment 4

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An amendment aiming to give residents more say over development changes meets opposition. During a regular commission meeting, Panama City Mayor Scott Clemons brought up a resolution against

Amendment 4,

(<http://www.floridahometowndemocracy.com/>) otherwise known as the "vote on everything amendment," or "Hometown Democracy amendment."

It would enable a law that states any time a local government wants to change land use, Florida residents will have the final vote.

City leaders say that could cost time and money for some very urgent changes to their plan. They also say voters wouldn't have the research and information city planners do when they decide on those changes.

"I think the consequences of this kind of amendment far outweigh any benefits that could come of it," said Clemons.

The Commission passed the resolution against Amendment 4. Ultimately it will be up for voters to decide this November.

Also at the meeting, commissioners announced new Community Redevelopment Agency director, Suzanne Self.

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