



Charter Review Commission  
Orange County, FL  
District 5 Meeting  
May 1, 2019

RE: Issues Effecting Orange County Residents (Potential issues to research for vote)

Dear Honorable Charter Review Commission Members,

The purpose of this letter is to formally enter into record nine (9) issues that continuously emerge as growth management challenges and concerns for Orange County residents. These nine issues are entered on behalf of Save Orange County, Inc.

Save Orange County, Inc. is a grass roots citizen initiative group that advocates for sustainable growth management across all of Orange County. The group has a member following that exceeds 10,000 followers. Save Orange County, Inc. is an active organization during OCBCC meetings, RAC meetings, DRC meetings, LPA meetings, amongst other community meetings. The Save Orange County board met to discuss overarching themed issues that residents continuously vocalize concern for. We hope that the CRC may be able to explore and research these topics to determine if they meet the criteria for citizen vote. The issues include the following:

1. Eliminating private text amendments to the CLUP/FLUM
2. Creating a rural boundary to protect rural settlements, rural enclaves, and rural service areas
3. If private text amendments cannot be eliminated, require the BCC to have a supermajority to amend the CLUP/FLUM for private text amendments (E.g. Sarasota Charter)
4. Creating a new district based on new population figures
5. Include more extensive environmental laws/regulations in the OC Charter (e.g. adopting the Wakiva and Econ River Ordinances into the Charter)
6. Conservation lands should not be resold/mitigated
7. Revise the policy for how citizens may get an initiative on the ballot (the existing policy makes it nearly impossible)
8. Provide formalized rural settlement and rural enclave protection in the Charter
9. Elect Commissioners at large instead of by a single district

The aforementioned nine issues are spoken on at the OCBCC meetings and are some of the prevalent issues that Save Orange County, Inc. provides support to help communities that are fighting for sustainable growth development within their neighborhoods and communities. Please consider these issues as potential agenda items that you may explore and research to determine if they meet the criteria to put them to a vote for Orange County Citizens to vote on.

Most Sincerely,

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