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Supervisor of Elections Orange County, Florida



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To: ______ Emily Bonilla, Chair, Residents United for Rural Area Longevity (R.U.R.A.L)

From Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections

Re: Orange County Petition under Section 601, Charter

Date: June 11, 2018

We have verified that your resubmitted R.U.R.A.L. Orange County Charter Initiative Petition Form, submitted on June 8, 2018, has not been altered form the previously submitted and approved petition form. Accordingly, the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) has determined that the form on which the signatures will be affixed may proceed pursuant to Section 602(A) of the Orange County Charter, as amended in 2016. The SOE expresses no opinion and is not responsible for the contents of the petition.

Pursuant to the 2016 Charter Amendments, please note the following dates and pertinent information in reference to your Charter Initiative Petition:

The beginning of the petition drive commences on the date of this correspondence. If sufficient signatures are obtained, the SOE shall verify and submit a written report to the Board. Since the 180 day period exceeds the 2018 Elections, if successful, the charter amendment would appear on the 2020 Primary Election.

The 180 days for this petition drive is: June 11, 2018 to December 7, 2018.

The petition must be signed by 10% of the electors in each County Commission District as of January 1 of the year in which the petition was initiated. Additionally, once 1% of the electors in each district have signed the petition, the SOE shall notify the Board, the Comptroller, and the Legal Review Panel. These totals are as follows:

CC District	Total	10%	1%
One	144,439	14,444	1,444
Two	125,704	12,570	1,257
Three	138,538	13,854	1,385
Four	146,604	14,660	1,466
Five	146,755	14,676	1,468
Six	101,494	10,149	1,015

Within twenty days of the 1% notification by the SOE, the Comptroller shall prepare and transmit to the Board, SOE, and sponsor of the petition a financial impact statement (not exceeding seventy-five words). The sponsor shall then prepare and submit the SOE a revised petition form containing the financial impact statement. The SOE shall then, within fifteen days, render a determination on the form of the revised petition. A public hearing shall be held by the Board within sixty days after notification of legality by the Legal Review Panel.

Cc: Jeff County, County Attorney Phil Diamond, Comptroller

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