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**Subject:** FW: TDT Petition Withdrawal

Sean,

Thank you for your e-mail, which will suffice to inform us of your instruction that we suspend the counting of TDT Charter Petitions, which remain due to expire on June 17, 2014. Please note that the suspension of the TDT Charter Petition will not affect our continued action on any petitions received relative to your other Petition, regarding charter office elections, and accordingly does not alter your reporting requirements relative to that Petition.

Best regards,

Bill

Bill Cowles  
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Supervisor of Elections  
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**From:** [seangashby@yahoo.com](mailto:seangashby@yahoo.com) [<mailto:seangashby@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 03, 2014 4:48 PM

**To:** Bill Cowles

**Subject:** TDT Petition Withdrawal

Mr Bill Cowles,

Good afternoon. The purpose of this email is to inform you that I am suspending the collection of the TDT Charter Petition which I submitted in Dec 2013, and request that you withdraw it from consideration for 2014 elections.

Please advise if this email notice is sufficient, or if you will also require a separate hardcopy delivered to you.

Thank you again,

Sean Ashby  
Chairman  
Citizens for Informed Elections

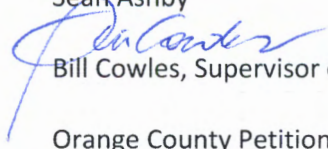
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**BILL COWLES**  
Supervisor of Elections  
Orange County, Florida



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Ensure the integrity of the electoral process.  
Enhance public confidence.  
Encourage citizen participation.

TO: Sean Ashby  
FROM:  Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections  
RE: Orange County Petition under Section 601(A) Charter  
DATE: December 19, 2013

Via email and hardcopy

We have received and reviewed your "Petition to Place Orange County Charter Amendment on Use of Tourist Development Tax on Ballot." The petition form contains the required items from the voter in order for this office to verify the petition. The Supervisor of Elections Office is not responsible for the content of the petition. Should the sponsor's address on the petition change, it will not invalidate the petition. Our office would need an updated copy of the petition for our records.

Paragraph A of Section 601 states that, "A petition seeking to amend or repeal the Charter of Orange County shall be signed by ten (10) percent of the county electors in a majority of the commission districts as of January 1 of the year in which the petition is initiated," in this instance January 1, 2013.

As of January 1, 2013, there were 699,598 registered voters in Orange County. Listed below is the number of registered voters by Commission District and the 10% total.

District 1	117,004	11,700
District 2	112,495	11,250
District 3	126,432	12,643
District 4	114,936	11,494
District 5	133,304	13,330
District 6	95,427	9,543

Your petition has been approved and the procedures outlined in Section 602 are in effect. You have 180 days to collect petitions based on this approved petition.

Cc: Mayor Teresa Jacobs  
Jeffrey Newton, County Attorney  
Woody Rodriguez, OCPS General Counsel  
Nicholas A. Shannin, Attorney for Supervisor of Elections



# Petition to Place Orange County Charter Amendment on Use of Tourist Development Tax on Ballot

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: ORANGE  
Please Print Name as it appears on your Voter Information Card

Residential street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ OR Voter Registration No \_\_\_\_\_

I am a registered Florida voter & hereby petition the Orange County Commission to place the following proposed amendment on the ballot.

**Note:** • All information on this form, including your signature, becomes a public record upon receipt by the Supervisor of Elections.

- Per Florida law it is a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or 775.083, Fla. Stat., to knowingly sign more than one petition for an issue.
- If all requested information on this form is not complete, the form will not be valid.

**BALLOT TITLE:** FUNDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAXES; REQUIRING REFERENDUM FOR SPORTS FACILITIES.

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** Shall the Charter be amended to require tourist development taxes not used for debt service on bonds issued before January 1, 2015 be placed either in a trust fund for the sole use of construction or operation of public schools when and if the legislature changes Florida statute to allow for such use, or to pay down existing bonds; requiring referendum for use of tourist development taxes to construct or maintain professional sports facilities?

**ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER PROVISION BEING AMENDED:** Section 713. Use of Tourist Development Taxes for Schools and Public Safety.

## Section 713. Use of Tourist Development Taxes.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter or any Orange County Ordinance, any tourist development tax authorized by Florida Statute imposed in Orange County shall comply with the provisions of this section.

- A. No tourist development tax revenues shall be expended for the construction or maintenance of any professional sports franchise facility or any facility a professional sports franchise is reasonably expected to occupy or use, unless there has been approval by a majority of the electors by referendum for such expenditure.
- B. Until such time Florida Statute authorizes the County Commission to expend revenue from the tourist development tax for the construction or operation of public schools or public safety, all tourist development tax revenues not used for the payment of debt service on bonds issued before January 1, 2015 shall be placed either in a trust fund for use solely for public safety or the construction or operation of public schools upon approval of such use by Florida Statute or shall be used to pay down existing bonds.

REGISTERED VOTER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Paid Petition Circulator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PAID CIRCULATOR: \_\_\_\_\_