

SAVE OUR BEACH
Vote Yes Nov 7 to STOP Tall buildings and
Overdevelopment in St. Pete Beach

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Vote YES
on all 6
SPB
Charter
Amend-
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WHY VOTE "YES"

City Hall and Developers are pushing forward with their plans, **without your consent**, calling for:

- TALL BUILDINGS – 15-20 or more stories
- ALMOST 5,000 NEW units on St. Pete Beach
- HIGH-RISE CONDOS where none have been permitted before.
- All this without required studies of impacts to TRAFFIC, SEWER, WATER and other infrastructure --- you will have to pay for this in your taxes.

CITY HALL AND THE DEVELOPERS DO NOT WANT YOU TO VOTE

- The City has spent over \$300,000 on lawyers to prevent you from voting on City Redevelopment.
- The Appellate Court has ruled that you have the right to vote and has denied the City's appeal for a rehearing. 6 of the Citizen imitated Charter Amendments will be on the ballot. Yet the City is continuing to sue Citizens petitioners.
- Citizens have fought hard to win the right to vote and the 6 charter amendments are now on the ballot--- Now you must vote YES to secure these rights for the future.

When the City knows their plans will be put to a vote of the people, they will be *forced* to design a responsible plan instead of one that only listens to a select group of developers.

YOU ARE GOING TO GET BOMBARDED WITH MISINFORMATION FROM BIG DEVELOPERS WHO STAND TO PROFIT BY DESTROYING YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Out-of-town developers have hired an expensive PR "spin" firm to sell you tall buildings and more condos throughout the City. This is a firm that works against citizens for companies like the Fla. Insurance Council and Philip Morris with out of town "phone banks" and using propoganda to paint Citizens as having some "hidden agenda". These PR people are not your friends and neighbors. They are not the ones who will have to pay the bills for the roads, sewers, water ...



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DEVELOPERS HAVE CREATED MYTHS HOPING TO CONFUSE YOU

Myth #1. TAXES WILL GO UP WITHOUT HIGH RISE HOTELS AND CONDOS

The reality is that your taxes will go up if we allow overdevelopment. The impacts to roads, sewer and water systems that are already stressed to the limit will be enormous. Taxes and impact fees never cover the real cost that will be left to you --- the taxpayer.

Myth #2. WITHOUT TALL BUILDINGS HOTELS WILL BE REPLACED BY CONDOS

Tourism has doubled in the last 10 years with 5 to 7 story hotels for two reasons: we have a gorgeous beach and millions have been spent on marketing. Hoteliers want to be a bigger part of that lucrative industry.

(Myth #2 Cont.)

A new, profitable, low-rise hotel has just opened on Treasure Island. The real problem is that speculators have purchased properties at inflated prices banking on the City's promises of allowing 15 to 20 story buildings. Now they are pushing for tall buildings to bail themselves out and are waiting to see what will be allowed.

Myth #3 THE CITIZENS DO NOT WANT GROWTH

Absolutely false! The Citizens want and will support RESPONSIBLE GROWTH that benefits the Community, not just a handful of powerful developers.

Myth #4 VOTING IS TOO COMPLICATED FOR CITIZENS

Voters are a lot smarter than the developers think they are. Allowing increased height and more condos is not difficult to understand. The big developers simply want to make more money at the community's expense.

Myth #5. YOU WILL CONSTANTLY BE VOTING!

By voting YES, you will only be voting on major land-use changes such as increasing building height limits --- issues that arise only 2 or 3 times a

decade. You will not be voting on every little project.

Myth #6. YOU DON'T KNOW THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

The question is very simple: Do you want tall buildings and overdevelopment? Do you want SPB to look like another "Clearwater Beach" with wall-to-wall traffic jams?

The real "unintended consequences" if you don't vote "YES" is that the developers will build their tall buildings and take the money and run - leaving us to pay the infrastructure bill for new roads, sewer systems ...

WHO IS CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH (CRG)?

CRG is 3,000 of your friends and neighbors, who signed petitions and supported the effort to secure your right to vote. For the first time a Yes vote on these Charter Amendments will secure your right to decide on the future of your city instead of leaving it in the hands of a few developers and their friends at City Hall.

**Support the fight to preserve your city.
Call Harry Metz at 642-5995 to volunteer.**

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**Citizens for Responsible Growth, 7217 Gulf Blvd. #165, St. Pete Beach, FL.
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