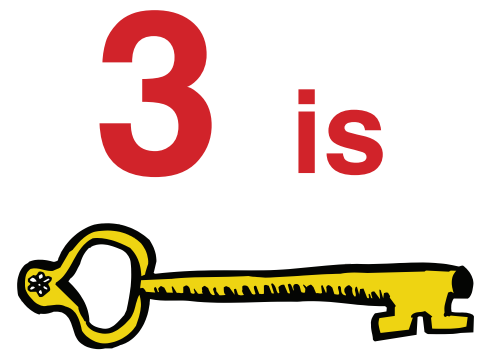


All It Takes Is Three Votes!

Florida's growth management laws are gone. Today there is no state oversight and very limited regional review for changes in local growth plans. All it takes now is just three local votes to forever change the face of Indian River County! That's right! Three votes and we are on the road to dramatically altering the quality of life we enjoy in our community. Three votes and we could see an end to our land use regulations. We could be faced with unchecked housing developments, crowded roads and schools and (possibly) high rise buildings on our beaches. That's all it will take, just three votes.



There will be candidates running for County Commission seats who will be well funded by special interests with their own agendas and with little or no concern for what they leave behind. Large developers and other self interest groups will use the unemployment crisis and the fiscal challenges of local governments to influence candidates and persuade local elected officials that their solution is the only way out. Unfortunately, we have witnessed this scenario played out in our recent past. What we need now, perhaps more than ever, are people in public office who are willing to balance that influence with quality of life issues.

The Indian River Neighborhood Association recognizes and respects all these factors and continues to exercise its influence and powerful voice in community growth matters. This is why the IRNA seeks your financial support

This coming year three of the five seats for County Commissioner will be on the ballot. The Indian River Neighborhood Association will be interviewing the candidates and deciding upon Candidate Endorsements. We will identify individuals committed to the type of growth and development which benefits the economy, as well as protecting the environment and quality of life for now and future generations. The IRNA will campaign to elect those individuals. Please help this campaign by donating generously to the IRNA Political Committee (PC).

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Use of E-Mail communications allows for timely communications with you and better use of your much appreciated donations. Please include your E-Mail address, or updated E-mail address, on the enclosed envelope or send it to exdir.irna@comcast.net. Thank you!

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Conflicts of Interest in Government

Nothing betrays the public's trust in government more than the appearance of a conflict of interest. When officials, whether appointed or elected, are not forthcoming with their business affiliations and those of their family, the perception is that there is something to hide. Advisory committees, the planning and zoning commission and other appointed officers should reveal any possible conflicts of interests and any perceived conflicts of interest.

Less than a year ago, December 2010, a Grand Jury in Broward County issued a scathing report on corruption in the State of Florida. It asked the Legislature to consider specific concerns during the 2011 session, but no measure was passed to address the problem. It is now in local hands to assure that our public officials, employees, contracting agencies and bidding processes maintain the trust the community has a right to expect. The IRNA takes these matters very seriously and seeks oversight in matters of growth and development.

South County Preservation Society

This community organization was formed in a manner not unlike the IRNA. A small group of concerned homeowners rallied against a proposed recycling plant and concrete crushing facility near their homes. They were joined by other homeowner groups and nearby landowners who were also concerned about negative impacts and thus the South County Preservation Society was formed. The proposed plant, A-1 Walee, had the potential to pollute the ground water and create intrusive noise and concrete dust less than a mile from many south county residences. With full support from the IRNA, it was successful in persuading the Board of County Commissioners to deny the special exception permit which had been required to start operations.

The IRNA has formed an alliance with the South County Preservation Society (SCPS) and will be cooperating with it in future land use issues in that area.

This land use proposal for recycling and demolition of concrete near residential areas draws a comparison to a similar situation in Sebastian where the Ocean Concrete cement plant was proposed on land adjacent to residential areas. The technical, legal and other assistance from the IRNA was instrumental in waging this fight which, at this writing appears to have been won.

Residents must continually be alert to proposed development and fight to keep inappropriate land uses from impacting their homes. And remember, today that fight at the county level will be decided by just 3 votes. The IRNA continues to monitor, assist and lead the way to keep such land use abuses from occurring.



The Indian River Neighborhood Association, a voluntary organization, is the ONLY voice that is non-partisan, has no profit motive, no self-interest and owns no land, and that has the mission to protect the public interest on matters of growth and development. We need your financial support to continue our work and elect candidates who represent our mission. This election will decide our quality of life for many years to come. We work on your behalf and need funds to do so. Please donate generously.

We Need Your Financial Support

The work of the IRNA can continue only with your support. Please consider generous contributions to both the IRNA and its Political Committee. The enclosed envelope makes this simple and easy. We thank you in advance.