

SWFRPC RESOLUTION #2009-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO FLORIDA SENATE BILL 360 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - AN ACT RELATED TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING SENATE BILL 1306 AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS THAT WEAKEN GROWTH MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council supports the broad economic development goals set forth by Senate President Jeff Atwater in his address to the Senate Select Committee on Florida's Economy at its initial meeting on December 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is generally supportive of the concepts in CS/SB 360 (dated 02-11-09) which encourage more compact urban infill development and redevelopment, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, which consists of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Counties and municipalities therein as well as private sector representatives appointed by Governor Crist, would be profoundly and adversely affected by CS/SB 360 as currently proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is concerned with the significant adverse impact this legislation, as currently proposed, will have on economic development and quality of life in Southwest Florida and our State; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council deems that the Developments of Regional Impact program is an important and valuable tool which is needed to assess and mitigate inter-jurisdictional impacts of large-scale development while supporting economic development and an enhanced quality of life;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council requests that the Florida Legislature consider the detrimental consequences of any legislation that would:

- Exacerbate suburban sprawl
- Add to vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions
- Add to Cities' and Counties' backlog of infrastructure needs
- Eliminate impact fees that pay for real impacts to communities
- Affect our natural resources
- Remove or alter school and infrastructure concurrency
- Create unfunded mandates

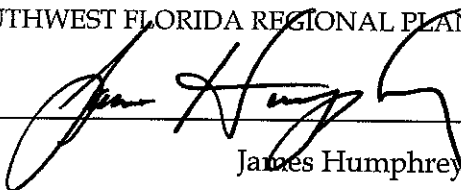
Section 2. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council requests appropriate amendments in support of economic development and responsible growth management to enhance Florida's economy while ensuring protection of Florida's resources of regional significance and communities.

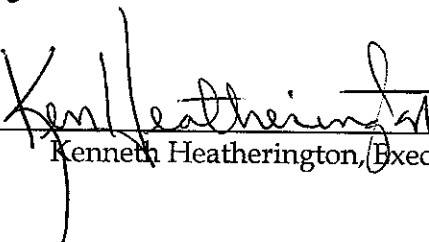
Section 3. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council requests that proposed legislation include sunset provisions that will allow for further review and evaluation.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

Approved and duly adopted by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, this the 19th day of March, 2009.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


James Humphrey, Chairman


Kenneth Heatherington, Executive Director

ATTEST:

