

TAXATION

Objective: To limit the power of government to tax excessively the citizens without their direct participation in the process.

Problem Statement: There is a documented tendency for Alachua county government to aggressively spend its taxation income without regard to fiscal restraint. Citizens deserve the opportunity to directly participate in government's decision to take more and more of their personal income. Since administrative procedures unreasonably prevent citizens from deciding how the Alachua county government spends their tax money, the only reasonable solution for citizens is for them to have the opportunity for a referendum. Any tax including but not limited to an ad valorem tax, a millage increase, an MSTU, MSBU, sales tax, or fees, the Alachua county government levies shall go to the voters in the form of a referendum for their majority approval.

Proposed Charter Change: Amend the charter so that any budget incomes that the Alachua county government levies that exceed the cost of living increase for social security in that fiscal year shall be approved by referendum.