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Let Volusia Vote has finalized its Initiative Petition to amend the Volusia County Charter to give voters final say in any County Council action that further reduces our vehicular beach access.

Our goal is to have this Amendment placed on the November 2016 General Election ballot. It will guarantee that before the County Council can permanently reduce what is left of our legal beach driving areas or vehicle capable beach approaches, such changes must be approved by the voters of Volusia County (see petition with proposed charter language on next page).

Under this Amendment the authority still rests with the County Council to do their job with respect to beach driving and beach restrictions. Furthermore this Amendment will not prohibit County Staff and the Beach Department to temporarily close sections of the beach for public safety, storm repair, endangered species protection, or any other normal daily course of business reason as they do now. This Amendment will only trigger a vote if the County Council used its statutory power to permanently remove the driving designation from what is left of our legal beach driving areas or permanently remove vehicle access points.

While we supporters favor beach driving, we favor more the right of the people to make the final decision on this very important issue because of the negative consequences for public access and local small businesses such changes have led to in the past.

The full text of the Amendment Petition follows.

Please direct inquire to Greg Gimbert, Chairman of Let Volusia Vote, at 386 852-0751.

VOLUSIA COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

I am a registered voter of Volusia County and hereby petition that the following Amendment to the Volusia County Charter be submitted to a vote of the electors of the County of Volusia as provided in the County Charter.

Name: _____
(Please print name as it appears on your Voter Information Card)

Street Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Voter Registration Number: _____ **(OR) Date of Birth:** ____/____/____

Signature: _____ **Today's Date:** ____/____/____

BALLOT TITLE: Referenda Required To Further Reduce Beach Driving Access

BALLOT SUMMARY: Establishes that before the County Council can remove or reduce beach driving areas or vehicular access approaches as they existed on July 17, 2014 such action shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the electors. This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors of Volusia County.

Provisions of the charter not shown are not amended. No sections or wording of the existing Charter would be deleted. This petition is to only add an additional section, 205.7. The words in underscored type are the full text of the addition.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF VOLUSIA COUNTY FLORIDA THAT: Article II, Section 205 Unified Countywide Beach Regulations is amended to add a new subsection 205.7.

Section 205.7. Referenda Required To Reduce Vehicular Beach Access

Preservation of beach driving areas benefits public access and the long-term quality of life for all residents. Therefore, before the County Council may reduce or eliminate Beach Driving Areas or Vehicle Access Approaches as they existed on July 17, 2014, such proposed plan or plan amendment shall be subject to a majority vote of the electors by referendum, following preparation and approval by the County Council and notice thereof in a local newspaper of general circulation. Consideration by the County Council and notice of referendum will be as provided by general law. This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors of Volusia County.

For purposes of this subsection:

1. "Beach Driving Areas" are defined as the portions of the Beach which had not had their driving area designation removed by County Council action as of July 17, 2014.
2. "Vehicle Access Approaches" means all vehicular ramps that connect roadways to the Beach.

The following registered voters shall be officially regarded as filing the petition: Jeffrey Scott Brower 310 Dawson Brown Rd DeLeon Springs, Marcia Morse Morgan 406 Hart Ave Edgewater, Cynthia Yvonne Slater 815 S Kettle Cir Daytona Beach, Ronald James Bartlett 4555 S. Atlantic Ave #4706 Ponce Inlet, Richard Allen Waters 10 Palmetto Dunes Ct Ormond Beach, Mike A Denis Sr. 625 Lenox Ave Daytona Beach, Harry Wilson Smith 919 Pine St Deland, Elizabeth Murrison Legary 342 Burleigh Ave Holly Hill, Keith Roland Wilson 2465 Oxford Rd Deland, Phillip Andrew Giorno 2135 Brewster Dr Deltona, Vicky Jo Jackson 1825 S. Palmetto Ave South Daytona, Gregory Brian Gimbert 255 Euclid Ave Daytona Beach

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