

September 3, 2024

Morning. I Would Like To Call To Order The Board Of County Commissioners, September 3, 2024. It Is 9:30 A.M. I Would Like To Call Up Rabbi Nicole Luna From Temple Beth El For The Invocation. Please Stand.

Thank You So Much For This Invocation. I Am Honored To Bring The Invocation From The Jewish Tradition.

Almighty God, We Thank You For Health And Strength To Come Together This Morning For The Sacred Task Of Engaging In The Needs Of Our Community. We Ask For Your Blessing Upon Or County Commissioners And All Those Who Play A Leadership Role In Our County. Give Them Wisdom And Insight As They Tackle The Issues And Challenges Of Leading This Great Community Forward. We Are All Made In Your Image, Developed, All Vessels For Your Holiness And You Are With And Love Each And Every One Of Us. May The Discussions And Decisions Made This Morning Honor The Divine Found In Us, Honor You So That We May Live To Your Call For Sedik Justice And Righteousness And Shalom, Peace And Well-Being. When We Work To Repair This World, When We Offer Compassion And Love We Answer Your Call. When We Fight To Eradicate Poverty, Injustice And Discrimination, We Answer Your Call. When We Make A Choice To Help Another Human Being In Need Instead Of Averting Our Gaze, We Answer Your Call. Blessed Are You, Eternal God. Ruler Of The Universe Who Makes Us Holy With Your Commandments, Commands Us To Engage In The Needs Of Our Community.

Please Stand For The Pledge. I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag Of The United States Of America And To The Republic For Which It Stands, One Nation Under God, Indivisible, With Liberty And Justice For All.

Please Be Seated. Before We Get Started, I Am Going To Make A Quick Change This Morning. I Am Going To Move Item 1 To Number 4 Simply Because The Other Items Will Go Fast. I Have Probably Close To Two Hours Worth Of Cards Here. It Won't Be Much Delay. I Feel Like Out Of Respect For The Other Things On The Agenda, It Would Be The Right Move To Do That Today. I Will Make That Change. Let's Move To The Ceremonials. We Have Two Presentations This Morning. I Will Recognize Commissioner Hamman For The First Presentation.

I Will Ask Trish, Jennifer, Lilly And Denae And Anybody With Crimestoppers To Come Up To The Podium. When You Reach The Podium I Will Read The Ceremonial Proclamation Into The Record. Trish, Bring Your Crew. Whoever Wants To Be In The Picture.

You Just Get Me.

I Will Read It Into The Record And We Will Take A Picture And Afterwards I Would Love You To Say A Few Words About Crimestoppers. Whereas Southwest Florida Crimestoppers Began In 1981, Continues To Be A Successful And Worthwhile Program. Serves Charlotte, Collier And Henry And Glades Counties To Solve Crimes For Information That Assists To Bring Criminals Face To Face With Justice. Whereas In 1994 It Was Impmlemented In Charlotte And Lee County In Middle And High Schools And Continues Today Operating In The Same Fashion, Student Crimestoppers And Crimestoppers Combine To Make Southwest Florida Safer Place To Live. 501 C-3 Supported By Money, Goods And Services That Enable Crimestoppers To Replenish Reward Accounts, Print, Radio

And Television Billboards, Posters And Advertising On Lee Tran Buses. Over The Past 43 Years The Tips Have Resulted In Nearly \$4 Million In Recovered Property And \$15.4 Million In Narcotics Seized. \$15.4 Million In Closure Nearly 22000 Cases To Date Cash Rewards In Excess Of \$2.3 Million Have Been Distributed And In The 43rd Year Of Partnership With The Community. Be It Resolved The Board Of County Commissioners Proclaims Month Of September Southwest Florida Crimestoppers Month In Lee County. Encourages All Citizens To Support The Work That Keeps Our Community Safe. Third Day Of September By Our Chairman. Congratulations. [Applause].

We Will Take A Picture Real Quick.

Trish, If You Would Say A Few Words From The Podium.

On Behalf Of The Board Of Crimestoppers We Appreciate Support Of Lee County Board Of Commissioners. We Have Been In Partnership With You All For Centuries Now. We Know Anytime There Is Anything That Comes Up In The Community Where There Is A Need We Can Rely On The Commission For Support Both With The Grant A Couple Weeks Ago We Held A Press Conference With The Gulf Coast Humane Society. Commissioner Pendergrass Was There And Offered His Support Four Our Dogfighting Community. We Look Forward To Many, Many More Years Of Working With You All. Thank You Guys So Much. [Applause]

Commissioner Pendergrass, Would You Like To Present The Last Ceremonial Presentation.

Howard Gold And The Little League Come Forward, Please. Come On Out, Guys. What A Way To Get Out Of School Today. Go Play Some Baseball Today. Thank You For Coming Down And Getting The Kids Down. We Will Get A Picture. Like You Are In Batting Order Here.

I Would Like To Recognize The Little League. Current Group Of 12-Year-Olds In South Fort Myers Baseball Received Special Compliment Florida State Tournament For 9-Year-Olds And Qualified For Participating State Tournaments In 2022 In Ocala. Qualified For 11-Year-Old State Champions In 2023. 12-Year-Olds In Ocala In 2024, Lost Two Close Games 4-5 And 6-5. First Age Group Accomplished This Playing In Four Consecutive State Tournaments. The Board Here By Recognizes The South Fort Myers Youth Baseball Team For Historic Run. Signed By Our Big League Hitter, Mike Greenwell. Thank You, Guys. Come Up Or For A Picture.

Howard, You Have Been Doing This Since 2001.

I Am Howard Gold, President Of South Fort Myers Baseball. I Moved Here 36 Years Ago From Atlanta To Be Construction Manager For Historic Restoration Of This Building In 1988 And 1989. President For The Last 24 Years. It Is Pleasure To Have Our League Recognized In This Historic Building. These Fellows Have Been To Four Straight State Tournaments. 9, 10, 11 And 12. State Champions The 11-Year-Old Year. The One-Run Games Didn't Go Our Way This Summer. I Would Like To Recognize Shawn Wallace, Steve Sizemore, Two Coaches Not Here. Aaron Manning And Shay Mcdowel For Years Of Service And Accomplishment. I Would Like To Acknowledge Commissioners, Parks And Rec And Billy And The Crew At Rottenburg Park. We Have Dealt With Hurricane Irma, Covid And Ejan And No Lights In 23. It Has Been A Few Crazy Years. I Thank You All For Support Of Not Just Baseball But Football, Soccer And Everything Else. After The Photo We Will Try To Avoid The Crowd And Meet At The Bottom Of The Marble Staircase And Go Outside And Get A Picture Out There. Thank You Everybody. Hopefully, We Will See You All Next Year. [Applause].

Congratulations, Guys. Thank You For The Parents Forgetting These Kids Active In Outdoor Activities. Thank You For Your Many Years Of Service.

Keep Dreaming, Guys, You May Be On The Red Sox Roster Or Yankees, It Happens.

Just Not Chicago, Right?

That Concludes Ceremonial Presentations. I Would Like To Recognize Commissioner Hamman. Sorry. That Concludes Ceremonial Presentations. Recap. No Items To Defer And No Revisions Or Corrections. Move To Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hamman Do You Have Any Items To Pull.

Yes, Good Morning. I Would Like To Pull Item C-19.

I Have No Items To Pull.

I Have None.

Move Balance.

Second To Approve Balance Of Consent Agenda.

I Need To Open Up For Public Comment On Consent Agenda. Seeing None I Close Public Comment. Objections? No Objections. Consent Moves 5-0. Go Ahead, Mr. Hamman.

I Would Like To Highlight What We Are To Do Here. Accepting \$10,000 Donation From North Fort Meyers Civic Associations To Purchase Livestock Scale To Be Used At Lee Civic Sale Center At Ago Expo For Ffha. I Want To Share My Thanks For What You Did. This Is A Huge Donation. \$10,000. Generations Of Kids Will Appreciate Being Able To Use The Scale And Learn More About Agriculture. Commissioner, I Know That Is A Topic Near And Dear To Your Heart, Too.

If I Could Add. We Appreciate Your Efforts. Getting Involved With Youth Is So Important. Obviously, It Is Dear To My Heart For A Long Time. Thank You, And I Would Love You To Speak. I Have A Couple Cards. Tony Hill. Bob Hill Will Be Next.

Good Morning. Thank You, Commissioners. After The Southwest Florida Ag Expo Last February And 100th Anniversary Of Lee County Fair The North Fort Myers Civic Association Agreed We Wanted To Be Part Of Next 100 Years. What A Better Tangible Than Something Tangible Useful Meaningful And Strong. I Called Mckensie At Lee County Civic Center. I Didn't Know What We Were Looking For. Did She Have Anything In The Bag Of Wishes For Us. She Said, Well, This Couldn't Come At Better Time We Are Looking To Buy Alive Stock Kale And Put In Newly Remodeled Livestock Bed. I Heard Hallelujah In The Background And Knew We Found Or Purpose. I Would Like To Introduce The Board Of Directors That Are Here. Christy Is Vice President. Bob Hill, Director, Allison Savage Is My Secretary And Kelly Young, Director. I Don't Know If Matt Is Here. Doesn't Look Like It. On Behalf Of Myself Tony Hill President. North Fort Meyers Civic Associations Is Proud To Support The Participants Of 4-H, Ffa And Southwest Florida Ag Expo. With Our Heartfelt Contribution Towards The Livestock Scale We Living You A Check For \$10,000. [Applause]

Thank You.

Could We Take A Picture As We Present The Check.

Come On Up. All Of The Board Come Up On For The Picture.

Bob Hill.

Bob Hill, Board Of Directors North Fort Meyers Civic Association. I See The Work You Do. I Have Been Coming Here For Two Years. I Take Notes For My Constituents Over There. We Keep An Eye. Anyway We Appreciate Everything You All Do. Us Kids In The North Fort Myers We Need All Of The 4-H Help We Can Get. Thanks. Thanks Again. It Is A Special Day For Us. Thank You.

Thanks, Bob. [Applause].

At This Time Anyone Else To Speak On C-19? Seeing None I Will Close Public Comment.

I Make The Motion To Approve.

Second Be.

Further Discussion? Objections?

I Would Like To Recognize Who Is Involved In All Of These Projects In The Past Doug Muir Is Here. Nice To See You Back In The Chambers. Thank You For Your Years Of Service.

I Should Add As Well, Commissioner. I Can't Tell You How Tough That Was To Do What We Did As Commissioners To Get The Civic Center Back In The Condition It Is In. We Are Very Proud Of That. We Will Have Something Great In The Future There And It Will Continue To Be Part Of Lee County For As Long As I'm Concerned Ever. Thanks For Everyone Getting Involved To Help Youth Out There. We Were Able To Bring To The Attention We Build A Lot Of Ball Fields And Soccer Fields. We Need To Take Care Of 4-H Kids As Well. We Are Doing That. We Are Proud Of That. Further Discussions? Any Objections.

C19 Moves Unanimous 5-0. Now We Will Move On. At This Time We Will Move To Add Ministrative Agenda Item 2. Mr. Harner Please Introduce Item 2.

To Award Cdbg-Dr Funds. I Would Like In Sollier To Present The Item.

This Contains Two-Parts. First Is Your Consideration Of Awards Just Over \$229 Million Of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds For Public Facilities And Critical Infrastructure Projects Undertaken By The County, All Six Municipalities And School District. I Point Out There Are Nonprofits, Fire Districts, Other Independent Districts Included In This When They Have Affiliated Themselves With One Of The Sponsoring Jurisdictions. If We Could Go To The Second Slide. Second Part Staff Asks Your Direction To Prepare Some Requests That Hud Grant Additional Flexibility In Use Of The Funds Going Forward. We Talked That 70% Of The Funds Have To Be Spent For Benefit Of Low Moderate Income Households. Once You Have Awarded Housing Funds Which You Will See Later This Month, We Will Largely Have Exhausted The Low Moderate Income Projects That Have Come Before Us For Consideration. It Would Be Time Then To Request Of Hud To Drop That 70% Requirement To Lower Threshold. Typically We See Around 50%, Never Gone Lower Than That. If They Lower That Threshold You Could Use More Funds For Infrastructure And Other Projects. Secondly, We Would Ask For The Buildings For The General Conduct Of Government Waiver And Alternative Requirement. What That Means In English You Would Use These Funds On Facilities Where General Government Services Are Provided. Right Now You Can't Do That. If It Contains Any Administrative Function, It Really Renders The Project Largely Ineligible. This Waiver Would Make That Project Eligible. If You Have Questions I Will Answer Those.

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Questions For Staff? Seeing None. I Call Public Comment. I Do Not See Any Cards On This. Would Anyone Want To Speak On This Item.

I Am Sorry, Mayor, I Did Miss You. Mayor Richard Johnson.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Better Late Than Never, Mike.

A Lot Of Cards Up Here.

The Community Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program, Great Program. Well-Done. Thank You, Glenn For Your Comments. That Leads Why I Want To Speak To You This Morning. Gentlemen, I Know You Have Been Throughout Lee County And Looked At Disaster After Hurricane Ian. No Other Communities Other Than Fort Myers Beach And Sanibel Were More Impacted Than Anybody Else. We Have Larger Impacts, But Devastation In Those Two Communities Was Significant. City Of Sanibel And Community Partners Applied For 14 Applications That Includes Four Public Facilities And 10 Critical Infrastructure Projects You Have Heard About. County Staff Had Numerous Applications Processed. We Want To Thank The County Staff For Work And Reviewing Funding Recommendations Today. We Know It Was Difficult. With Great Need And Applications That Exceed Available Funding. The Projects Jury Staff And Cdbg Your Committee Recommended Include Three Sanibel Projects Receiving Funding Approximately \$28 Million. We Are Grateful For Those Three Projects. They Have Been Recommended For Funding. I Am Not Here Today To Ask Any Of Those Recommendations To Change Before You. Our Community Is Asking For Your Help In That Sanibel Seeks Waiver From Hudfunding Should Additional Funding Be Available For Public Facilities In The Proper New Resilient Police Station In The Amount Of A Little Over \$13 Million. Lower Level Of Existing Station Was Completely Inundated With Floodwater. Rendering It Totally Useless. During The Time Of Recovery, Our Command Center Once We Were Able To Return To The Island, Our Command Center Was Under A Tent. It Remained That Way For Many Months. As Assistant County Manager Pointed Out, There Is A General Administrative Use For That Police Station As Well. Chief And Deputy Chief Will Be Housed In That Building. As A Result That Is The Need For The Waiver. City Sanibel In Funding Application Requested That Waiver From Hud's Determination And Can Be Granted By Hud. Report States Infrastructure Committee Met August 12. We Request Buildings For General Contact Of Government, Waiver And Alternative Requirement For Hud. I Am Here Above Today To Make Sure We Get The Sanibel Police Station Covered Under That Waiver So It Puts It In The Position For Future Funding. Thank You Very Much. I Appreciate Your Time This Morning.

Thank You, Mayor.

Would Anyone Else Like To Speak On This Item At This Time? Seeing None I Close Public Comment. Anyone To Make A Motion?

Glenn, You Heard From The Mayor Of Sanibel What You Propose On The Screen Is Something Lower Than 70% For Low To Moderate Income Waiver Waivering Would Take Care Of That Is That What Is On The Screen? That's Correct.

Gentlemen, There Is A Great Opportunity For Us To Advocate For The Unmet Need We Submitted \$9.4 Million. We Have \$1 Billion Committed I Recommend 50% For Consideration Also Waiver Is Important. Mayor Indicated Issues Having And Since It Was 11th Hour To Give Sanibel Opportunity To Deal With It. Not That I Am Advocating Advance Funds List More Comprehensive As We Get More

Funds We Have Great Availability We Did Submit Unmet Need List Which Basically Had The Projects, Didn't Have A Scoring 60, 70, 80%. Those Are The Projects The Community Thought They Met. That Would Be My Motion.

Any Further Discussion?

Glenn, When You Start Talking About Moving Numbers Around. In Defense To The Community, How Long Will It Take To Get To That? From Timing To Plan Accordingly If This Moves Forward?

Great Question, Commissioner I'm Not Sure I Have A Good Timeline. Board Submitted Waiver Request To Hud To Harden Hertz An Arena. In Beginning Of May We Talked Two Months Before We Submitted It. It Is Pending. I Didn't Expect These Waivers Would Take As Long. I'm Not Sure.

I Am Helping The Community Anticipate What Could Be Coming And When.

Yes, Sir.

Commissioner Hamman.

Mr. Harner, Do We Want To Reach Out To Our Federal Delegation, Senator Rick Scott, Congressman Donald And Congressman So We As Well For Both Waivers.

Absolutely. We Very, Very Not Talked About The Second One But We Certainly Can.

Try To Engage Everybody Who Could Help Us. These Waivers Make Sense. We Are Going To Do Tremendous Amount Of Housing As Part Of \$1.1 Billion. You Highlighted Unmet Need Also Highlighted By Mayor Of Sanibel. They May Not Meet Low To Moderate Income Household They Had The Most Damage In The Community They Deserve The Dollars To Help Rebuild What Was Lost In Their Community.

I Support The Motion. We All Know For Every Action Is Reaction. Change In Threshold Would Affect Other This Is Line For Money? Cut Money From Other Entities. Only So Much Money. Will This Change That.

What This Could Potentially Change Is The Amount Of Funding That You Currently Have In Reserve For Additional Affordable Housing Development. Right Now There Is \$200 Million Pending That You Will See Later This Month For Award. There Is Another \$150 Million Behind Be That. In Talking To Developers In The Community There Is Some Concern Flooding The Market With This Many Tax Credit Deals At One Time Might Impact Value Of Tax Credits The Developers Are Using To Deliver This Housing. We Need To Have A Conversation With The Board About How Much Of That Reserve Housing Funding Might Be Redirected Elsewhere To Include Infrastructure. I Hope That Answers Your Question. It Doesn't Affect Anything Until The Board Makes Some Future Decisions. Thank You. Any Further Discussion? Commissioner Ruane Has Motion On The Floor. Second Commissioner Hamman. Any Objections? No Objections. Item Moves 5-0 Unanimous. Please Introduce Item 3.

Thank You. This Is To Authorize Chief Hearing Examiner's Annual Merit Increase.

At This Time I Am Going To Begin Discussing The Item. I Will Be Abstaining From Vote Due To Pending Land Use Case. I Will File The Form 8b With The Clerk. Vice Chair Ruane Would You Please Take Over At This Point And Let Me Know When The Voting Is Complete.

Yes, Sir.

Thank You.

We Are Going To Introduce The Hearing Examiner's Annual Increase Who Is Introducing That.

If I Can Be Of Assistance. Contractually And Annually The Board Is Obligated To Consider A Merit Increase For The Hearing Officer. One Of Your Four Contract Employees. Pursuant To Her Employment Agreement As With Your Other Three Contractual Employees The Range Of Her Merit Increase Would Be Between 4 To 6%. Given Evaluations In Your Material And Part Of The Public Record I Would Request A Motion With A Specific Percentage Amount Included.

Motion To Approve The Contract With 6% Increase Based Upon Evaluations And That Is What We Do For General Employees Also.

Motion Motion Moss Pendergrass Second Sandelli.

Close Public Comment. Discussion. Anyone Opposed? Motion Carries Unanimously.

Would You Tell Commissioner Greenwell He Can Come Back In.

I Hand The Microphone Back To You.

Mr. Harner, Item 4.

This Is To Award Contract To Construct Lake Walks Water Improvements Phase 3. Mr. At To Lean Me To Present.

Natural Resources. This Award Contract To Higgins For \$4.3 Million For Construction Of The Allen Injection Facility For West Lake And Lakes Park. We Have Tmdl For Hendry Creek For Reducing Total Nitrogen. I'm Here For Any Questions You May Have.

Out Of Curiosity, How Will We Do You Have A Measuring Point How To Measure The Water Flowing Out Of The Park To The Creek To Show Actual Reduction?

We Brought A Consultant On Board To Test This Technology. They Have To Get Ph Right And Certain Doses Of Al Lum Reduction. They Take Water Quality Before The Work And After The Treatment Is Done. It Will Require Some Low Dosing Of Al Lum Throughout The Year To Keep Clarity And Reduction Of Nitrogen And Reduce Phosphorus As Well To Make That West Lake Clean.

You Will Test A Couple Times Throughout The Year To Ensure This Is Doing What It Is To Do?

Absolutely. That Is Part Of The Operating Plan For The Project.

Questions For Staff At This Time?

Call For Public Comment. Anyone To Speak On This Item? Seeing None I Will Close Public Comment. Would You Like To Make A Motion?

Move Approval.

Second.

Move Approval Pendergrass, Second Hamman. Further Discussion? Seeing None. Any Objections? No Objections. Motion Carries Unanimously. Back To --

Chairman. Suggestion. We Only Have One Other Item After This Before The Public Hearing Item. I Have A Stack Here For That. Would The Board Be Inclined To Take That Before A Few Hours Of Public Comment?

Mr. County Attorney, Please, Any Problem With That?

Mr. Chairman, That Is The Board's Discretion. Staff Is Present And Ready For Public Hearing Number 1.

That Is Fine. We Will Go Ahead. Public Hearings Agenda At This Time. Please Introduce Item 1.

Good Morning. Amanda Swindle. First Public Hearing Legally Advertised. This Public Hearing Is To Certify The Special Assessment Role For The Fiscal Year 2025 Solid Waste Special Assessment To Implement Rates Approved On August 6. Staff Is Here If Up Any Questions.

Questions For Staff At This Time.

No Questions. Call For Public Comment. Anyone Wish To Speak On Item 1? Seeing None Close Public Comment.

Move The Item.

Second.

Motion From Pendergrass. Second From Hamman. Further Discussion? Objections? Item 1 Moves Unanimous 5-0. Now We Will Move Back To Item 1 On Administrative Agenda. Please Introduce Item 1 Of Administrative Agenda.

Item 1 Proposed Resolution That You Directed Our Office To Prepare And Present To You For Consideration. The Amendment Text Would Serve To Express The Board's Opposition To Proposed Constitutional Amendment 4 Which Will Appear To The General Election Ballot November 5. If I Could Engage In A Quick Discussion. I Have Heard Comments That The Argument Is Board Is Without Authority To Express Its Opinion Beyond The Scope Of Your Charter. I Would Point Out That Argument Fails For Two Reasons. One Those Advancing That Argument Are Trying To Make Supremacy Clause Argument. By That I Mean Our Charter Contains Language Which Speaks To It Cannot Conflict Or Supersede State Constitution Or State Law. We Know That To Be True. That Is A Statement In Our Charter, However More Importantly A Statement Contained In Florida Law. More Importantly, Perhaps, For The Purpose Of This Discussion The Resolution That You Have Before You Is Just That. It Is A Resolution. Not An Ordinance. The Board By Its Action Today Is Not Mandating Or Prohibiting Any Type Of Conduct. Merely An Expression Of The Board's View On Proposed Constitutional Amendment. It Is Our Office's Opinion You Are Well With In Your Authority To Approve Or Not Approve As The Board Sees Fit As The Representatives Of The People Of Lee County. With That If You Have Any Further Questions Of Our Office We Would Be Happy To Advise. If Not Given The Board's Previously Instituted Directions We Respectfully Request Approval.

Any Questions Or Statements For Staff At This Time? Seeing None. I Will Call For Public Comment At This Time. I Have A Lot Of Cards. We Expect A Certain Amount Of Quorum. Everyone Will Get Three Minutes. When The Light The Orange You Have One Minute. When It Is Red You Are Done. I Do Not Like To Cut People Off But Unfortunately I Will. We Have So Many Cards Everybody Gets Same Amount Of Time. I Would Address The Fact We Expect Quorum And Respect. Don't Boo, His, Clap.

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Let Everyone Speak. Please Address The Board As The Board Not Individuals. Nope Attacks, Your Type To Speak And Please Do. Remember We Are Going To Listen. We Will All Show Respect Today. I Appreciate That. We Will Start Off With State Representative Jenna Persons Malia. Good Morning.

Good Morning, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. For The Record. Jenna Persons Melca State Representative House District 78 And We Have Sennor Jonathan Martin As Well. Thank You For Bringing Forward This Resolution For Consideration We Respectfully Ask You Adopt This Resolution Today. It Is Important To Bring Awareness To This Deceptive And Extreme Amendment That Is Amendment 4. When The Voters Of Lee County And A Crop The State Do Research, Read 34 Words. Why Are There No Definitions? Do The Words Mean? Read Financial Impact Statement. I Am Confident When You Do Research Vote No. You Should Vote No On 4. If You Believe An Abortion Should Be Performed By Licensed Doctor Vote No On 4. If You Don't Believe In Abortion On Demand Up Until The Time Of Birth, If You Don't Believe In Late Term Abortions When A Baby Feels Pain, Vote No. If You Don't Believe In Using Taxpayer Dollars To Fund Abortions In Florida Vote No On 4. If You Don't Believe Our Constitution Should Enshrine The Right To Taxpayer Abortions On Demand Up Until Birth Without Parental Consent Vote No On 4. You Have An Opportunity To Express Your Voice In November. If This Amendment Passes That Will Be Your Only Opportunity. It Will Tie Our Hands In Legislature To Do Good Work For You To Represent Your Voice In Tallahassee. Those Pushing This Amendment Are Trying To Fool Those In Florida But Those In Florida Are Not Fools. Thank You. The.

Senator Would You Like To Speak As Well.

I Echo Those Words. I Appreciate You Bringing This Up On The Agenda Today And Ask For Your Support Viewing No.

Rick Carter.

I Am Lee County Resident. I Am Born Again Christian Small Business Owner. I Am Here To Ask You Today To Pass Resolution To Oppose Amendment 4. If There Was An Amendment Coming To Reinstate Slavery In Florida Would You Be Neutral? There Are People That Say Your Job Is To Be Neutral. It Is Not. Imagine Colonial Slaves Were People Dehumanized To Justify Enslavement. People Advocating For Ament 4 Dehumanize People In The Wombs Babies. In Naziger Nanny They Said Jews Were Sub-Human To Justify Murdering Them In Mass. This Is Happening In Our Country. Our Own Infanticide Holocaust Right Now. You Can Not Be Neutral. There Is No Neutral Stance. If You Say Neutral You Are Giving Approval To Those People Murdering Innocent Babies, Turning A Blind Eye To It. I Don't Know If You Are Aware. There Was A Cruise Ship Filled With Jewish People That Tried To Come Into Florida In 1939. They Were Trying To Escape Persecution From Nazi Germany. We Turned Them Away. They Went Back To Europe And Were Murdered By Jews. There Is A Book Of Remembrance In Heaven. I Don't Know If You Are God Fearing. You Need To Be. There Is A Book Of Remembrance. After Death Is Judgment. You Will Be Standing Before God One Day. That Is No Appeal. He Will Open The Book Of Remembrance To See If You Were Advocating For Life Of Innocent Babies Or Giving Approval To Their Death. They Are Made In The Image Of God. Have A Heart For Babies, Children. Not A Political Football. These Are Innocent Children Being Murdered People In The Womb Not Just Clumps Of Cells. Not A Assist On A Womans Arm To Cut Off. Human Being. I Am Asking You To Passion Pass Resolution. Be Men, Defend In The And Take Stand Against Wickedness. Abortion On Demand Up To Worth Is Wicked, Evil. I Ask You To Stand Against It. Thank

You.

Sonny Lubner.

Good Morning, Gentlemen. Mine Is Less A Comment Than A Question Which I Ask With Deep Respect. How Do Five Men Tell Me Or Any Other Woman What We Are Permitted To Do With Our Own Bodies? Thank You.

Harley.

Just State Your Name, Please.

Harley Kilo. Thank You For Having Me Today. I Would Like To Come Out And Say When I Was A Teenager, I Was Impregnated By A Partner Who Was Mentality, Physically And Sexually Abusive. Thanks To My Right Topan Abortion I Was Able To No Longer Ever Have To Deal With That Partner Ever Again. Due To The Pro-Birth Movement Aprhetoric I Was Afraid To Speak To My Parents About This And I Suffered The Trauma And Carried The Burden An Alone For A Long Time. I Admitted To My Mother That I Ended Up Having An Abortion So I Could No Longer Have To Pays That Partner Again. My Mother Is A Christian Woman And Admitted She Is Grad Put When I Was A Teenager I Was Awarded That Privilege To Have An Abortion. I Hope To God That Any Other Young Girls Or Women With At Risk Pregnancies Or Even Children Who Unfortunately Were Victims Of Rape And Impregnated Will Be Awarded The Same Right I Was. That Is The Context And Perspective I Would Like To Offer The Board Today. Thank You For Your Time.

No Clapping, Please.

Up Next Lisa Vega. Then Joyce. If I Mispronounce Your Name, Please Correct It When You Come Up.

Hello. You Said My Name Properly. I Have A Similar Outlook That I Don't Believe That Anyone Should Have A Choice In What I Decide To Do With My Body. Amendment 4 Should Stay The Way It Is And Should Be Passed As Is. I Want To Remind Everyone This Amendment Does Not Necessarily Condone -- It Ensures Other Laws That Ensure That There Are Medical Professionals Doing These Procedures. A Lot Of Misinformation That There Nothing Preventing Anything Unsafe From Happening. This Is Just A Sore Subject For Me. Pardon Me. I Want To Mention Removing Safe Abortions Does Not Prevent Them From Happening. If You Decide To Reword This To Where In The Future There Could Be Possibility No Safe Abortions It Is Not Going To Stop That From Happening. The Parent And Fetus Is At Risk. If You Want To Save Lives You Have To Protect Everyone Involved Not Just A Hypothetical Child. I Just Don't Believe The Government Or Nip Be In This Room Should Be Able To Decide Or Impede My Ability To Receive Medical Care. That Is What This Is. It Is Easy To Pass Judgment Or Condemn Something That Half The Population Will Never Be Forced To Experience. Pregnancy Isn't Easy And Almost Never Goes As Planned Even If The Parents Chose To Happen. I Didn't Ask To Be Born A Woman And Have Ability To Carry A Child. I Don't Care If Anyone Despices Me For Choices. It Was My Choice To Have That Happen. I Did It To Keep Myself Safe And Ensure My Future. I Want To Say Opinions On What I Can Do With My Body Should Stay That, Opinions Not Future Bad Legislation. I Would Like To End By Saying I Used To Be Very Religious When I Was Younger Until Certain Events. There Is A Reason That God Gave Us Free Will If That Is What You Believe In. It Should Maintain Free Will. That Is All I Have To Say. Joyce Campana. Then Alia.

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Good Morning. I Am Joyce Campana. I Am Here Today To Express My Opposition To The Proposed Resolution On Amendment 4. The Resolution Claim The Amendment Is Vaguely Worded And Detrimental To The Health Safety And Welfare Of The Citizens Of Lee County And State Of Florida. The Florida Division Of Elections Does Not Agree With Your Interpretation Of Amendment 4 As Present Understand The Resolution. There Are Other Sections Of State Statutes To Protect Citizens. First, Florida 390-Point 01114 Recognizes Physicians To Obtain Written Consent From Parent Before Performing Abortion On Minor. Second 390.0111.2 Allows Only Licensed Physicians Igs To Perform Abortions. Misleading To State It Would Strike Already Enacted Protections Instituted By The State Of Florida By Broadening The Definition Of Healthcare Provider To Those Not Medically Licensed. It Is The State That Healthcare Providers Do Not Have To Be Licensed That Is Made Up. This Resolution Is Based On What Ifs And Pure Speculation About Lawsuits And Future Court Decisions. You Are Reacting Toret To Rick And Speculation Instead Of The Facts. Some Of The Facts Stated By The Florida Division Of Elections. Your Action Is Not Education At But Misleading To The Public. It Is Not About Public Health But Politics. This Is Political Pandering To A Small Group. Resolution Represents A Waste Of Taxpayer Dollars And Your Efforts To Disenfranchise Voters Who Followed The Legal Process To Allow This Amendment To Be On The Ballot And Decided By Voters. Because Abortion And Reproductive Health Are To Be Decided At The State Level You Are Doing Disservice By Interfering With The Citizen Initiative. Citizens Worked To Get This On The Ballot. If You Are Concerned About Public Health You Would Eliminate Back Room Abortions That Were Prehave Slept Before Roe V. Wade. I Am Old Enough To Remember Incorrectly Performed Abortions. But I Am Not Too Old To Remember How You Vote When You Are Up For Re-Election In 2026. I Ask You To Propose The Resolution.

Up Next Is Alia. Genre Rats. Christopher -- Correct Me.

I Am Going To Threaten You With Whether We Are Going To Elect You Or Not Or Talk About How This Bill Is Too Radical For Florida But It Is. I Think Most Of Us Don't Want Repeat Of Virginia's Governor Saying The Baby Would Be Born Then They Are Going To Decide What To Do With This Baby On The Table. I Think Most Of Us Want Health For Both Mother And Baby. Many People I Know My Brother Included Had To Go Out Of The Country To Adopt A Baby. There Are No Babies Up For Adoption That Are Very Rarely Can You You Get A Baby For Adoption. I Love Circular Reasoning That Is Used. Government Can't Tell You What To Do With Your Body But We Want This Amendment On The Constitution To Tell You What To Do With Your Body. Circular Reasoning At Best. I Want To Thank You For Your Time And Obviously I Am For The Commissioners Deciding That At Least You Can Voice Your Opinion For Us As Lee County Residents. Thank You.

Next Is Kenneth Scott.

Good Morning. Kenneth Scott. My Wife Spoke Here Last Time. She Was Ambassador Of Lord Jesus Christ. We Are Missionaries For Unborn Children Across The Country And Other Places As Well. We Are Not Hateful Like They Say. We Tried To Talk To These People Because We Are Concerned About Them As Well As Unborn. I Myself Have A Testimony In 1979 I Had A Girlfriend. She Got Pregnant And Said Pay The Abortion. I Went To Church Called Myself A Christian. I Wasn't. I Didn't Want To Lose Her. I Went To Planned Parenthood And Paid Abortion And She Left. You Can't Build A Relationship Off Abortion. You Are Always Thinking About It. That Girlfriend About 11 Yearslater I Got Saved. When I Got Saved At That Point I Wanted To Be A Missionary. I Didn't Know Where I Wanted

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To Go. I Went Through Two Divorces And Was Thinking Of Suicide. The Lord Laid Out In My Heart To Speak About Abortion. God Forgives If You Repent. Anyone That This An Abortion. That Abortionist That Are People That Have Changed Their Mind And Not Doing Abortions Now And Talking About It. A Woman In Texas Owned An Abortion Business Did 30,000 Abortions. Afterwards She Came To The Knowledge And Asked The Lord Into Her Life And Speaks Out About Abortions. She Can Tell You What Abortions Look Like. With Our Technology Right Now A Baby Can Live Out Ever The Womb At 5 And A Half Months. They Are Doing Abortions Nine Full Months. What Are They Doing With Baby Body Parts. Law Here By The Federal And In Florida. It Is Called You Can't Dissect Babies And Sell Body Parts. There Are Three Planned Parenthoods In Florida That Have Been Doing Abortions And Selling Baby Body Parts. One Of The Three Is In Fort Myers Right In Your City They Have Been Selling Baby Body Parts To Universities Pharmacies And Selling To All Types Of Research. Dr. Faux See Was One Of The Biggest Promoters And Getting Funds To Go Back To Health Organization Of This Country. Look At The Dna From The Parts Of Body Parts It Is In The Vaccines Now. Did You Know Your Vaccines Have Baby Body Parts? Science Out There. With Science There Is Call Crisper - - I Will Pause You. I Will Ask You Back There. The Folks In The Back To Quit Comments And Making Noises So We Can Hear. If You Come Up We Will Do The Same For You. I Have Asked That. Please Help Us Get Through This And Let Everyone Speak Without Everyone Attacking Anyone. You Have 30 Seconds.

Crisper Cass 9 Is The Science What Germany Was Doing Looking At Dna. Go In Space And Look At Planets Go Down In Cell And Look At Parts Of Body On Crisper Cass 9. They Can Take Different Types Of Things. It Is Call Cameras.

Melinda Isly. After That Cathy Cass Tino. I Am Melinda Sizely Lifelong Resident Lee County. Why Are We Discussing This? This Is Silly. Extremist Have Pressured You To Do This. We Never Considered Approaching You With Such A Silly Resolution. Here We Are Today Because You Did This. Commissioners, With This Resolution You Are Using Seats To Grandstand About A Personal Medical Issue. This Is Disappointing Misuse Of Your Power. You Are Not Caring What Your Citizens Want. My Bet You Are Listening To And Doing What Your Buddy Jenna Wants You To Too. Jenna Persons That Brought Six Week Abortion Ban That Majority Of Persons In Florida Are Against But She Is Proud Of. Now You Are Doing Whatever Your New Buddy Wants You To Do Jenna's Partner Your New Commissioner Soon. Another Man Who I'm Sure Will Try To Control The Women Of This County And State. Jenna Is One Woman.

I Will Ask You. I Don't Think You Need To Attack A Particular Person. State Representatives Or Whatever. Attacking A Particular Person Really I Think It Is Uncalled For.

With Respect I Am Stating Fact.

Please Continue.

Before The Vote Has Taken Place You Are Trying To Kill Democratic Process With This Resolution. This May Be Meaningless To Some. It Is Insulting And Attack To Rest Of Us. You Are Trying To Insert Personal Possibly Religious Opinions Above The Will Of The People. I Have Options. Vote No. Say You Won't Support Resolution. Shut Down Now. Over Rule. Refuse To Vote. If You Pass You Must Also Pass Compliment Resolution Which I Have Written. It Says That You Are For This And It Goes Against It Not Detrimental Positive For The People Of Lee County. Thank You.

Cathy Cass Tain No.

Christopher Peoria Is Next.

I Am Kathy Cass Tino. I Agree To The Ones That Do Not Support This Amendment. When We Put These Amendments Together We Should Follow 10 Commandments. God Wrote The 10 Commandments For Each Human Being On This Planet. It Is Very Important. Aborting A Baby Is Very Evil. God Wants That Baby To Be Born. It Is His Creation. It Is Very, Very Important. Even Had Michigan I Am Seeing Help Wanted Signs Everywhere. They Have Passed The Fourth Amendment. Even Though That Happened Right Away A Bunch Of Mothers And Fathers Want Abortion For Babies. It Is Going To Start Wiping Out Or Population. Rome Is Dealing With That Right Now. 20 Years From Now We Will Drive Down 41 And There Will Be Help Wanted Signs Everywhere. We Are Not Going To Have Enough Population Of Our Youth If The This Amendment Passes. You Have To Think About That. Even Writing This Proposal You Have To Think Of These Things For Our Future For Our Children. These Children Could Be Our Next Lawyers, Senators, Doctors, Landscapers, Whatever. These Roles Will Not Be Filled 20, 30 Years From Now If This Proposal Passes. Think About That. Open Your Eyes And See That This Could Just Be Control With The Population Even Is Not Good. Thank You.

Christopher. After That Will Be Mad Line Levi Goes.

Christopher Pro For The Record. I Am Saying You Guys Should Not Go Forward With This Resolution Because This Is Anti Democratic. Citizens Voted To Have This On The Ballot. Every Person Deserves Freedom To Make Choice About Their Own Body, Health And Future. I Believe That If We Had Something That Is Saying Men Couldn't Take Pills To Help Their Heart Stay Alive, Or Help Their Boehners Stay Active You Guys Would Be Up In Arms About That. We Can't Allow Women Stove Freedom For Their Bodies. Parental Consent. Knowing To Change That. If You Read The Exact Words This Amendment Does Not Change Legislature's Constitutional Authority To Require Notification To Parent Or Guardian Before The Minor Has Abortion. We Have Heard About Religion Today. You Don't Hear These Religious People Complaining We All Wear Mixed Fabrics Or Saying We Can't Touch The Pig Of A Dead Skin So Football Is Out There. Is Separation Of Church And State. Everybody Has The Freedom To Make Their Choice. Please Don't Stand In Way Of Democracy. Abortion Bans We See Rapists Choosing Baby Mothers. Maybe Not Where It Is Banned The Rates Go Up Higher Than What They Were Before. You Are Only Banning Safe Abortions If You Ban Abortions. It Raiseis Suicide Rates, Poverty And That Is What I To Say For Today. I Strongly Encouraging You Guys Not To Go Forward With This Resolution. Thank You Very Much. Have A Good Day.

Up Next Madeleine Levi Goss. After That Will Be Isaiah Bishop.

Good Morning, Commissioners. I Am Madden Lean. I Am 19 Years Old Against My Family And Others To Oppose This Resolution. I Am In My 20s I Have Spent My Teen Years In Southwest Florida Where I Experienced More Sexual Violence Than Any Other Point In My Life. Lucky To Have Resources About Sexual Wellness And Ways To Navigate Out Of The Situation Is Found Found Be Myself In Some You Demonize When You Demonize Abortion. There Are Further Consequences Than Is Being Considered. Regardless Of The Experiences It Doesn't Take Severe Trauma To Fear For The Future With Rhetoric At The County Level. I Won't Change Your Minds With Three Minutes. As Individual Who Deeply Values Well-Being Of Community I Am Disturbed By Promotion To Fear Life Saving

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Healthcare Legislation. Fourth Amendment Is Misinformation By The Motion Of Tethered Church And State And Ignorance Which Is Ultimately Relying On Silence. You Can See Through Numbers Present And People Who Can't Be Here, Can't Afford To Be Here Will Be Negatively Impacted By The Resolution. I Stand Here Before Four Men Incapable Of Conception. We Ask You In Earnest To Consider The Voices Of Victims Ob/Gyn, Doctors, Health Care Professionals And Women And Consideration Of Whether Or Not You Choose To Represent This Law Honestly. It Is Insulting To Citizens To Give Credence To The Rhetoric. Allow Us To Choose. We Are Capable Of Making Our Own Decisions. That Should Not Inspire Fear. If This Passes Not Only Will This Information Further Spread As It Has In Other Counties Like Collier, A Plague. To Thousands Across The State. I Urgently Encourage You To Direct Diligence Towards Zoning Ordinance And Budgeting And Contracting. Voice Concerns On The Ballot Understand Your Decision Does Not Represent The Voices Of Lee County.

Isaiah Bishop.

I Am 21 Years Old, Small Business Owner. Lee County Resident My Whole Life. I Thank My God And Savior Jesus Christ My Mom Was About 17 When She Got Pregnant With Me. I Am Very Grateful I Was Not Aborted. It Is Murder. It Is Something Really To Consider. This Amendment Is Just Absurd. It Proposes As The First Lady Said Taxpayer Funded Abortion On Demand. Whenever You Want It Up To The Day Of Birth, Ninth Month. That Is Absurd. There Should Be No Abortion At All. It Is The Murder Of Innocent Children. It Is A Living Being From The Moment Of Conception From When The Seed Meets The Egg. It Is A Living Being With A Soul. They Should Not Be Murdered. They Are Innocent Children. They Deserve Life. They Should Not Be Aborted, Should Not Be Murdered. I Want To Remind You Men As My Friend Previously Stated. There Is A Judgment Day You Will Be Held Accountable For What Happens With This Amendment Whether Opposed Or Accented And Passed Into Law. That Is Blood Will Be Upon Your Hands For Every Single Innocent Unborn Baby That Would Be Murdered From The Passing Of This Amendment Be. Carefully Consider That And Do Not Allow This To Be Passed. This Is As The Lady Said As Well Ambiguous Language Viability. It Is Not Healthcare. I Hear This Rhetoric. It Is Not Healthcare To Murder An Innocent Child. You Should Not Pass This. This Goes Against God's Commands That We Should Not Murder, Should Not Kill The Innocent. Yes, Definitely. That Is All I Have.

Commissioners Would You Like To Take A Short Restroom Break Or Continue And Individually Go?

It Is 1045. You Could Break Until 11:00.

We Will Take A 15 Minute Break And Come Back. See You In 15 Minutes.

At This Time We Will Reconvene. Up Next Is Dick Delarenzo. I'm Sorry. We Are Going To Hold Up For A Minute. I Didn't Realize Some Folks Weren't In Here Yet.

I Believe He Left. Robert Roper.

Pastor First Baptist Church. Al Have. Amendment 4 Is Written To Deceive. Crafted By A C Lu And George Sore Rows Attorneys. There Is Nothing Left. Lets Review What We Can. Amendment Claims To Limit Government. Trust Is It Limits Safe Medical Practices. This Is A Provision Abortion Must Be Administered By Quote Healthcare Provider. I Have Been A Florida Certified E.M.T. Since 1970. Do I Qualify. Parents Would Be Involved In The Decision. Only Requires Notification That Is Not Concept.

Imagine A Child Calling Her Mom From A Different City, Hi, Mom, I Am At Abortion Clinic. Have We Lost Our Minds? At Least It Limits To The Purposes Of Mother's Health. More Deception. They Know It. Mother's Health Is Not Defined Because What They Have In Mind Very Few Voters Would Approve. Courts Held Mother's Health Can Include Emotion, Financial Or I Would Add Cheerleading Try Outs Next Month. Amendment Limits Abortion To The Point Before Viability. How Is That Defined? It Is Not. Reason It Is Not Defined. Few Would Vote For Full Term Partial-Birth Abortion Without Parent Cop Sent. From Capitol Hill Over A Year One Research Institution Paid Middle Man Companies \$42,535 To Obtain 38 Fetal Brains, 12 Hearts, Three Upper And Lower Limbs, Five Lives, 12 Pancreases. The Passage Of Amendment 4 Will Turn The State To Abortion Mill Once Folks Realize The Money To Be Made With Legal Abortion.

Up Next Is -- I Will Butcher This. See Loucetone And Then Robert Reynolds.

Good Morning. I Am C Sentano. 23-Year-Old Resident Of Fort Myers Lived In Florida For Most Of My Life. I Am Representing Those In Dispap Appointment. I Am In Support Of Amendment 4 And Disagree With The Resolution. I Do Not Come To Change Minds. I Have My Doubts Anything I Say Will Be Taken With Much Weight With This Board. I Stand Before Men Who Will Never Understand The Fear, Excitement, Industries, Grief Of Becoming Pregnant, Being Pregnant Or Having Failed Pregnancy. What May Be A Decision I Am Here To Say We Are Displeased And You Are Not Speaking For All Of Us If This Passes. The Individuals You Would Represent Are Misguided By Fear, Anger, Self-Right Us Judgment. That Which You Are Perpetuating With Your Actions. You Are Representing A Group Of Individuals Who Said I Should Burn In Hell. They Have Made Comments When I Went To First Pro-Choice Protest At 14. It Allows Grown Men Pointing Knife And Saying You Will Be Next At Pro-Choice Really That Is Who You Choose To Represent By Saying No As County. Not Me Or Anyone Here Against This. If You Find People Harassing Young Women Are Agreeing With You, You Are Not On Right Side Of Things, That Is Your Choice. This Brings No Dramatic Benefit To The Community As Whole. Something With The Conflict Of Your Position. If I Look At This Correctly, It Is Another Attempt Pandering At Msm Web Pages. Congratulations On Stirring Pot And Roaring Out Locals. I Thought The Job Was Laying Out Budget. I Don't Recall Political Agitation. Let People Decide Without Your Involvement. I Can Stand Here All Day. I Can Express My Opinion In November. Unless You Think The Average Voter Is Inept At Their Own Opinion. If You Do Not Want Abortion, You Cannot Get One Which All Five Of You Cannot Or You Can Vote Against It Which Is Your Right. It Is Useless To Claiming Entirety Of Lee County Is Against Amendment 4. That Is Not True. Ballots Can Speak Plainly. Stay Out Of It. Keep Moral Superiority Out Of It And Do Your Job As You Are Paid To Do.

Robert Reynolds Followed By Rabbi Nicole Luna.

If We Could, The Person Up Next Move To The Back Of The Room So We Are Not Waiting For People To Come Up.

Thank You. Fourth Time I Have Been Here. I Am Not Going To Spend Very Much Time. I Want To Applaud You On Your Draft Resolution And Ask That You Pass It. I Have Heard A Few Things Here Today That Astound Me. We Are Democracy. We Also Are Constitutional Republic. Constitutional Amendment Is Past, Constitutional Republic It Trumps Existing Law. We Have Examples Of That In States Like Michigan And Kansas. Both Of Those States, One Of Them In Particular, Michigan Passed

Amendment Similar To Amendment 4 In Florida. Kansas Failed To Pass Protective Pro-Life Amendment. What Has Happened In Kansas After That Decision? Licensed Clinic Was Struck. Limits On Painful Dismemberment Abortions Were Struck. Doctor Requirement Was Blocked And Informed Consent Blocked, 24 Hour Waiting Period Blocked. These Exist In Our Statutes As Well. Prop 3 In Michigan Repealed A 1931 Abortion Ban. The Licensed Law Health And Safety Standings Which Is Part Of Your Responsibility To Our County. Abortion Reporting Law Including Complications. These Were All Repealed. The Partial Birth Abortion Law Repealed. How To Produce Abortion Drugs Repealed, Plan Against Late-Term Abortions Repealed. Then We Know That As Of June 27 Of This Year The Aclu On Behalf Of Ymca Of Kalamazoo Forced Medicaid Payment Of Abortion. We Have A Law. We Don't Use Taxpayer Funds For Abortions In Florida Today. All Of These Things Are Happening As We Speak In Michigan. I Think It Is Fair To Say That That's Going To Happen Here As Well. When We Talk About Existing Legislation.

Thank You.

Rabbi Nicole Luna.

Gentlemen, I Had The Honor Of Opening Up This Session With Invocation From Jewish Tradition. As Jewish --

I'm Sorry. Please Start Over. Gentleman, I Had The Honor Of Opening Up This Session With Invocation From The Jewish Tradition. It Is As Jewish Clergy Rabbi That I Speak To You Now Urging You To Vote No On This Resolution. In Judaism Full Access To Safe And Legal Abortion Is Healthcare. Jewish Law Not Only Permits Abortion In Many Cases But Also Requires It When The Life Of The Pregnant Individual Is At Risk, Both Physically And At Times Psychologically. Life Does Not Begin At Conception Under Jewish Law. It Does Not Consider A Fetus To Be A Full Being With Soul Until It Is Born. This Comes From The Story Of Creation In Genesis When Life Begins With Breath. Genesis 2:7. God Blew The Breath Of Life And The Human Became A Living Being. In Jewish Law First 40 Days From Conception, Fetus Is Mere Fluid. This Would Correspond To The First 7-8 Weeks Of Pregnancy. Fetus Is Considered Water. Following This The Fetus Is A Physical Part Of Pregnant Individual's Body. Fetus Is Not Viewed As Separate From A Woman's Body Until The Onset Of Labor And Childbirth. I Understand Other Religions Have Different Understandings Of Personhood When Life Begins. United States Constitution Supports Freedom Of Religion And Demands No One Imposes A Single Religious Viewpoint On All. Laws And Regulations Limiting Access To Abortion Are At Odds With Our Nation's Founding Principle Of Religious Liberty. Judaism Full Access To Safe And Legal Abortion Is Healthcare. I Urge Against This Resolution And Let Pregnant Individuals Make These Decisions With Guidance From Physicians In Their Own Religious Traditions.

Up Next Michelle Escreet.

Good Morning. I Am Michelle Estreet. Thank You For Allowing Me To Share Concerns About Amendment 4 To Appeal Heartbeat, Which Is Protecting Health Of The Mother. Amendment 4 Pertains To 97% Elective Abortions. Unlike Other Amendments It Has Zero Definitions For Important Words And Key Terms. Dangerously Leaving Everything Up To Individual Interpretation As Stated By The Other Side. If Those Definitions Were Originally Provided, We Would Not Be Here Asking For Support To Informed Citizens. Amendment 4 Would Eliminate Parental Consent Before Minor Abortion Replaces With Notification. How Can Minors Be Responsible? Additionally, Amendment 4

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Would Allow Late-Term Abortions Where Science Has Proven The Unborn Are Capable Of Feeling Pain. I Was Sickened As I Watched The Commonly Used Dilation Evacuation Abortion Procedures. During Extraction Tongs With Teeth Are Used To Remove Body Parts From The Mother Because The Child Is Too Large To Squeeze Through The Birth Canal. The Skull Is Crushed. Unimaginable What The Baby Feels During This Gruesome Procedure. I Believe The Responsibility Of Board Of Commissioners To Educate Your Constituents About The Dangers Of This Constitutional Amendment Because Of Its Deceptive Nature. Purposely Written Vaguely To Make Voters Think In Their Best Interest When It Only Serves Interest Of Those Who Will Profit From Some Of Abortion Drugs Remains And Parts. We Need To Educate Voters Since So Many Still Are Unaware Of The Amendment Itself Or Debtments For Our Communities. You Can Help Bypassing Resolution To Support Vote No On Amendment 4. Thank You Very Much.

Tara Genner.

Good Morning. Tara Genner. I Am Here Today In My Capacity As Vice Chair Of The Lee County Gop And My Personal Status. I Wanted To Thank The County Commissioners For Addressing This Issue. I Would Like To Acknowledge The Fact That The Legal Advisor Did Mention That It Is Very Appropriate To Use Your Public Office To Inform And Edify The Public About Issues Of Importance. I Thank You All For That. I Would Like To Note On February 10, 2024. The Republican Party Of Florida Passed Resolution That Gave Recommendations And Guidance On All Six Amendments. It Is Incumbent To Have Those In Elected Office Be Aware And Guide And Give Information To The Public To Help Them Become Informed. It Is My Personal Opinion That Even People That Are Pro-Choice Should Find This Amendment Objectionable Because Of The Number Of Reasons That Have Already Been Mentioned. The Least Of Which Is The Fact That Something I Have Mentioned Previously. Our Constitution Here In The State Of Florida Is 74 Pages Long Depending Upon What Font You Use. Including Protections For Suckling Pigs And Safeguards That Were Instituted For Greyhound Racing Dogs Because They Might Be Abused. Statutes In The United States Protect Eggs Of The Eagles And Yet Here We Are Talking About Abortion Of Unborn Children. Constitutions Are Supposed To Be Drafted Specifically To Define A Limited Specific Focus And Function Of Our Government. It Is Not Intended To Be Used As Catch All Free-For-All In Order To Lock People In When Legislation Can Be Done Instead. Legislation Is Supposed To Be Done By Our Legislators Duly Elected Psychological Basis To Have The Laws Wax And Wane With The Populous. I Encourage Commission To Approve The Proposed Resolution. If Passed It May Result In Taxpayer Obligation To Pay For Abortions Of Those Who Can't Afford It. This Flies In The Face Of Constitutionally God Given Rights Of Individuals To Make Sure Their Money And Their Issues Are Addressed According To Their Faith Base. I Have A Concern With That. Revenue Of The State, However, Can't Be Given To The Church But In This Case We Can Have Revenue Of The State Be Given To Something Contrary To The Church. Separation Of Church And State Is One Way, Not Two Ways. I Wanted To Thank You All. I Look Forward To Hearing Your Decision.

Thank You. John Canoe.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman. Commissioners, John Kuniff. Citizen Of Bonita Springs. I Ask You To Vote In Favor Of The Resolution Against Amendment 4. You Heard From The Pro-Amendment 4 Side Telling You Previously And Here Today This Is None Of The Commissioner's Business. I Appreciate The County Attorney's Comments On That Subject. Of Course, Everything On The November Ballot Is

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Everyone's Business. It Is Absurd To Suggest Otherwise. Why Would They Want To Shut Down Any Discussion Or Debate On This Subject? Why Would They Want To Gag You? The Answer Is Simple. Amendment 4 Is Deceptive. They Don't Want Anyone Recognizing That. They Don't Want The County Commissioners Warning Public Of Hidden Effect Of Amendment 4. Like Complete Revocation Of Parental Consent. They Left Parental Notification In Place But That Is Not The Same As Parental Consent And It Is Worthless And They Know It. They Say They Want The Government Out Of Abortion. Their Actions Speak Much Louder Than Words. Their Actions Such As In Michigan, As Mr. Reynolds Pointed Out To You, Where A Similar Amendment Was Passed Last Year Say Otherwise. Aclu Went To Court For Medicaid Funding For Elective Abortions, Unconstitutional Under Their Amendment. Same Would Happen Here If Amendment 4 Passes. They Do Want Government Involved In The Abortion Issue. They Want It Involved On Their Side. Now They Site Florida Law To Provide Definitions Missing From The Amendment. This Ignores The Fact That Amendment To The Constitution Would Supersede All Statutory Law In The State Of Florida. I Ask You To Warn The People Of Lee County Of The Deceptive Nature Of This Amendment. Please Provide The Guidance And Leadership Asked For In The Invocation Today. Thank You Very Much.

Dennis. After That Aaron Gardner.

Good Morning. Dennis Escrete. Here To Request The Lee County Commission To Draft, Adopt And Pass Resolution To Vote No On Amendment 4. Last Month I Stood Here At The Same Podium And Walked Through A Real Life Scenario What Would Happen To Your 16-Year-Old Pregnant Daughter If It Passed. No Parental Consent. Very Important. No Concept For The Parents Would Be Required For Your Minor Daughter To Obtain An Abortion Only Notification Is Required. That Could Be Done Before, During Or After The Procedure. This Pome Is A Blatant Attack To Separate Our Children From Our Parents. We As Parents Should Not Be Required To Relinquish Our Responsibility To Make A Serious Decision As Abortion For Minor Child. Commissioners, Please Be Strong, Be Bold And Do Not Waiver. Draft, Adopt And Pass Resolution To Vote No On Amendment 4. Thank You Very Much.

Aaron Gardner And Cindy Ginsburg.

Good Morning. Aaron Gardner. I Urge You To Vote In Favor Of The Proposed Resolution To Warn Lee County Residents. This Is Not Satisfied 40,500 Babies Murdered In Florida In Year. These Radicals Seek To Have The Unrestricted Mass Murder Of Babies Clear Up To Birth. To See The Government Steal My Rights As Parent To Allow My Child To Murder Their Baby. I Do Not Want My Tax Dollars To Facilitate Murder Babies In Florida. There Is No Freedom Only Bop Damage And Freedom. I Hear You Have Duty To Represent Everyone In Lee County. This Is A Fallacy. You Do Not Have The Pedophiles Pimps And Baby Murders. Sir William Blackstone Said No Act In A Man Can Be Considered Unless It Conforms To The Law Of God. We Used To Understand This As Nation. Our Morality Must Come From Higher Standard. Look Where This Is Taking Us. One Side Says I Do Not Want Lee County Residents Voting For A Law Most Extreme In The World. I Don't Want Free-For-All On Babies To See Them Poisoned Burned To Death Or Ripped Limb From Limb With Little Intestines And/Organs Ripped And Disgarded Like Trash. No, We Want To See These Persons Receive God Given Opportunity To Life. Contrast Another Side To Lecture Protecting Unborn Babies. Tell You It Is Outside Your Purview. You Have A Radical Side Not Satisfied With 40,000 Babies Killed This Year Because They Want To See The Death Of Babies Up To 9 Months. If You Don't They Will Burn Their Bras. You Have Them Equating Boners To Life Of Child. We Need To Mutilate 12-Year-Old Boys And

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Force Vasectomies. They Say You Need To Avoid This Because Women Will Be Raped. We Have Laws Protecting Women Raped. We Don't Say That Because Rape Will Happen Make It Legal And Safe. We Don't Said Pedophilia Will Happen. I Am Running Out Of Time. Vote In Favor Of The Proposed Resolution.

Sydney Ginsburg.

Good Morning, I Am Here To Say Thumbs Down On Your Resolution. Why Do This, Commissioners? It Is Very Uncharacteristic, I Believe, For A Board Of County Commissioners To Make A Statement Against Women's Right To Choose. Just Vote Like The Rest Of Us. No Need For Resolution Like This. It Seems Like You Are Trying To Manipulate Voters. Just Encourage Voters To Study This And Other Valid Initiatives And Carefully Make In Formed Voting Decisions. Must We Copy Collier County? I Don't Think So. We Are Not Collier County. Consider The Differences. We Have A Lot More Voters Here Who Would Be Willing To Vote Commissioners Out If This Resolution Passes. Now, The Florida Supreme Court Said And I Am Paraphrasing In The End This Ballot Initiative The Title And Summary Fairly Inform Voters In Clear Unambiguous Language. The Ballot Summary Is Accurate, Objective And Newral. If You Think You Know Better Than Supreme Court Go For It. Clearly The Florida Supreme Court Has Greater Confidence In Intelligence, Understanding And Reasoning Of Voters In This County. Please Stick To County Business And Stay Out Of Women's Rights. We Will Not Go Back. Thank You. Next Is Lee Ann Nesbitt.

Good Morning. Thank You. I Would Address Your View Passage Of Amendment 4 May Be Detrimental To The People In Florida By Citing An Example Of Life, Personal Life Without The Ability For An Abortion. In 1967 Almost 60 Years Ago I Was A Sophomore At Ohio State University Attending As Out Of State Student From New Jersey. I Was 19. Living In A Dorm. Pregnant. At The Time I Was Unable To Get Any Birth Control. Abortion Was Illegal. I Had A Friend Who Had A Botched Illegal Abortion. She Is Now Sterile And Has Never Been Able To Have Children. I Was Not Taking That Route. That Was My Choice, My Only Choice. My Parents Rejected All Support, Financial, Emotional. I Got Married. Took Student Loans, Went Into Debt. Paid \$5 Per Month To Ohio State University Hospital Until My Delivery Hospital Stay Was Paid. My Ongoing Health Plan Was Ohio State Walk-In Clinic. This Is Not A Situation That Was -- Sorry. Is This Not A Situation That Was Detrimental To My Health, Mentality If Not Physically? I Would Like To Add One More Thing. It Is On Here And I Thank You To The Rabbi For Proceeding Me. I Am Jewish. I Will Repeat The Torah, Rabbi Sources Consider The Women's Physical And Emotional Health Before That Of The Fetus. Judaism Considers The Fetus To Be Part Of The Woman's Body. She Is Never The Villain When Difficult Choices Need To Be Made. This Is My View On Women's Health. Please Do Not Influence The Vote. I Worked So Hard Personally To Get Amendment 4 On The Ballot. Thank You.

Deann Seehaver.

Jean Seehaver, Resident Of Lee County 36 Years. As Citizens Of The United States And Residents Of State Of Florida You Will Go To The Polls In November To Cast Your Vote With Regard To Amendment 4. Surely The County Commission Understands That A Statewide Initiative Is Not Your Purview. Issues Of Local Roads, Bridges, Bottom, Industry, Tourism And Our Precious Environment Are Your Business. As All Of My Friends Know, I Am Going To Say This In The Kindest Possible Way. I Would Remind You The Mothers, Garaged Mothers, Aunts, Sisters, Women, Yes, Voters Of Lee

County Are Going To Be Watching. Thank You.

Kelly Reaves.

Hello. Kelly Reaves. I Stand Before You Today To Ask You To Pass Resolution Against Amendment 4. Amendment 4 Would Allow Abortion For Any Reason Up Until Viability. What Age Is Viability Considered? Not Defined In Amendment. Is It 24 Weeks? Is It Full Term? So If We Don't Know When Viability Is Who Makes That Decision? Healthcare Provider? Any Physician Or Hospital Or Organization Or Person That Services Healthcare Services Licensed Or Authorized To Practice In The State? Dentist, Chiropractor, Fiscal Therapist Could Deem You Need Abortion? This Opens Up Abortion Clinic To Deem Fetus At Any Stage Not Viable. A Slippery Slope. You Are Here For The Lee County Citizens. The Citizens Of Lee County Elected You To Do What Is Morally Right. Not Warn Your Citizens About The Badly Worded Amendment Would Be Wrong. Please Consider Resolution Against Amendment 4 To Show Lee County Citizens You Stand Against Abortion On Demand Because That Is What This Is. Thank You For Your Time.

Julie Milan.

Good Morning. Resident Of Lee County Representing Myself. I Testified Before My Dad Was A Married Man. My Mom Was His Secretary. I Was Born In 1962. My Mother Gave Away Four Children. I Was The Last Of The Four Children. If I Would Have Been Born 10, 20 Years Later I Would Have Been An Abortion. I Am Grateful To My Mom. She Blessed My Parents Adopted Parents With A Baby. Here I Am. Here Is The Thing. When You Kill A Baby. You Kill Generations. I Have Four Grandchildren And Three Of Them Are Aspiring To Be A Doctor Like Their Father. I Think They Are Going To Contribute To Society. When You Kill A Baby You Are Not Only Killing The Baby But Their Generations. I Hear Women Say It Is My Body My Choice. It Is Your Body But You Did Have A Choice. The Other Thing You Don't Have A Choice For The Baby. That Baby Is Not Your Body. It Is His Or Her Own Body. I Lobbied In The Washington, D.C. On The Born Alive Infants Act In 1998 Or 2000, I Can't Remember Which One. Back Then Everybody Voted Against It Almost Because You Would Have Been A Monster To Think It Is Okay To Kill A Baby When It Is Alive And Going To Be Born. If You Walk Down The Street Today And Ask People And See A Pregnant Woman Should You Be Allowed To Kill That Baby? They Would Say No. I Don't Understand This Crazy. I Was Listening To Or Watching On Tv Yesterday In Cape Coral. A Man, And It Is Sad. A Bunch Of Ducklings In The Road. A Lady Stopped To Get The Traffic To Stop To Let The Little Ducklings Across The Road. Some Guy Plowed Them Over. That Is Super-Sad. People Lost Their Minds Over Ducklings. Rightly So. It Was A Terrible Thing. We Are Talking About A Human Being. The Old Testament Is Clear. Thou Shall Not Murder. That Is What We Are Talking About Here. Thank You. It Is Just Too Bad That You, Men, Have To Remind People That Killing An Innocent Child Is Murder. Thank You For Even Taking This Up. You Have The Right To Make A Decision. We Hope You Make The Right One. Thank You.

Jason Russo.

Mr. Chairman And Members Of The Board. I Am Jason Russo. Elder Trinity Reformed Church In Cape Coral. Servant Of The Lord Jesus Christ. I Come Before You Today Thankful For The Opportunity To Speak On This Very Important Issue. In Submission Of The Authorized The Lord Has Appointed. Scripture Says You Shall Not Murder. Lying Lips Are Abomination To God In The Old Testament. The Law Of God Is Written On Our Hearts. We All Know That Murder And Lying Is Wrong. Even Our

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Founding Fathers Recognized This In Saying We Hold These Truths To Be Self-Evident. What Truths? All Men Created Equal, Endowed By Creator With Inalienable Rights, Life, Liberty And Pursuit Of Happiness. If This Amendment Happens In Florida We Are Denying Right To Life Preborn Images Of God Who Are Precious In His Site. No Law Shall Delay Or Restrict Abortion Before Viability Or When Necessary To Protect The Patient's Health As Determined By The Patient's Healthcare Provider. This Is Deceptive Language. Viability Is Not Clearly Defined. Who Decides Who Is Viable? My Father Has Dementia And Requires Assistance In Eating, Dressing And Showering? Is He Viable? We Stated This Could Mean The Pregnant Woman Is Depressed, Anxious, Poor And The Only Logical Conclusion They Come To We Must Kill Their Child To Protect Her Health. I Submit The Pregnancy Is Not An Illness. Young Women Are Not Sick. Deceptive To Call Them Patients. Healthcare Provider. Could Mean Anyone In The Building. Since Planned Parenthood Main Source Of Income Is Abortion, It Is Highly Likely This Provider Will Do Everything To Convince These Mothers Abortion Is Best Option. Doctors Are To Save And Preserve Life, Not Take Life. Abortion Cannot Be Healthcare. I Have Been To Two Meetings So Far And The Other Side's Position It Is No One's Business. You Need To Stay Out Of This Matter And Be Quiet. They Talk About Misinformation. They Don't Provide Evidence Of That Misinformation What It Is. We Demonstrated By The Opening Sentences That This Is Clear Misinformation In This Abomination Of Amendment. I Am Running Out Of Time. When A Nation No Longer Feels The Lord And Abandons Him As Foundation, It Leads To Gilt.

Good Morning. Linda Russell. By Definition Laid Out In Florida Statutes County Commissioners Do Not Have Any Say In State Constitution Amendments Or Medical Care. Your Role Is To Govern Local Infrastructure, Set Millage Rates, Regulate, Ensure Local Safety And Manage County Business. Resolution Against Amendment To Limit Government Interference With Abortion Is Largely Symbolic. To Residents Like Me It Is Deeply Offensive. Amendment 4 Ballot Summary States No Law Shall Prohibit, Penalize Delay Or Restrict Abortion Before Viability Or Necessary To Protect Patient's Health As Determined By Healthcare Provider. It Does Not Remove Parental Consent For Minors Normal Allow Abortions Performed By Nondoctors. Nor Require State Funds For Abortion. Five Men On An Elected County Board That Have No Medical Experience Are Not Entitled To Make Any Resolutions About My Body. Are Any Of You Doctors? No. This Is Not Your Area Of Expertise. It Is Not Appropriate That Five Men Make A Decision Expressing The Opinion Of The County On A Woman's Health Issue. This Is A Health Care Decision Between A Woman And Her Doctor. Politicians Shouldn't Be Involved. I Don't Think You Are The Appropriate People To Make That Decision. The Residents Of Lee County Deserve The Right To Vote On Amendment 4 And Determine The Direction Our State Should Take Towards Women's Rights Over Their Own Bodies. As Commissioners Your Role Is To Promote Civic Participation Not Eliminate It. Please Vote No On Your Resolution. Amendment 4 Should Be Decided By Florida Voters. Thank You For Your Attention.

Gale Martin.

Gentlemen For The Record Gale Markham. Cpa, Florida Native, Lee County Resident 50 Years. Registered Republican At That. My Story Is Not Pretty. It Is Hard For Me To Tell You My Story. It Is Still 73 Years Old Still Very Emotional. My Childhood Was Ugly. I Am Victim Of Incest. My Father Sexually Abused Me From The Time I Was 4 Years Old Until I Was 14 When My Parents Finally Divorced And We Were Able To Escape His Rath. I Am A Very Salient Individual. I Made A Point Of Not Living That Life As An Adult. I Sought And Received Full Scholarships To Go Off The University

Of Florida And Never Looked Back. I Have Had A Very Successful Life And A Happy Life Because I Chose Not To Live My Life As A Victim. As Part Of That Success I Have Made A Great Deal Of Effort To Give Back To This Community. I Founded The Pace Center For Girls Almost 18 Years Ago. Those Are Girls From 11 To 18 Years Old That Have All Been Abused, Abandoned Or Neglected. Their Stories Are Very Much Like My. It Is Interesting I Was Able To Do That Because I Healed So Much From That. What I Found Is I Was Not Alone There. There Are Many Of Us. We Don't Talk About It. We Are Full Of Shame. It Is A Family Secret Is The Way It Was Treated In My Family. What I Found These Girls Are Victimized Bisexual Abuse. In Fact We Have Had Over 1,000 Girls Go Through Pace Right Here In Lee County. Just This Year We Have Had Over 100 Girls Enrolled. 38% Of These Girls Have Admitted To Being Sexually Abused Right Here In Lee County This Year. It Is Not Going Away. We Need To Address That. What I Am Asking You To Do Is To Remember A Few Things. One, If I Were To Become Impregnated By My Father When I Was 12 Years Old. I Am Not Sure I Would Have Known What A Pregnancy Would Be In My Body Carries A Baby At Six Weeks. My Father Threatened To Kill Me If I Ever Told Anybody. I Couldn't Even Go To Tell Somebody And Get Help. If I Was Carrying This Baby At 12 Weeks Under The Proposed The Way It Is Now, I Could Even Get An Abortion Or Would I Have A Life Time Sentence Of Carrying My Father's Child? I Wouldn't Have The Life I Have Right Now If That Would Have Happened To Me. Thank You Very Much. Please Stay Out Of This. It Is Our Business. Let The Voters Decide.

Steven Hannah.

Hello Commissioners. I Live Here In Fort Myers. I Am Retired Now. For 35 Years I Practiced Medicine In Lee County. I Oppose Amendment 4 And Grateful For Your Proposing This Resolution To Also Oppose Amendment 4. I Think You Correctly Pointed Out The Language Is Vague And Deceptive. It Would Most Certainly Lead To More Late-Term Abortions. I Think No Matter What Side Of The Debate You Are On Or What Your Religious Affiliation Is Or Idea Of Personhood Is, I Think The Vast Majority Of Us Really Cringe At The Idea Of A Late Term Painful Abortion. I Think We All Cringe At The Idea Of Lack Of Formal Parental Consent If Our Teenage Daughters Seek An Abortion. These Are Grave Injustices And These Will Be Made Worse If This Amendment Passes. Thank You.

Guy Matthew From Estero. Honored And Feel Privileged To Speak To You Today. Thank You For The Opportunity. I Come As Confused Old Man To Talk To You Because Saturday There Was A Letter In The Editor To The Newspaper And Also Someone Mentioned Today. It Is Over Reach For The Commission To Speak On This Issue. They Want To Suppress Your Informed Decision And Council. Yet Several Weeks Ago The Board Was Asked To Make A Decision To Contemplate The Future Of The Lee Health System. Is That Not Healthcare? Don't You Have Some Responsibility For Healthcare In Lee County? They Want To Suppress Your Voice To Speak But Yet Accept 10s Of Millions Of Dollars From Out Of State People To Influence Our Constitution. Many People From Out Of State Are Contributing \$5 Million A Pop. They Will Have More Influence Than You If You Remain Silent. Also, They Said The Current Law Requires A Physician. The Proposed Amendment Specifically States There Shall Be No Law That Restricts. That Eliminates Any Attempt To Enforce The Current Statutes. The Current Law Will Have To Conform To The Constitution. It Doesn't Work The Other Way Around. Basic Civics. Words Matter. Why Would They Change The Word From Consent To Notification? Why Would They Change The Word From Physician To Healthcare Provider? Words Matter. There Is A Consequence To That. Late-Term Abortion After A Child Has Heart Beat And Can Feel Pain Is

Extreme. That Is My Basic Objection To This Amendment. It Is An Extreme Amendment. They Have Misrepresented Some Of The Basic Facts On This. As A Result I Think It Requires The Board To Speak Up To Educate The Voters So They Can Make An Informed Decision On November 4. This Is Not Time For Ambiguity And Apathy This Is Time For Clarity, Conviction And Courage. President Kennedy Wrote A Book Called Profiles In Courage. This Is Your Test. This Is Your Time To Display Your Encourage. If Not You, Who? If Not Now? When. Please Approve Your Resolution To Oppose Amendment 4. Thank You.

Julie Mcdonald And Andrew Tillton Are Next.

Good Morning. Julie Mcdonald I Moved To Fort Myers 25 Years Ago. I Want To Thank You For Putting This Important Resolution On Your Agenda Today For Consideration. I Urge You To Approve To Apposamendment 4 Today. I As A Post Abortive Woman. As Christian I Know Life Begins At Conception. Amendment 4 Is Bad For Children Because Abortion Kills Them. Amendment 4 Is Bad For Women Because It Deeply Wounds Them As I Have Attested To At The Last Two Meetings. Bad For The Community. It Teaches Our Citizens That Our Citizens Are Expandable Rather Than Important Members Of Society. Not Reproductive Right. Women Today Already Have The Total Freedom To Reproduce As They See Fit And That Has To Be With Men. Men Are Part Of This Equation. I Don't Know Why It Is Just Women. Men Are Important In This Equation. At The Point Of Abortion Reproduction Has Already Occurred. Abortion Only Kills An Innocent Human Being. That Is Called Murder. The Total Reported Cases Of Abortions In The State Of Florida For 2023 Were 84052. That Is Reported. 84,052 Unborn Florida Residents Chemically Poisoned By Abortion Pills Or Ripped To Pieces By An Abortionist Last Year Alone. One Florida Baby Exterminated Every Six Minutes Around The Clock. I Am Here For The Voice Less. Innocent Lives Matter. They Cannot Stand Up For Themselves And Speak To You. Look 13:24. Father Forgive Them For They Know Not What They Do. For Those Like Me That Chose Abortion Or Have Suffered Consequences Of Aborting A Child There Is Hope. I Leave The Surrendering Bible Study To Help Post Abortive Religious Women To Find Healing Through God's Word. Deuteronomy 30:19. I Have Given The Choice Between Life And Death And Blessing And Curses. That You Would Choose Life So Your And Your Descendents Might Live. I Pray You Choose Life. Make A Choice To Honor Women And Children In Lee County And Approve The Resolution In Opposition Of Amendment 4. Please Don't Let Them New York Our Florida. Thank You And God Bless You. Andrew Till Ton.

Good Morning, Gentlemen. Thank You For The Opportunity To Speak To You. I Have Spoken To This Group Many Times Through The Years. Not As Important Items As This. Proposed Amend I-44 State Cons Institute Is To Repeal Progress Over 30-40 Years To Protect The Most Innocent People We Know. That Is Our Unborn Children. Why Would We Want To Now Enshrine Death Into The State Constitution? I Don't Understand That. Some Things To Read That Say It Better Than I Can. First Two Are I Am Speaking For The Unborn. Psalm 43. Vindicate Me, God, And Plead My Cause Against Ungodly Nation. Rescue Me From Deceit, The Full And Wicked Men. You Are My God, Stronghold. Very, Very You Rejected Me. Why Must I Go Opposed By The Enemy? Send Forth Light And Truth Bring To The Holy Mountain Where You Dwell And I Will Go To My God And Joy And Light. Praise You With My Heart, God. Psalm 139:13-16. You Have Created Me. You Knit Me Together In My Mother's Womb. I Praise Because I Am Fearfully And Wonderfully Made. Your Works Are Wonderful. Now That. My Frame Was Not Hidden From You When I Was Made In The Secret Place. When I Was

Woven Together In The Depths Of The Earth. Your Eyes Saw My Unformed Bodies. It Was Written In The Book Before One Of Them Came To Be. From Mike Singletary. He Is A Former Football Player With Chicago Bears. He Said In This Society So Far Is This Society So Far Gone It Is Hopeless? Have We Abandoned Role Model Responsibilities So Long We Can't Change? I Don't Think So. Each Of Us Can Change Our Own Little World. Fathers Who Are Honest With Themselves Admit They Made Mistakes. We Have All Made Bad Decisions. I Encourage You To Vote For This Resolution. Also I Would Like To Say That I Have A Daughter Who Got Pregnant Before She Got Married. She Chose To Have Her Son. He Now He And His Wife Just Had A Son. I Have A Great Grandson Because Somebody Didn't Choose Abortion. I Am Very Thankful. Thank You, Gentlemen.

Thank You, Father. Denny Sharma.

Chairmen, Commissioners, Father Greg Daughterty, Resident In Lee County. Here As Resident. It Seems To Me We Are Talking About Truth. That Is What We Are Looking At When We Look At This Issue Of Amendment 4. How Does It Affect The People Of Lee County? I Deed I Think You Have A Very Important Say Here. I Respectfully Ask That You Pass This Resolution To Say No To Amendment 4. I Would Like -- I Have Heard A Lot In The Testimony Today. I Hear A Lot Of Pain And Deep, Deep Hurt. No Question That Abortion Affects Us All. Both Men And Women. Especially The Child. My Prayer And My Hope For The Residents Here In Lee County. There Can Be Healing In This. The Only Way We Can Do That As Americans Is Go Back To Our Founding Principles. I Heard It Quoted A Moment Ago. We Look At The Truth Of The Declaration Of Independence. We Recognize That All Men Are Created Equal. Are Endowed By Our Creator With Certain Inalienable Rights. Life, Liberty And Pursuit Of Happiness. Those Unalienable Rights By Definition Are Rights Given To Us By God. God Alone. Not From The State. For All Of Us Here, I Would Like To Ask The Question If We Still Hold These Truths To Be Self-Evident As Americans, When Is It God's Will For A Person To Destroy The Life That He Created? If We Cannot Answer That Question, We Must Say No To Amendment 4 And Speak Boldly To The Truth. In Doing So The Effect Of The Declaration Of Independent Is To Unite The Nation And Look What Happened. We Can Do That Today Apbring Healing And Truly Be Great Once Again.

Thank You, Bob. Denise Sharma. Then Jacob Collett.

Thank You, Commissioners For Providing The Opportunity To Speak To You Today. My Name Is Denny Sharma. Resident Of Lee County Since July 1, 1977. I Have Been A Registered Republican Since 1982. Is The Party That I Loved Because They Believe In Freedom. They Don't Like Regulations. We Don't Want More Regulations In Our Lives. This Resolution Dealing With Health Issues Is Not What You As Commissioners Are Supposed To Do At A Local Level. I Think And I Appreciate Commissioner Greenwell And Your Sports, Accomplishments, Fantastic And All Of You Doing Great Work To Help Protect Our Environment. Today You Passed A Resolution To Clean Up The Lake Park. I Think It Will Be Good For You To Focus On What You Are Good At Like Land Use Planning And Implementing The Rules That Are There, Addressing Transportation And Congestups We Have Everywhere. I Live In Daniels Park Corridor. If You Go Anytime Of The Day You Have To Wait For Three Lights To Pass. Very Difficult. Water Supply And Water Quality You Have Heard About Low Water Pressure And Tree Line Boulevard, All Of That Area. I Know You Are Involved In Budgeting, Taxes, I Think That Is Where You Are Good At. This Amendment 4 Is Designed For People To Decide On Their Own. I Am Neither Pro-Abortion Or Pro-Choice. I Believe In Freedom Of People

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To Decide Especially In This Case The Woman's Right To Choose. Whether They Want To Do It, Have Abortion Under Certain Circumstances Or They Want Not To Have Abortion. When The State Of Florida Passed This Draconian Law. That Is How This Amendment Law Is Coming From The Grassroot. People Are Not So Happy About That. I Would Request You Not Adopt Your Resolution Today. Thank You So Much.

Jacob Collett And Then Jill Ellis.

Hello. Good Evening Now, Commissioners. I Am Jacob Collett 23 Born And Raised In Cape Coral. I Have Heard Back And Forth If It Is Your Responsibility To Speak On Behalf Of Your Constituents. It Is Your Responsibility. How Would You Know It Is What Your Constituents Wants Because They Voted For You Your Party. It Is Not That Simple. People Said Deeply Political Issue Not The Truth. Excuse Me For Dropping A Lot Of Percentages. Polling Shows That This Issue Goes Beyond Party Lines. According To A Poll From University, 69% Would Vote For Amendment 4. That Is Not Partison. That Is Consensus. When I See So Many People Asking You To Pass This Resolution Not Because They Are Majority But Because They Are Minority Who Cannot Win Without Outside Influences. A Lot Of Speakers Said Abortion Should Not Be Allowed For Rape. Only 12% Of The American Population Said Abortion Should Be Illegal In All Circumstances. President Trump 6 Weeks Too Short. We Need More Than 6 Weeks. Across The Aisle, Kamala Harris Is In The State Campaigning For Abortion Rights. Upwards Of 60% Of Those In Florida Support The Amendment. It Doesn't Seem Partisan To Me. You Will Not Be Speaking On Behalf Of Those That Voted You Into Office. You Would Be Voting With A Fringe Group Of Desperate Voters. Let Them Have Voices Heard In November Without Political Theater And Thank You.

Jill Pellis And Debby Healey. Commissioner Today's Discussion Is Not About Pro-Abortion Or Anti-Abortion. It Is A Matter Of The Right Of Every Resident In Lee County To Vote His Or Her Conscience On Amendment 4 And Determine The Direction Our County Is Going To Take. As Commissioner Your Role Is To Promote Civic Participation Not Eliminate It. Bevey Solving To Oppose Amendment 4 You Strip Away My Right And The Right Of Each And Every Voter In This County. Fringe Extremist Want You To Oppose Amendment 4 To Limit Government Interference With Abortion. The Commissioners Responsibilities Do Not Include Supporting Political Agenda Of A Small Group Of Local People. Let The Voters Determine The Result. Do Not Interfere With Democratic Process. Your Role Is To Protect Our Right To Voice Opinions And Vote On Issues, Not Restrict Us. Thank You.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Debby Healey. Lee County Resident. Thank You From The Bottom Of My Heart For Your Patience Dealing With This Resolution. I Hope You Hear From My Heart How I Feel. I Am A Registered Nurse. We Ask You To Support The Resolution Recommending No Amendment 4. Over The Past Several Weeks You Heard The Trauma, Emotional Distress, Tragedy That Women, Girls, Daughters And Even The Expecttant Fathers Have Gone Through At The Risk Of Abortion. This Is A Health And Safety Issue. I Can Tell You Right Now We Already Know The Consequences. It Is Coming Out Of Michigan. We Don't Have To Guess What Amendment 4 Is Doing. They Are Closing Down Clinics From Sanitary Standpoint. No License, Nobody Can Go To The Clinics Now And Check For Sterilization Equipment, Board Of Health Cannot Go To The Clinic. No Law Can Stop Abortions In Any Way. We See It Happening In Kansas And Michigan. We Know What This Amendment Will Do. Not Helpful For Our Residents. Harmful. I Will Tell You The Only One Protected Are The Abortionists. It Is Clear In This Amendment That Abortionist Does Not Need To Be A Medical

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Doctor. If They Want It To Be A Medical Doctor They Would Have Said Medical Doctor Not Healthcare Provider. When You Look At Abortionist This Is Someone Who Can Cause Damage To The Girls, Hemorrhaging, Internal Injuries And No Law For What He Is Doing For The Women And Those Girls. That Is Why It Is Such A Severe Safety Issue To These Women. From The Fiscal Standpoint We Already Know The State Of Michigan, The State Of Michigan Is Suing The Residents, Taxpayers To Pay For The Abortions. We Know What Is Happening. I Am Asking You From Health And Safety Perspective, Financial Fiscal Implications Please Support This Resolution. It Is Nonbinding. You Are Letting Residents Know You May Need To Look At This Language. Make Sure You Understand What You Are Voting For. That Is What I Am Asking To Please Support This Resolution.

I Have A Couple Cards Left. Steve Maxwell Do You Wish To Speak On This Item? After That Eric Apair, Junior. Correct Me When You Come Up If You Are Speaking On This Item.

Good Morning. Steve Maxwell For The Record. All I Can Say Is Wow! A Lot Has Been Said Together. Good On Both Sides Of The Issue. I Think To Make It More Easier To Understand With The Will Of The County Commission And Be What It Is. You Have The Right To Pass The Resolution. Will Of The County Commission. It Does Not Bind Anyone To Prevent Them From Voting One Way Or The Other On The Issue. I Don't Think It Influences That Much In Any Way As To Whether If I In My Instance The Way Amendment 4 Is Written Is Horrible. For All Of The Points Raised. I Don't Need To Repeat It. It Is Horrible In A Way And The Nurse That Stood Up To You And Talked About The Health, Safety And Welfare Implications Is Self-Evident. You Are Reflecting The Will Of Each And Every One Of You As County Commissioner Whom We May Or May Not Have Voted For. It Doesn't Preclude You From Doing It. I Don't Believe It Casts Any Aspersions On Those Who Have Had To Unfortunately Go Through Horrific Experiences Either From Outside The Home Or Inside The Home. In This Instance You Are Going To Have To Show Your Profile Of Courage Today And That Is Going To Be Truly I Would Say Illuminating For You As Individual And For Us As A County. You Know, Roe V. Wade Is Not Going Away. What Happened It Is A Yarn Ball Rolled Around, Rerolled And Made So Tight A Lot Of People Can't Quite Understand It. Who It Will Affect? So With That Being Said I Will Support The Resolution In The Sense That You Get Resolutions For All Kinds Of Things. It Is Not So Much Tightly Boxed Into One Particular Point As To Infrastructure, Planning, Tax Policy. You Get Resolution If Someone Is Named Most Valuable Player Of Sports Team, Homegrown Hero. I Remember That Day. Be Courageous, Don't Waiver Collier County Is Sufficient. I Haven't Seen It Challenged Yet. Thank You For Your Time.

Thank You. Eric. Pronounce Your Last Name.

I Came Up Here Today. I Want To Say I Believe A Woman Has The Right To Her Own Choice. Everybody Will Make Their Own Choice. 70% Of The People Agree That Abortion. There Are So Many Issues Involving. You Have The Assault From Rape. That Is Not Considered. The Issue Of The Assault And Victim Mization Of Incest And You Have Complications With Pregnancy. No One Mentioned If The Fetus Is Deformed Or Something Wrong With The Fetus. Also There Is No Mention Of Miscarriage. That Is A Terrible Thing For A Woman To Go Through. You Don't Know If It. I Don't Know About It. Miscarriage Of Justice. The Woman Or Girl What They Are Thinking. They Have All These Decisions. Everything Is Up To Them To Think About. Everything That Is Going To Happen. They Have To Think About Responsibilities And It Is I Hear The People Talking About It Is Right Of The People. It Is Not The Right Of The People. The Government Should Tell Them What To Do. That

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Is Really There Is No Separation Of Church And State In That Concept. I Just Believe That A Woman Has A Right To Make Up Her Own Mind. It Is Freedom That Is What This Country Is About. Freedom. If You Don't Allow People To Speak Their Mind What Good Is It To Have The Constitution. You Might As Well Rip It Up. It Doesn't Matter What People Say. I Just Believe That The Things That Have Been Said Today. Some Are Ridiculous. In Fact In "The Bible" It Is Nothing About Abortion In "The Bible" Except What The Rabbi Did Say In Genesis. The Breath Of Life When They Are Born. You Know, There Is No Considerations For All The Other Things As Well. Like I Mentioned Miscarriage And Things Of That Nature. Then You Are Going To Make A Doctor Responsible. A Doctor Is Trying To Help Someone. Keep Them From Harm. They Are Talking About, Yeah, It Is Verbiage, Healthcare Provider, Whoever They Were Saying Everybody In Here Is Health Professional Or Something Like That. That Is Not True. Cherry Picking Their Ideas. It Is Just Ridiculous The Cherry Picking Is So Extreme. No One -- It Is Embarrassment To Say Women Having Abortion At 9 Months, Is That True? I Don't Think So.

Thank You, Sir.

At This Time That Completes All Cards. Did I Miss Anyone's Name? Okay. Come On Up To Speak. State Your Name, Please.

Pleasant Day To All Under The Sound Of Mire Voice. To All In Your Respectful Places. I Am Joann M Thomas Joseph. Thank You For This Opportunity To Speak. I Am Not Here To Ask You How To Think Or How To Vote. What I Am Here To Do Is To Lead With A Quote And Also A Scripture. 1 Corinthians 3:16. Look It Up. Our Bodies Are The Temple Of The Holy Spirit. That's What We Should Think Of. What Are We Doing With Our Bodies? I Have Been Known And Called The Poster Child For All Things Government And All Things Church. I Take No Offense. I Love That. I Am Here Representing People, Individuals, Families, Friends, Businesses And Human Life. I Am Not Here To Tell You How To Think Or Vote. However, I Ask You As Our Leaders To Please Consider How This Legislation Will Positively Or Adversely Affect Pregnancy For Government Aid And Organ Don Nations, Plasma And To Help Save Lives. I Am Asking You To Allow Your Conscience To Be Your Guide As You Advocate To Ask People How To Decide When We Go To The Voting Polls. Please Consider, Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide. Sorry I Am Blind A Little Bit. How It Will Affect Us As Constituents. Thank You Also Very Much. I Appreciate You And Thank You For What You Are Doing For Us. Have A Blessed Day.

Anyone Else To Speak? Please State Your Name.

John Patrick Christianson. I Support The Resolution Which Opposes Amendment 4. It Is Asserted Here And I Will Try Not To Get Personal, Of Course. It Is Asserted "The Bible" Does Not Say Anything About Abortion. I Wanted To Say A Few Things Here That "The Bible" Said. Genesis 1:28. God Blessed Them And Said To Them Be Fruitful And Increase In Number. Fill The Earth And Subdue It, Rule Over The Fish In The Sea And Birds In The Sky And Every Living Creature That Moves On The Ground. That Was Genesis 1:1. After The Flood God Repeats That. He Says In Genesis 9:7. As For You, Be Fruitful, Increase In Number. Multiply On The Earth And Increase Upon It. Let Me Read Verse 6 Before That. Whoever Sheds Human Blood By Humans Shall Their Blood Be Shed. For In The Image Of God Has God Made Mankind. The Fetus Has Blood And That Blood Does Get Shed. That Would Contradict The Assertion Of Many Here "The Bible" Doesn't Say Anything About Abortion. Also, I Want To Get To Psalm 139:13. For You Created My Inmost Being Knit Me Together In My

Mother's Womb. I Praise You Because I Am Fearfully And Wonderfully Made. Your Works Are Wonderful. I Know That Full Well. This Is Verse 15. Verse 14 Before. My Frame Was Not Hidden From You When I Was Made In The Secret Place. Woven Together In The Depths Of The Earth. Verse 16. Your Eyes Saw My Unformed Body All The Days For Me Were Written In Your Book Before One Of Them Came To Be. To Just Emphasize The Point That This Does Indeed Say The Fetus Is A Human Being. Remember It Says For You Created My Inmost Being, Knit Together In My Mother's Womb. It Was The Psalmist That Was Knit Together. I Am Almost Out Of Time. Thank You Very Much.

Who Else Would Like To Speak? Come Up, State Your Name, Please.

Hello, Gentlemen. Susan Lynn Keating. I Present Myself As Resident Of Lee County, Woman Of Lee County. Last Year And I Will Keep This Short I Respect Your Time. I Fell Pregnant At Four Weeks. I Was Notified. I Had No Used. Struggling To Pay Rent Familiar Working Three Jobs To Keep A Roof Over My Head And Lights On. At Four Weeks I Faced Keeping The Baby Or Terminating The Pregnancy. After Consulting The Nurse Care Practitioner As Well As Being Psychoanalyzed By My Therapist And Psychiatrists. The Risks To My Health Were Too Severe To Carry Pregnancy. I Have Polyps And Rare Conditions In Ovaries That Resulted In Me Having Hysterectomy. My Baby Died. The Blood Occurred. Waiting To Decide What I Should Do Was Gruesome. Pulling Babies Out Of Bodies. What About My Baby Fulling Out Of Mine Taking Away Choice? I Want To Talk About How You Should Stay Out Of This And Not Oppose Amendment 4. People Should Have Right To Know What Is Best For Them. What Was Best For Me Was Terminate Pregnancy. I Was Going To Keep It. Choice Was Taken Out Of My Hands. Doctors Knew Best. My Healthcare Provider Knew What Was Best For Me. I Wasn't Able To Carry That Baby To Term. Training They Received Was Enough To Let Them Know That Baby Would Not Have Made It. Would Have Been Severely Deformed If Born. I Urge You To Respect People's Healthcare Providers. None Of You Have Medical Degrees. All Of You Have Very, Very Good For The Community In Making Decisions As Well As Land Care. I Appreciate You Are Cleaning Up Lakes Park Annual Environment. Trust Doctors To Make Decisions For Patients. Man I Became Pregnant With Was Not Going To Help Me. I Was Going To Be By Myself Single Mother Starting Nursing School With Baby Severely Deformed. What About The Fact I Would Have Been Financially Responsible? Think About That And Trust Doctors And People To Make Their Own Decisions. I Oppose Your Resolution Opposing Amendment 4. Thank You To Are Your Time.

Who Else Would Like To Speak? I Am Alexa. I Came Before You To Oppose Amendment 4. I Came Before You Today To Propose More Than What I Have Seen This Morning. That Is A Lack Of Facts. I Bring You Couple Tidbits From The Peer Research. First Question When During Pregnancy Do Most Abortions Co-Cur. They Occur During First Trimester Of Pregnancy. 2021, 93% Abortions Occurred First Trimester At Or Before 13 Weeks Of Gestation. Gestation Nobody Knows Exactly When It Occurs When Guess Station Starts. According To Cdc 6% Between 14 And 20 Weeks. 1% At 21 Weeks Or More Gestation. Cdc Figures Include 40 States And New York City Not Entire State Of New York. The Institute Estimates 2023 Medication Was Used For Almost Two-Thirds Of All Abortions. Dilation And Evacuation Procedures Account For Less Than 1% Of All Abortions Performed In United States According To The Cdc. I Think Additional Meddling With Unnecessary When Considering How Near And Possible Basic Medicative Abortion Access Is To Obtain In States Like Florida Where After Six Weeks They Shut The Door On Your Life. Thank You.

Anyone Else To Speak?

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Hello. Rena Lacroix. Lee County Resident. Thank You To The Board.

Speak Up A Little. It Is Difficult To Hear.

Just To Reiterate. Arena Lacroix, Lee County Resident. I Want To Thank The Board For Taking The Opportunity To Hear Everybody Voice Their Pen And Concerns. I Trust "The Bible." I Know The Word Of God Is True And It Is Right. I Would Like To Share The Word Of God In Proverbs 13:14. The Word Of God Says The Law Of The Wise Is Fountain Of Life. To Turn One Away From The Snares Of Death. To Turn One Away From The Destruction Of Human Being That Cannot Defend Himself Or Herself In The Womb. To Turn A Mother Away From Suffering With The Memory Of Choosing To Destroy Her Child. To Turn One Away From The Condemnation Of Murder. Again, Proverb 7:13-14 Says The Law Of The Wise Is A Fountain Of Life. To Turn One Away From The Snares Of Death. I Beseech You To Please Be A Fountain Of Life And To Make A Stand To Preserve Life And To Save Life. Thank You For Your Time.

Anyone Else To Speak At This Time?

Did You Already Speak?

No, That Is My Brother.

I Am Parker Garner From Estero. In Nazi Germany We Are Not To Bandage Wounds, We Are To Drive The Spoke In The Wheel. Silence In The Face Of Evil Is Evil. God Will Not Hold Us Guiltless. Not To Speak Is To Speak. The Man Whose Painting Is A Man Not A Man Until He Learns To Obey. Obey The God Who Admit And Formed You In The Womb Of Your Mother Like The 40,500 Children Put To Death This Year In The State. The Jewish King Solomon Says In Proverbs These Belong To The Wise. Not Good To Show Partiality And Judgment. He Had Sayings To Wicked. A Great Blessing Upon Them. Righteous Judgment Early In The Same Chapter. Deliver Those Toward Death And Hold Those Stumbling. Does Not He Who Keeps Your Soul, Does He Not Know It Render To Each Man According To The Deeds. Let Us Here Conclusion Of Whole Matter Fear God And Keep His Commandments. God Will Bring Every Work To Judgment, Every Secret Thing Good Or Evil. This Will Be Before God On The Day Of Judgment. When You Stand Before God, Do You Want To Say I Did All I Could To Protect Children Or Would You Give The Same Excuses We Heard Today. One More Thing I Heard Ignorantly Stated "The Bible" Exodus 21:25. If A Man Accidentally Strikes A Pregnant Woman While Fighting With Another Man, And The Woman's Children Come Out, He Man Who Struck Her Must Pay A Fine If There Is No Harm. If There Is Harm, The Punishment Is To Match The Injury. He Shall Pay As The Judge Is Determined. Life For Life, Eye For Eye, Tooth For Tooth, Hand For Hand, Foot For Foot, Burn For Burn, Wound For Wound And Stripe For Stripe.

I Don't See Anyone Else To Speak. Anyone Else? I Will Close Public Comment. I Will Bring It Back To The Board. Before I Do So I Would Like To Mention We Listen To Everyone. We Were Quiet. We Were Respectful. Now We Are Going To Obviously Have A Decision To Make. Please Show Us The Same Respect. No Matter What Happens Here I Would Appreciate If No One Reacts. These Are Tough Decisions. We Have Listened For Three Different Board Meetings. I Felt Like It Was Very Important We Heard All Sides And I Think We Have. I Would Like To Bring It Back To The Board For Discussion. Would Anyone Like To Open Discussion? I Will Open Discussion. The Resolution Today Before Us Today Is Intended To Oppose Language In Amendment 4. Because It Is Very Vague. I

Encourage All Of Us To Read The Amendment Carefully. This Resolution Does Not Change Anyone's Ability To Vote. It Would Be A Resolution Saying Please Read It. Please Look At It. I Think The Language Is Vague For A Reason. I Would Not Consider Myself A Leader If I Didn't Stand Up And Realize And Read The Resolution And Say There Is Something Wrong Here. I Think It Is Important That We Bring That Up. That Is My Discussion Part Of It. I Wanted Everyone To Have Ability To Speak. It Is A Hot Subject. There Is No Right Answer. We Are Divided Country. We Should Always Understand We Can Help The Unborn. How Can We Do That? Read It Carefully. Everyone. This Is Not Restricting Anyone's Ability To Vote. When People Say That, That Is Not True. That Is What I Would Like To Say. Would Anyone Else Like To Comment On The Board? I Will Make A Comment, Mr. Chairman. Thank You Very Much. Some Of The Speakers And Stories Today Were Gut-Wrenching, Heart Breaking Stories That We Got A Chance To Hear Today. While Many Were Speaking I Said A Prayer For Them For Healing For Them. I Wish That The One Thing I Could Convey Is Compassion And Love And Empathy And Respect For People Who I May Disagree With On This Issue. The Greatest Commandment And We Heard A Lot Of Bible Love The Lord Your God With All Your Heart, Mind, Soul And Strength. Second Greatest Is Love Neighbor As Yourself. Love God And Love People. I Just Want People To Know Even If I Disagree With You On This Issue, It Doesn't Mean I Don't Love You Or I Am Hateful. People Who Believe In God Are Not Fringe Extremists, Not Deplorables, Not Weird. We Are Great People Who Would Stop And Help You If You Were On The Side And The Road And Needed Help. I Agree With You, Mr. Chairman, This Language I Believe Is Very Broad, Open To Interpretation, Misleading. I Don't Think -- I Think Voters Need To Be Aware This Is Something That Deserves A Second Look. I Will Support That Motion When It Is Made.

Anyone Else? Commissioner Ruane.

Thank You. Appreciate Our County Attorney Bringing This To Our Forefront. I Was Asked On Saturday.

Have A Great Day, Sir.

I Was Asked On Saturday Why Is This Before Us? Is It Right Or Wrong? In My 18 Years In The Government The Constituent Voices Speak As Loudly As They Have. This Issue Has Come Out Loudly And Clearly. I Don't Get To Choose The Votes I Make. I Have To Make Them Regardless. I Have To Suppress My Personal Feelings In This Issue. I Listen To The Majority Of People Here And E-Mails We Read, Answered Every Single One. We Have Dealt With Them. I Agree With The Two Commissioners. I Feel That Constituent Indicated What Their Believe Is Whether You Agree Or Disagree. Think Through The Processes. I Have Seen A Lot Of Emotional Speakers And Excused Some Emotion That Threatens If I Don't Vote This Particular Way Vote Me Out Of Office. That Is Your Prerogative. Every Day That Is What I Do. If This Vote Changes Your Mind So Be It. It Is My Responsibility To Vote This Way. It Is The Constituents That Asked Us To Do So And They Have Been Here Three Or Four Meetings. In The Last Four Years I Haven't Seen That Engagement With Constituents On Many Issues. I Do Think Is Language Is Too Vague, This Is Something We Have A Right As Resolution To Put Forward. As Everyone Indicated It Is Something Opposing The Vagueness In The Wording. Those Are My Comments.

Those People To Vote For Us Left The Room. The Elephant In The Room. We Are Here Today Because Dnc Decided To Challenge Statement Of Florida Because Of The Legislation. This Is Now In

Our Lap Because The State Made Decisions. They Had Desantis Or Another Resident Running For President They Need To Push Polls To Drive People To Vote This Year. This Is What They Use Emotional Issue. We Had This Discussion At The End Of The Day We Don't Want This Discussion With Our Neighbors. They Have To Because They Made This Issue To Bring People To The Polls. Very Vague Issues With Funding To The County If It Is Passed. The Dnc Know It Will Be Challenged. The Goal Is To Drive People To The Polls For Presidential Election. I Disagree I Understand Why We Are Here. I Support My Colleagues On This.

Commissioner Sandelli.

Very Personal And Strong Opinions On Both Sides. It Is Clearly Communicated To The Board. In The End This Will Be Decided Boy All Of Us At Election Time. Personally I Am Pro-Life. When I Cast My Individual Vote In November I Will Do So Accordingly. I Trust And Honor My Position As I Will Honor Yours. I Was Taken Back When The Board Was Asked To Be Involved In This. My Constituency Is All Of Lee County. Yes Vote Or No Vote. Again, Final Decision Will Come From All Who Will Vote In November As It Should Be. We Should Be Carefully Studying The Topic, Helping Inform People, Trusting Our Own Beliefs And Vote Accordingly As We See Fit. My Feeling Is That I Would Not Adopt The Resolution As It Stands.

That I Will Make My Last Comment Unless Commissioners Want To Add To That. My Comment Is This Shows How Voting Goes. Everyone Has A Right To Their Opinion. Everyone Has A Right To Make A Vote. That Is What Happened Here Today. Even With This Board. That Being Said I Will Ask Does Anyone Want To Make A Motion?

Mr. Chair, I Move Approval Of The Resolution To Oppose Amendment 4.

Second.

Any Further Discussion? Seeing None. Any Objections?

We Have Objection From Commissioner Sandelli. Resolution Passes 4-1. Thank You. I Will Allow A Moment If Everyone Would Like To, We Have More Business. I Will Hold Up Before The Next Item For People That Are Leaving.

We Are Still In Session. Please Step Outside Unless You Have Future Business. We Have More Business In Front Of Us. Thank You.

Walk-Ons And Carry-Overs. No Walk-Ons And Carry-Overs.

We Will Move To Commissioner Items. Commissioner Hamman Any Items.

None.

Commissioner Pendergrass.

I Want To Bring Up Something. Long Weekend. I Wasn't Sure If Anybody Else Has To Talk About We Had Communications About Transportation To Sanibel. Commissioner Ruane Has Been Engaged. With The Fdot Bridge Closure. I E-Mailed Staff About That. I Don't If There The Other Communication To Have Our Delegations To Work With Fdot To Reduce Not Just Congestion The Lack Of Accessibility That Is Going To Hurt Businesses And Restaurants On Captiva And Sanibel.

Mr. Harner.

We Have A Meeting Today We Will Approach That Subject.

Over The Weekend I Got E-Mails And Phone Calls. I Wanted To Be Sure If There Is An Update. I Am Sure You Will Update Us.

Commissioner Sandelli.

I'm Good.

Commissioner Ruane.

Clarification. We Arranged To To Meet With Lk About Pine Island And Sanibel Issues. I Am Meeting With Lee Health People With Staff To Go Over Financial Information. I Will Report Back At The Next Commission Meeting As Commission Items So You Have The Same Information. I Believe I Disbursed The Information Given To Me As I Continued To Do That I Will Make Sure We Have It To The County Manager And You Get Every Piece I Get. Those Are My Only Items, Sir.

I Would Like To Discuss Nomination Of Anthony Far Hat To Serve As Voting Member And Chair Of The Cdbg-Dr Affordable Housing Development Evaluation Committee. Any Public Comment On This? Okay.

Second To The Motion.

That Is A Motion And I Need The Second. Second From Commissioner Pendergrass. Discussion? No Discussion. Motion Approves Unanimous 5-0. Moving On To Committee Appointment Commissioner Hamman?

One Reappointment I Move We Reappoint Amy Tibo To Land Development Code Advisory Committee.

Second.

Objections? Second From Commissioner Ruane. No Objections 5-0. Commissioner Pendergrass.

No Pointnents.

Commissioner Sandelli.

No Appointments.

Ruane No Appointments.

I Have Appointment.

Don Bell Marriage To Cdbg-Dr Affordable Housing Committee And Jim France To Land Development Code Committee.

Second.

Objections?

No Objections. Moves Unanimously. Any Other Further Business In The Front Of Us? Seeing None, We Are Adjourned.

Sorry County Manager Would You Like To Speak Today?

We Have Nothing Other Than The Budget Hearing At 5:00 Today In This Chambers.

County Attorney Items?

Nothing Further.

I Am Sorry I Didn't Recognize You All. A Lot Of Cards And Names Mispronounced. Public Presentation Of Matters By Citizens. I Do Have A Comment Card. Tara Jenner.

In My Private Capacity. Not In This One. I Would Like To Raise I Am Sure You Came With The Concerns Regarding Supervisor Of Elections Tommy Doyle. Efforts Have Been Made To Reach Out To Cord Bird For Input. The Word We Got Back Was It Is A County Matter, County Financial Matter, Something That Needs To Be Addressed Here. It Has Nothing To Do With Election Integrity. I Don't Know What If Anything The Board Can Do Or Consider But My Concern As Private Citizen Is That Forget The Salacious Aspect Of It. That Is Not What I'm Talking About. My Concern Is There Are At Least Allegations Raised And Concerns Brought To Light That County Money That Was Used Or Money That Was Supposed To Be Used Through The Supervisor Of Elections Office May Have Been Miss Appropriated Either Because Of Time Spent On The Job Doing Activities Not Work Related And/Or Settlement Agreement That Was Maybe Using Moneys Inappropriately. I Would Like The Commission To Please Look Into Whether This Is Something That Falls Within Your Purview And If So My Recommendation Would Be If You Have The Authority To Do So Maybe Put Some Leverage For Lack Of Better Description If You Don't Have That Authority Upon The Powers That Be To Be Able To Have An Audit Done Of The Finances Through The Supervisor Of Elections Office And Have Law Enforcement Look To See If There Is Any Criminal Intent. Leaving It Vague And Undefined Without Decision Is Not In Best Interest Of Lee County. I Am Not Saying Anything Is Inappropriate Being Done. When There Is "Spectre" Of Inappropriateness Out There It Can Impact The Way Our County Government Is Perceived How Elections And Integrity Of Elections Are Perceived. Having Said That My Recommendation Is A Little Further If There Is An Investigation Done From Comptrollers Or Legal Standpoint It Should Be Done From Outside The County. I'm Not Saying There Is Improprity There Is Potential Appearance Because Of Campaign Finance Manager Connections Between Mr. Doyle And Other Individuals Who Normally In Lee County That Would Address Those Matters. I Throw That For Your Consideration And Leave It At That. Thank You.

Would Anyone Else Like To Speak On Public Presentation Matters Of Matters By Citizens? Please Star Again, Joyce.

Joyce Campana. I Have A Card Up There, Too. Since You Just Passed The Resolution Opposed Amendment 4 I Am Asking The Board To Passion Resolution In Favor Of Adult Personal Use Of Marijuana Known As Amendment 3 To Allow Anyone Over 21 To Use And Possess Up To 3 Ounces Marijuana Fiscal And Personal Health Issues For Supporting. I Understand Budget Hearing First Today. This Is Right Up Your Alley. Florida Division Of Elections Estimates Increase In State Tax Annually Ranging From Low Of \$195.6 Million To \$431.3 Million. Not Including The Possible Enactment Of Excise Tax. The Start-Up Costs Of Approximately \$20 Million Would Be Covered By The Revenue Generated During The First Year. Revenues From Amendment 3 Would Generate More Revenues Than Source Like Tolls Identified In Your Commissioners 23-24 Strategic Priorities.

Passage Of Amendment 3 May Lead To A Boost In Tourism Dollars. Job Generation And Those Numbers Are Based On What Is Seen In Other States. Job Generation And Less Prison Crowding Were Identified In Those Other States As Cost Savings. Legislation Would Allow Law Enforcement To Direct Efforts To More Severe And Heinous Crimes. In Terms Of Jobs Amendment 3 Would Directly Benefit Existing Florida Business. Local Grower Of Marijuana. Generate Paying Jobs. We Know Florida Has Medical Marijuana Use This Is For Personal Use To Relieve Pain Depression Anxiety And Stress As Alternative To Alcohol To Promote Joy And Relaxation. Passage Of Amendment 3 Means Public Spaces Will Remain Smoke Free There Are Laws To Allow Regulation Like Tobacco. Existing Laws Enforce Smoking In The Undesignated Areas. 15 Florida Counties And Cities De Criminalized Marijuana Based On Benefits In Other States Revenues And Tourism Dollars And Health And Well-Being Of Citizens Of Lee County Resident The. I Ask You To Prepare Resolution For The September 17 Board Meeting. The Precedent By Pressing Amendment 4 Is Requested By Another Group Mandates You Respond To Constituents Supporting This Amendment.

Anyone Else To Speak At This Time? Seeing None, I Close Public Comment. There Is Not A Workshop This Afternoon. There Is A 5:05 P.M. Public Hearing On Budget Today. If There Is No Further Business Before Us.

Mr. Chairman I Apologize. We Don't Normally Do This. Given First Speakers Concerns It Touches On Matter Which You Have All Individually Contacted My Office Regarding And As I Commended To You Individually And Now Publicly With Regard To The Supervisor Of Elections That Is A Separately Elected Constitutional Officer. As Such The County Commissioners Does Not Have Regulatory Authority Over That Individual. That Individual Is Answerable To The Governor And/Or Commission On Ethics With Regard To An Audit Is My Understanding His Office As It Does Annually As Part Of County Overall Audit Sent To Auditor General For The State Of Florida. Issues Are Addressed. However, As I Stated To You Privately The Board Of County Commissioners Does Not Have Regulatory Authority Over The Conduct Of Affairs Of Separately Elected Constitutional Officer. I Apologize For Interruption.

I Appreciate You Bringing That Up. It Was Oversight On My Part. Any Other Business In Front Of Us? We Are Adjourned.