

Initiative Petition to Amend the Charter of the City of Daytona Beach

I am a registered voter of the City of Daytona Beach and hereby petition that the following amendment to the City Charter of the City of Daytona Beach be submitted to the City Commission of the City of Daytona Beach as required by Section 40 of the City Charter and, if the City Commission fails to pass the measure as proposed, that the measure be submitted to a vote of the electors of the City of Daytona Beach as provided in the City Charter.

Name (please print) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

TITLE: Election Reform

SUMMARY: In city elections, prohibits contributions from corporate entities or labor unions, or from entities related to corporations or labor unions. Prohibits use of the seal, uniforms, badges, insignias or equipment of the city in connection with city elections.

Article V, Section 26 of the City Charter is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26. - State election laws applicable.

Except as provided herein, all general laws of the State of Florida relating to elections and the registration of persons qualified to vote therein, which are not inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this act shall be and the same are hereby adopted as parts hereof. Elections of mayor and city commissioners shall be nonpartisan and references in general law to political parties and party primaries shall not be applicable to city elections.

Notwithstanding the provisions of general law, no candidate for election for mayor or commissioner shall accept any contribution from any corporate entity or from any labor union, or from any political committee or committee of continuous existence related to a corporation or labor union or which receives, directly or indirectly, in excess of 10% of its contributions from a corporation or labor union. Any candidate who violates this provision shall be deemed to have withdrawn his or her candidacy and, if elected, shall be deemed to have ceased to possess the requisite qualifications for office as described herein, and the office so held by said mayor or city commissioner shall, upon the happening of such event, be considered vacant and shall be filled as other vacancies hereinafter provided.

Use of the seal, uniforms, badges, insignias or equipment of the city shall be limited to the official business of the city. Use of the seal, uniforms, badges, insignias or equipment of the city in connection with any political campaign is prohibited. Any violation of this provision shall constitute a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, the violator shall be fined per violation, not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or be imprisoned not exceeding six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

The following registered voters shall be officially regarded as filing the petition: Ron Bynum, 2616 S. Peninsula Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118; Greg Gimbert, 255 Euclid Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118; Keon Williams, 645 Dr. Mary Bethune BLVD., Lefevre #12, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114; Scott Jackson, 445 Dorothy Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32117; George Smith 1033 Chaffee PL., Daytona Beach, Florida 32116.

Pd. Pol. Adv. Paid for, by Striving Towards A New Daytona, (STAND). 2616 S. Peninsula Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32118.