



# CITY OF WEST PARK RESIDENTS!

## Amendment 1: Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption

### What You Should Know

Language that will be on the November 6, 2018 Election Ballot:  
*CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII,  
SECTION 37 INCREASED HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION—Proposing  
an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting  
the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all  
levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect January 1, 2019.*

**AMENDMENT 1 PICKS WINNERS AND LOSERS.** With Amendment 1, most benefits go to only a handful of homeowners. That's not fair. Florida's tax system should work for all homeowners, across the board—not just a few. WITH AMENDMENT 1, SOME WIN—BUT MOST LOSE! Amendment 1 isn't a tax cut, it's a tax shift. Just a handful of homeowners get most of the benefits and the rest of us get most of the burden, meaning either fewer local services or higher local taxes.

**AMENDMENT 1—ONE SIZE DOESN'T FIT ALL.** Amendment 1 is a one-size fits-all scheme devised by Tallahassee politicians. But what's good for some communities isn't always good for others. Changing local property taxes should be done locally, not through a statewide constitutional amendment.

**AMENDMENT 1 MEANS HIGHER TAXES FOR MILLIONS OF FLORIDIANS.** Amendment 1 isn't what it seems. The politicians call it a tax break, but it's really a tax SHIFT that will leave millions of hardworking homeowners with a bigger share of the property tax burden.

**WITH AMENDMENT 1, SOME PAY LESS BUT MILLIONS PAY MORE.** While some would pay next to nothing, millions would pay more. If your home value is too high or too low, this amendment isn't for you. Even if communities don't raise taxes or slash services, the smaller base will face a bigger tax burden.

**AMENDMENT 1 HURTS SMALL BUSINESSES.** Amendment 1 is a double-whammy for small businesses. First, it shifts taxes onto small businesses—everything from pet stores and drycleaners to retailers and restaurants. Second, Amendment 1 exposes small businesses to bigger tax hikes later because a business's taxable value grows faster than that of a home. That means business owners will shoulder a larger share of the tax burden. That's bad for small business and bad for our economy.

**ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

**Vote NO On  
Amendment 1**