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Discussion on Sales Tax on Services

According to news reports, past Senate President John McKay is set to resurrect discussion of the sales tax exemption plan - a.k.a. sales tax on services - today at the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission. McKay claims closing the exemption would alleviate a \$12 billion shortfall due to property tax reform.



1000 Friends Opposes Hometown Democracy Amendment

1000 Friends of Florida released their position regarding the Hometown Democracy Amendment this week - a very strong OPPOSITION. 1000 Friends of Florida promotes healthy urban and natural places by wise management of growth and change. They educate, advocate, negotiate and, when necessary, litigate to protect high quality of life. Their stated reasons for opposition include: High-Priced Media Campaigns, NIMBYism or "Not In My Back Yard", Piecemeal Planning, Sprawl, Legal Gridlock, and Legislative Backlash.

The support of 1000 Friends gives extra weight to keeping the Hometown Democracy Amendment off the ballot, and additional resources for local communities to contact for information. If you would like to read the complete position released, [CLICK HERE](#).

Green building information

"Our environment is currently under duress and without it intact, we don't live. Design is the first strategy that should be used to reduce the need for fossil-fuel energy, and architects have been trained with design techniques that are no-cost or low-cost. These strategies can dramatically reduce the facilities' need for fossil-fuel energy." Thus states 2008 AIA Florida Vice President Michael Lingerfelt, AIA in a fact sheet he created about green building and the effects that design has on our

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