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Amendment 5 Knocked off November Ballot

In a ruling released Thursday, Judge John C. Cooper ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, the Coalition to Protect Florida's Economy, in a case filed to remove Amendment 5 from the November 2008 general election ballot.

During Wednesday's hearing before him in Circuit Court and in his written opinion, Judge Cooper agreed that Amendment 5's ballot title and summary were misleading to voters on several counts.



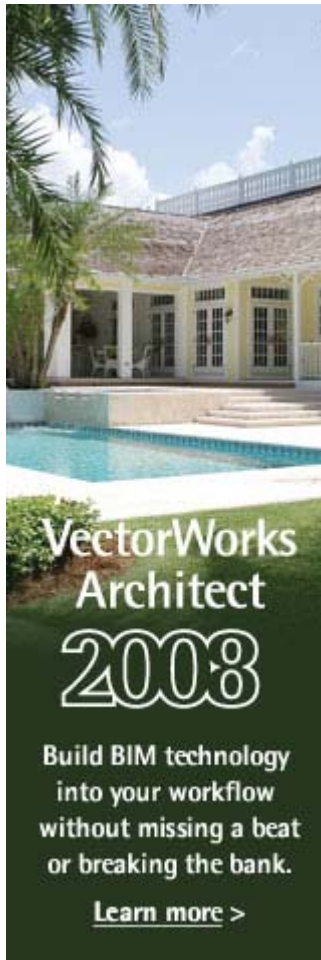
"I was very pleased with the way the arguments went yesterday and felt Judge Cooper had a firm understanding of the issues. Unfortunately for them, opposing counsel's arguments fell short," said the Coalition's attorney Barry Richard.

Defendants in the case can appeal the Circuit Court decision. In that event, the case would go to the First District Court of Appeals (DCA) where the court could either hear the case or immediately certify it to the Florida Supreme Court for a final decision. Two other similar cases on Amendments 7 and 9 proposed by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission (TBRC) were recently appealed to the DCA and immediately certified to the Florida Supreme Court.

Amendment 5, placed on the ballot by TBRC, would do away with the required local effort portion of county property taxes that go to support schools. The proposal directs the Legislature to replace the roughly \$8 billion that would be lost with other revenue sources, including increased sales tax.

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But Cooper said that he is concerned because the proposal only directs the Legislature to replace the money in 2010-11.

"The clear implication is that the school funding lost by the cut in ad valorem taxes will be fully replaced by the State of Florida on a permanent basis," Cooper wrote. "The proposed amendment does not do this. It provides a hold harmless for schools for only one year."

The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) Executive Vice President, Vicki Long, CAE, is pleased with the ruling, but is still wary of Amendment 5's proponents.

"While the ruling is a good sign, the battle will surely continue in appeals," Long said. "The proponents of the amendment are tenacious and will continue to pursue the proposal that would force the Legislature to tax currently untaxed services-such as those provided by architects."

To read more about Amendment 5 and a history of a sales tax on services in Florida, [CLICK HERE](#).

Revamped Site Offers Old and New Features

AIA Florida recently unveiled a new website during the 2008 Annual Convention. The new site looks like an architect's blueprint drawings and features new items, but AIA Florida made sure to maintain much of the content from the old site that members found useful. From general information about AIA Florida to the role of an architect, aiafla.org still has members covered.



The new site boasts several new areas including an emerging professionals section and an updated media center with the latest member and architecture-related news.

Designed by a Tallahassee-based media graphics firm, the refurbished site captures the look of architecture, the feel of good design and the information AIA Florida members want and need. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit today!

AIA Jacksonville Responds to FAPAC Challenge

AIA Jacksonville recently donated \$2,500 to the Florida Architects' Political Action Committee (FAPAC) in response to AIA Northwest's component challenge.

In May, FAPAC Chair Rick Logan, AIA, issued a member and component challenge to donate at least \$25 per

AIA Working For You

AIA Florida has a new section on the website just for emerging professionals. Young professionals can get the latest information, news, and events updates [HERE](#).

Quote of the Week

"Elegance is a combination of wit and simplicity."

-Garison Keeler

Have a favorite quote?
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architect or component member. In response, AIA Northwest not only committed to donating \$25 per member, they also issued a challenge for all Florida components to do the same.

To date, the following components have stepped up to the challenge with donation pledges: AIA Palm Beach, AIA Orlando, AIA Tampa Bay, AIA Tallahassee, AIA Miami and now AIA Jacksonville.

FAPAC contributions are critical to the Association's political involvement and support of those candidates that support the architecture and design/build industries. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate today!

Foundation Silent Auction is a Success

The Florida Foundation for Architecture (FFA) hosted its 2nd Annual Silent Auction, Art by Architects, during the AIA Florida 2008 Annual Convention in Palm Beach. The auction occurred during the reception for the 2008 Florida/Caribbean Design & Honor Awards Program.

The Foundation would like to thank all those who donated artwork for the auction. Donated art included a range of items such as winning photographs from AIA Miami's 14th Annual International Photographic Competition to acrylic artwork from various AIA Florida members.

With more than 40 items available for bid, the silent auction raised \$2,870. The proceeds will go toward supporting FFA's efforts.

Possible Razing for another Sarasota Landmark

Another Sarasota landmark is on the chopping block for possible razing barely two months after the Sarasota School Board voted to demolish Paul Rudolph's Riverview High School.

According to a recent article in the *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, the building is a bank that was built in 1974 for First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Manatee County. The bank was designed by Sarasota architect and AIA Florida member, Jack West, AIA, and is considered a well-preserved example of the popular Sarasota School of Architecture.

A local resident began to galvanize efforts to save the building after it was made public that a development firm filed plans with the city to demolish the bank and build a 14,000-square-foot pharmacy.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article in its entirety.

Prominent Tampa Architect Passes Away

Well-known Tampa architect, Henry Glen Richmond, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 2. He was 70 years old.

Richmond was born in El Paso, Texas, but grew up in Tampa where he attended Plant High School. He later graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in architecture. He worked in Atlanta for several years as an architect and then moved back to Tampa where he started the Stewart/Richmond architecture firm.

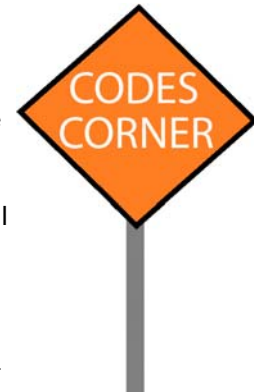
The majority of his adult life was spent in Tampa as an architect, expert witness and professional arbitrator, and he was a member of the code enforcement board of Tampa for many years.

"Glen was a significant figure in Tampa's architectural world in the 70s and 80s," said Vivian Salaga, AIA, past AIA Florida president and current AIA Tampa Bay member. "We are deeply saddened by this loss and we extend sincere condolences to his family."

FBC to Meet in Naples Next Week

The Florida Building Commission will meet in Naples starting Aug. 18 - Aug. 20 to review all proposed glitch amendments to the 2007 edition of the Florida Building Code, which is scheduled for release on Dec. 31. Final acceptance of the proposed glitches will take place at the October meeting.

Also, the Building Officials Association (BOAF) now has Florida Building Code CDs available for purchase at the BOAF Market Place. [CLICK HERE](#) to order.



AIA Florida offers BIM Symposium

AIA Florida, in conjunction with McGraw-Hill Construction, Associated Builders & Contractors and Zetlin & De Chiara LLP, will host a breakfast symposium on the practical application of building information modeling (BIM).

The symposium is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 21 in Broward County at the Sheraton Suites. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the program begins at 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Hear prominent individuals in the world of design and construction share their insights on the practical application of BIM, its impact on the future of the building industry, and the professional and legal issues that arise in a BIM new world.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Continuing Education

Hot Topics Registration is Now Open

The wait is over-the wildly popular Hot Topics is back and coming to a city near you! Starting Sept. 24 through Sept.



26, AIA Florida will present three classes pertaining to the Florida Building Code. The seminars offer 6.5 LU hours and 6.5 HSW hours.

The state requires a minimum of two hours of an advanced FBC course every biennium. This seminar will include five hours of advanced FBC courses.

The Hot Topic cities are Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando and Pensacola. The cost to attend is \$275 for members and \$375 for non-members. This excellent price covers an entire day and three full courses.

The topics include:

- Significant Differences in the New 2007 Florida Building Codes- Advanced Course. This course is worth 3 LU Hours (3 HSW).
- Selection of Windows and Doors in Compliance with Current Building Codes. This course is worth 1.5 LU Hours (1.5 HSW).
- Advanced FBC Accessibility Compliance Course: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly - Or Why Did I Do That???. This course is worth 2 LU Hours (2 HSW).

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register today!

Early Registration for EP Conference

Closes Monday

Early registration for the 4th Annual Emerging Professionals' Conference closes on Monday, Aug. 18. After Monday, regular registration fees will apply.



Scheduled for Oct. 17-18 in Miami Lakes at the Shula's Hotel & Golf Club, the EP Conference is full of interesting continuing education opportunities for the young architect professional.

For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Component Happenings

AIA Jacksonville

Fire Sprinkler Options in the IBC and Life Safety Code
Wednesday, Aug. 20. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
The program is from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Earn 6 HSW continuing education credits.
The fee is \$50 for AIA members and \$65 for non-members.
To RSVP and to pay online, visit www.aiajacksonville.org. Contact Lane Manis at lane.manis@aiajacksonville.org for more information.

AIA Gulf Coast

Tour of new Sterling Park office building
Aug. 21 at 5:45 p.m.
2900 Bee Ridge Road in Sarasota

AIA Ft. Lauderdale

The Built Environment and Health Seminar
Thursday, Sept. 18. Admission is free.
Exact time and location to be determined.
1 LU HSW Hour.

AIA Orlando

Annual Meeting & Lecture by Jonathan Segal, FAIA - "Architect as a Developer"
Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
The free event will be held at the Orlando Museum of Art (2416 North Mills Avenue).
Please RSVP to rsvp@aiaorlando.com by Friday, Sept. 19.

Have your component's event listed here. Email them to Monica McDonald at mmcdonald@aiafla.org.
[For more events, visit our calendar.](#)

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