



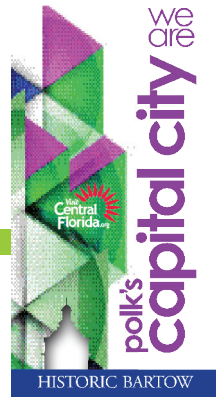
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WELCOME TO YOUR FIRST DAY IN SESSION!

HB 9 - OPPOSE

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

*Dear House Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee,
I urge you to OPPOSE HB 9. Please consider the following. This is vital to our Cities for the following reasons:*

- * Our city has had a very successful track record with our CRA. (please see attached Annual Report)*
- * We fully support legislation to improve the use of municipalities' use of CRAs to effectively carry out redevelopment and community revitalization.*
- * My city's CRA is our community's best tool for improving infrastructure, maximizing local resources and making long-lasting positive changes. (please see attached Annual Report)*
- * This redevelopment tool is used by both Florida cities and counties of all sizes, from BARTOW, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville to Madison and Apalachicola.*
- * This financing system is successful because it provides specific public services without increasing or levying any new taxes. No state money is involved. This is local tax dollars being put to work locally.*
- * HB 9 phases out all CRAs by 2039 unless reauthorized by a 2/3 vote of the body that created the CRA. The "body" that created it may have shifted, and if so, could disqualify the reauthorization based on the shift. This provision is not needed and hurts the stability that investors need to relocate into a CRA.*
- * HB 9 requires any new CRA created after October 1, 2019, be created by a county-wide referendum receiving a 2/3 vote of the electorate. This is an extremely onerous provision that dilutes the voice of voters who live and work inside a proposed CRA whose local taxes fund the CRA. County residents outside of a municipal CRA boundary are not affected and do not fund activities inside the CRA and should not have a voice in the creation of a new CRA.*

Thank you for your time and efforts in making our cities and state great, you are most appreciated.

*Most Respectfully,
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