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In advance of the final hearing and votes I offer these observations based on my 35+ years of local government experience. During my career I have served as a local government CEO for 19 years, as a Deputy CEO for 10 years, and have worked for 3 municipalities, 2 county governments, including a constitutional office. I have encountered almost every imaginable situation that could occur in local government.

- Before we proceed to propose new rules and regulations I feel we have a responsibility to first fully understand what currently is in place, and how it actually works. I am not convinced this has always been the case.
- Recognize that opinions and assumptions being expressed are not always factually based on accurate information.
- We have a responsibility to confirm there is a real need for a Charter change to be proposed, and not just rely on undocumented opinions, hunches, or incomplete information expressed by a speaker.
- We have a responsibility to fully understand the cost, and the consequences to the community of our proposals.
- Lastly I remind each of you the Charter is intended to provide in the broadest sense a general framework of how the government is structured and how it is to operate. The Code of Ordinances and County Commission policies are intended to provide detailed requirements, regulations, etc., which can more readily be modified as the need and experience dictate.