



**PREEMPTION TRANSPARENCY PROPOSAL  
(CRC PROPOSAL 61)  
MUNICIPAL HOME RULE POWERS  
Talking Points**

***STRENGTHENS LOCAL DECISION-MAKING***

Proposal 61 is based on a simple idea: Local decisions should be made by local communities, not distant government. In a state as big and diverse as Florida, each city, town and village should be governed by residents who are elected by the citizenry.

***EMPOWERS PEOPLE BY LIMITING GOVERNMENT***

Proposal 61 says the state must justify passing policies that concentrate power in Tallahassee at the expense of local cities and taxpayers. Furthermore, it requires that state policies curtailing local rights pass by a two-thirds majority vote and be no broader than necessary. Those are sensible, balanced checks against the aggressive expansion of state powers.

***REQUIRES GREATER TRANSPARENCY***

Proposal 61 requires the state Legislature to provide at least 48 hours public notice before restricting the decision-making rights of a city and its citizens. That will give state lawmakers, local leaders and all Floridians time to review bills that could restrict the rights and freedoms of local communities.

***PROMOTES COMMONSENSE POLICYMAKING***

Proposal 61 says that any policy to restrict the rights of local communities should be considered on its own merits, as a standalone bill, and not be tacked on to “must-pass” legislation during the final hours of the legislative session, without the benefit of a full debate in broad daylight.