

Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

Wes Benwick, Chair Jason Fischer, Vice Chair Joe Andrews, Secretary

RESOLUTION 2010-9

EXPRESSING THE TRUE COMMISSION'S SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE BILL J-4 AND PENDING CITY ORDINANCE 2010-814 SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER REGARDING TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the TRUE Commission is composed of a number of citizens representing community and business interests, all of whom bring a variety of skills and perspectives to the process of reviewing and commenting upon City financial and management issues; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed proposed legislative bill J-4 which would amend the City Charter to add a new Chapter 3 – Transparency In Government – to Article 1, and pending Ordinance 2010-814 which would express the City Council's endorsement of and support for the passage of J-4 by the Duval Legislative Delegation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission believes that public trust and confidence in the fair and efficient operation of government is vital to the success of representative democracy, and believes that the measures proposed in J-4 will provide important procedural safeguards and additional avenues for public understanding of and participation in their city government legislative process; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the TRUE Commission hereby supports and encourages the adoption by the Duval County Legislative Delegation of proposed legislative bill J-4, and supports and encourages the passage by the City Council of pending Ordinance 2010-814 expressing support for the passage of legislative bill J-4.

Adopted by an 11-0 vote of the Commission this 4th day of November, 2010.

Wes Benwick, Chairman	