



VERO BEACH IS UNIQUE COMPARED TO OTHER COASTAL CITIES BECAUSE OF PRIOR INITIATIVES TO PRESERVE ITS CHARACTER AND SCALE.

The VBPA citizens referendum follows in that tradition. A YES Vote will now, and for future generations, keep "Vero-Vero"
WE KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!



(!!!! WE THE CITIZENS GOT OUR REFERENDUM ON THE BALLOT !!!!)

That means we should be able to exercise our right to have our voices heard.
A referendum is the legal voice of the people.

*BUT the City does not want to hear the peoples' voice.
So the city decided to sue to get the referendum off the ballot!*

YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

WE, the 11k City voters, with the sympathy of many of the non-voting county residents, have the right and the power to decide the future of our parks.

It is OUR PROPERTY!

TRUTHS:

We the people, the taxpayers, are being sued using our taxpayer money to silence our voices.

The city has created fear and confusion in an attempt to use the VBPA citizen referendum as a PR campaign in order to shut down the voice of the people.

It appears that the city drafted the lawsuit before VBPA even collected enough signatures to put it on the ballot! From the outset, they chose to obstruct the peoples' voice rather than cooperate with the citizens' initiative.

They failed to do their duty.

Shockingly, intimidation and bullying have been used by the City. In fact, their "informational meeting" appeared to be scripted to culminate in a decision to sue, and that suggestion was made by the very attorney who then tried to add the Dog Park and the Rowing Club as plaintiffs in the lawsuit against us!

Confused opponents of the referendum have been directly misled by the city. Members of the Dog Park, Rowing Club and others have been led to believe they will lose control over their properties.

BUT this is NOT TRUE.

The law is clear on this issue: the leases, as the law sees them, are legal rights by contract and will NOT be impacted by the passing of the VBPA Referendum.

FIRST AMENDMENT...

-City officials said that requiring voter approval would be "too cumbersome." So they sued!

-Voting and democracy are not so cumbersome that we can't participate in our future. The right to petition the government for redress of grievance is protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and we should use that right.

What is tragic is that the City can use the courts to disrupt a fair election just by costing us expense and time.

Outstanding Questions:



- Why shouldn't the citizens have a say via ballot in the development of our recreational properties?*
- Why are the City and the opponents of the referendum so afraid of the people's vote? Is it all about money? Special interests? Uncontrolled growth?*
- Why has the City made every effort to wear the people down? Are they counting on citizen fatigue, and using the taxpayers' money to force citizens to deplete their own energy and resources?*