

The Peoples Convention of Florida

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The Peoples Convention of Florida-win



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Success is not truly measured in monetary gain, notoriety or fame. Success is measured by doing everything in our personal power to reach our goals and the reaching of those goals themselves. Similarly, leadership (not to be confused with power) is not measured in how well we command others but how well we command ourselves. Our pasts may not ideal, they may strike a deep cord of injustice within our hearts but they are all rungs on the ladder to our evolution. We must remember that tomorrow the sun will rise again and while we are unable to change our pasts, we will do well to choose in having a hand in our future. This article is my perspective and experience at The Peoples Convention of Florida which successfully did just that.

While I personally was unable to make it to Orlando's 24/7 occupation site at Senator Beth Johnson Park on Friday December 9th, 2011; I was told it was like visiting family you never knew you had. A mass meeting of the minds across the state of Florida into one central location swapping personal stories, histories, conflicts and successes with varying ages, ethnicities, jobs, opinions and beliefs uniting for one common goal; to be the change we wish to see. Into the night the people from across Florida arrived in Orlando and prepared for the task of the next two days. Energy was high, excitement, adrenaline, and passion for progress like electricity in the air that carried over well into the Convention.

When Saturday came around and individuals and groups began to gather in the court yard in front of City Hall there was a sense of peace with all that excitement. No one expects the Government to heed our call for justice, that's not why we gathered. We gathered because we know change needs to happen and we're not going to wait for the corrupt to gain conscious. Together we would come up with a plan of change, together we would work out the details of action required to make it happen and all along the way seeking the input of The People. How can we expect anyone to do what's right if we're not willing to do it ourselves? So we gathered; Orlando, Bradenton, Tampa, Key West, Sarasota, St. Pete, Miami, Daytona, Naples, Tallahassee, Palm Beach, Saint Augustine, Space Coast, Jacksonville, Tavares, Melbourne, Gainesville, Ocala, Ft. Lauderdale, and special guest drop ins from North Carolina and Puerto Rico to compile The Peoples Plan.

We converged into The People of Florida and split into Work Groups to address major umbrella topics that effect our state on the local to state level including but not limited to: Political and Electoral Reform, Labor and Workers Rights, Human Rights, Homelessness, Taxes, Inter Occupation Communication, Infrastructure and Transportation, Energy Reform, Housing and Foreclosure, etc. In these work groups a Moderator-this person kept the work group on topic and in process, Stack Taker-this person kept the list of individuals wanting to speak on an issue or make a suggestion, Minute Taker-this person recorded the meeting and discussion on paper or by typing it, Time Keeper-this person kept the time to make sure each two hours the group took a break and in some cases ensured each speaker got equal time

to speak usually limited between one and three minutes depending on the situation and group, and Vote Counters- these individuals count the consensus signals to determine if consent is given; in order to keep the work groups working efficiently and effectively and to ensure everyone attending received equal opportunity to include their input. This is what Democracy looks like.

With between ten and twenty people in each Work Group, the People of Florida got right down to it, establishing concerns that affect their Local cities to help identify state-wide issues. There was complete agreement on some ideas, creative amendments to proposals, and disagreement on others; literally hundreds of ideas and issues to go through in a single day to establish a plan of change for consensus the next day. It was frustrating, exhilarating, uplifting, hopeful and determined. We argued and we negotiated and in the end, we gave consent to lists of issues in need of redress. Lists of goals we plan to achieve. Lists of demands for justice we will not let sit idle. We take the responsibility of "We The People" seriously and some Working Groups reported to remain in session until 02:30 Sunday Morning knowing full and well the Peoples Convention of Florida First General Assembly (GA) was set to start at 08:00. Many Occupiers only pretended to sleep for a few hours, most having barely gotten any sleep on Friday night either and yet everyone seemed to understand that the corruption and greed that is choking our nation never sleeps. We came here to do a job and we did. (*see below for minutes and full lists of demands/goals/concerns*)

Sunday, December 11th, 2011 the sky was blue and spotted with fluffy clouds (cirrocumulus for you weather junkies) in a lazily quick float from the south west to the north east and the birds sang in the quiet rush of sparse traffic and meandering footsteps. Tired eyes and yawning mouths looking for like minds to converse with as the people trickled in for the GA. There were painters painting messages of peace and solidarity, drummers drumming on bucket drums, bongo drums, and hand drums secured by duct tape in an energetic rhythm of life, spray paint artists doing t-shirts and towels in visuals of the determination of this Revolution, a tattoo artist offering permanent inked reminders of such a historic event, a belly dancer in fluid tandem with the drummers progression and the freedom of form even in jeans and a t-shirt, and harmonica player that set the stage for creativity in expression of sound.

We spoke to each other as people, as individuals seeking to work in unity within a group of different ideas aiming for the same goals. We shared our fears and our hopes and we traded names and contact information. We knew this was only the beginning of a future where We The People have a hand in our government; the beginning of a time of Action with the ability to be unified across our great State. These are our communities; these are our cities, our counties, our districts, and our State. We are Occupiers, we are the people of We The People in our constitution and this is our platform for change. We welcome anyone who wants to join us and work with us to bring about positive change for the people.

When we gathered and the lists reviewed by the Facilitators work group they came to the quick realization that these hundred plus valid concerns would not be able to be addressed one at a time in a single day. We came to a quick consensus to break up back into our work groups to write a single proposal to present to the GA. Some work groups selected the most important concern and other work groups consolidated the ideas into a bigger umbrella idea that could then be explained in the "how" by some of the other ideas. The Political and Electoral reform work group, for example, proposed that Elections be made more transparent by requiring politicians to disclose entirely their campaign funds and contributions, their meeting schedules and locations, by not allowing politicians or their families to profit off of the companies they are regulating, to have paper ballots that are counted by real people and back-up counted by open software that can be verified and reviewed.

Once each work group had their proposal, combined work groups being allowed two proposals and admittedly some work groups needed more time and had to offer theirs while the GA was in process, the GA proceeded. Benches and chairs were gathered around in a large circle that included a portion of stairs surrounding City Hall. It was inspiring to see the diversity of people comingled for this important common goal. Cities were spread out among one another and we were again simply the concerned people of Florida. We had announcements from each city to the group advising of future marches, conventions and plans to help our collective occupations grow and become more successful in helping our communities and our country (*See below for full list*). We agreed on how we wanted to measure consensus by trying to reach full agreement but accepting 90% for the progression of our process (*See below for video link*). We stated why we were all here and reminded each other that this is only the beginning. That The Peoples Plan is a living testament to our goals for this Revolution and that the items in this plan are going to be taken back to each of our cities and our GA's for further discussion and planning.

Like any gathering of individuals there were disagreements, needs of clarifications, misunderstandings and points of information but the determination of the group for our goal kept the progress rolling. Compromise and quick negotiations, quiet explanations from those nearby and so on kept the people on the same page and together we reached consensus on The Peoples Plan just before the rain rolled in.

The Peoples Convention of Florida Work Group Minutes: (Raw)

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Environment Group Minutes

Dec 10, 2011

Moderator: Bill

Stacks: Vincent

Minutes: Kristen

3 minutes talking limit

Issues:

Scrapper Dave (Space Coast) Land Conservation/ Reuse of old buildings

Karen (Miami) How other countries deal with issues? State issues, local to Florida? Yes; Mega tourism vs. environmental responsibility

Jasmine (St Pete) Release of Mercury into Everglades; Death of wildlife/intro of invasives (relocate them?); offshore drilling

Ralph (Tallahassee) Factory Farms, industrial agriculture, our approach to food- 80% water consumption for livestock

Mason- (OO)Wetlands health

Kristen- (OO, OSC) GMOs, Community gardens, green roofs, organic ag subsidies

Vincent- Algae overgrowth. No tapping into St Johns River.

Jasmine- asphalt leakage near river- southside St Pete

Ralph- Chromium 6 study, Tallahassee Top 10. Paper and steel mills

Daryl (stopped by) Message not getting out...make sure we come up with solutions. Brev County buying park land for beaches.

Vincent- Preservation of St Johns River

Jasmine- Don't focus on one river

Dave- SShould be stronger than EPA standards

Karen- World's most endangered rivers- St John (probably?) on list

Ralph- Tremendous defunding of DEP \$700,000 defunded- Laws not enforced ***ENFORCEMENT***

Bill- Greenhouse gasses- solar incentives, sell back to power grid, blocked energy companies, charges us to build it, then charges to use it. SUNSHINE STATE!!!

Occupy stands behind env groups.

Karen- Sierra Club behind Occupy

Jasmine- You can sell power back, at a reduced rate

Superdan (OO) Door to door petition, make it a 50 year goal.

Ralph- PhD in Math, transformers- power grid not stable enough to send power out.

Vincent- St John's River important- all arteries off it.

Jasmine- Push for clean local water

Karen- Miami has grown/ impact from tourism

Bill- Florida occupy environmental group., approach Sierra club, keep it going.

Dave- Keep to objective- list of desires

Ralph- Farming- pull in organizations that are doing things. Tallahassee farmers alliance organized to lobby Dept of Ag, we can organize and match scale. Small food alliances/co-ops.

Superdan- Alliance with Valencia CC

Kristen- works with Brevard CC- greenhouse, community gardens getting started

Jasmine- make a list and work through topics

Bill- take break, make lists

Karen- focus on most important issues

Ralph- Nonlinear- fluid conversation

Vincent- Let everyone speak before making lists

Bill- Take a break and make list

BREAK

We went over issues

Owen- Rail transportation (he went to Transportation group)

Chris Byrd- Tallahassee- Environmental lawyer

Karen- also include vehicles

Robbie- clean coal/offshore drilling

Ralph- "Nature rights" - equador

Byrd- Renewable energy standard- climate change

Vincent- keep on topic

Ralph- move away from water

Vincent- move onto priorities

Byrd- energy demand

Lets go down the list:

Land Use-

Dave-Incentives for old buildings

Reusable buildings- made into shelters, community resource buildings- or knock it down and turn into community gardens

Jasmine- Bring students into the fold

Byrd: **Fund brownfield cleanup and redevelopment, infill redevelopment ***ALLOCATION OF TRUST FUND MONEY

Water quality:

Jasmine- Florida Set of guidelines higher should be higher than EPA

Byrd- FI *****ENFORCEMENT of Water Quality Standards

Adopt nutrient criteria for P & N

David- increase fines for enforcement, DEMAND: ENFORCE LAWS

Karen- grant money for rain water recycling

Jasmine- not just fines, but close down the polluters

Byrd- stop raiding the ***ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION TRUST FUND***

Mason- Cattail scrub P & N, especially good around sugar plantations

Robbie- No flouride dumping

Karen- protection of fishing areas

Ralph- support Offshore Drilling Ban Constitutional Amendment, petition currently circulating; investigate industrial sources of Chromium 6

Dave- Demand for statewide testing- map
Mason- Protection of mangroves- estuaries are nurseries, restore fish population, loopholes in protection.
Byrd- ***ENFORCE MANGROVE PROTECTION ACT*** Use funds in trust fund for the purpose.

Agriculture

Kristen - Statewide ban on GMOs
Robbie- GMO labeling on all ag products sold in Florida
Byrd- 'Incentives' for Organic farming- good marketing
Ralph- fees prohibitive for small farmers, only corp farms can pay it
Kristen- Propose a fee scale depending on sales
Karen- produce from farms to food not bombs, REFUND FARMSHARE
Jasmine- please post that to St Petes page

Kristen- Install green roofs on all state buildings
Kristen- Legalize hemp in the state of Florida

~Community gardening

Byrd- local issue
Ralph- sustainability issue, municipalities, also state, permitting of land use.
Byrd- state land for public interest purposes- open for use as community gardens
Jasmine- community development investment
Vincent- Community investment- Miami ½ acre land- get with Miami
Byrd- BOT- Board of Improvement- they hold regular meetings on how to use our land.
Mason- 3D community gardens space in existing structures.
Jasmine- repurposing buildings
Charlie- check with NYC community gardens

~Factory Farming-

Robbie- Nitrogen runoff, fecal runoff, antibiotic runoff, slaughter for profit
Byrd- CAFOs- discharged waste, how we house/feed/treat animals-animal feeding operation
Kristen- Phosphorus-creates algae-killing fish, Herbicides/Pesticides/insecticides into water
Ralph- 80% of water to animal feeding CAFOs
Jasmine- methane
Dave- manure into compost/renewable fuel
Ralph- Tried to make filming illegal- we want transparency
Jasmine- we are restricted, they should be also- minimum land per animal.
regulations not followed
Karen- Protect health of animals, people and environment. Kindness & Respect

~Invasive species-

Dave- Ban on bringing them in
Mason- tax money spent only on native plants, old world climbing fern caused wildfires, melaleuca, brazilian pepper, australian pine
Dave- More research on invasives before brought in
Kristen- DEMAND- only plant natives on state property- invasive species/ water issue
Ralph- Remove invasives/ food source/ create jobs
Byrd- Prohibit state from non native species

~Renewable energy

Byrd- Create an energy policy that is universally sustainable for people and the planet.

Karen-please review notes

DEMANDS: Solar- tax credits, solar panel installation on all state buildings, low income housing, all state housing

Karen- SUNSHINE STATE!! is our motto

Nick- a;; new buildings should be built with solar power.

Kristen- Offshore wind farms

Greenhouse gas coalition was suspended- we want it reconveined.

Investigate Carbon Tax

Robbie- No 'clean' coal, stop funding dirty technology.

Bill- Renewable energy standards a must

Dave- LEEDS standards on all state buildings

Karen- Balancing tourism w/ environment

Ralph- Tourism based on environment

Bill- continue meeting into the future.

Electoral reform Work Group minutes

1:15 pm Electoral Reform group commences

1:17 pm Lobbying

-A state law to ban certain lobbying practices

-FL legislature requires registration of lobbyists, the thousands of registered lobbyists must all go through a registration process. As citizens this system is divorced from our everyday knowledge. Lobbyists are required to report quarterly. They do not need to report until after the election in many cases.

VOTE: "Require more transparency in lobbying registration and the way they report their contributions" *(wording inexact)

-Note: apparently Florida politicians cannot take any donations while they are in office

-VOTE: "We support senate bill 552 (the Ethical practices act of 2012)" This is legislation that would prohibit members of the FL legislature and their families from receiving financial gains from those companies that they are regulating."

-VOTE: "We demand our state legislature to pass a non-binding resolution to support the over-turning of 'Citizen's United vs. FEC'"

NOTE: This should be emphasized in city municipalities; it would be easier to get a city to come out with a non-binding resolution.

- TABLED: A demand for Florida to call for a constitutional convention to reverse citizens united as detailed in article 5 of the constitution. We need ¾ of the states to call for a constitutional convention about the SAME ISSUE before an official constitutional convention can start.

2:07 pm George from Jacksonville

-VOTE: "We demand a Florida state amendment to hold publicly financed elections for Florida state officials"

-We want to expand access to voting. This could include a state holiday on national election day, expanded voting hours, any action to get more people voting.

-VOTE: "We demand a Florida state amendment to institute a state holiday for labor whereby every 2 years THE OFFICIAL state/national Election Day is a holiday." This is directed at increasing voter turnout.

2:35 pm Voter registration at birth

-VOTE: "We demand that those who are born in Florida are registered to vote at birth, but eligible to vote at 18"
-VOTE: "We demand that voter registration can take place on the day of voting, at the actual voting booth. Those who are not registered before arriving at the voting facility should have the ability to register at the actual time of voting."
VOTE: "We demand all votes to be made physically on paper ballots that are counted by actual people. These paper votes should be available for the public to see. We demand a ban on all electronic voting practices as well."
3:01 pm Doug: Progress energy, utility company lobbying, public service commission as an elected body

VOTE: "We demand the Public Services Commission to deny Progress Energy's request to raise consumer rates to recover their repair costs of the Crystal River Power Plant."
VOTE: "We demand the FL legislature to prohibit the act of 'Nuclear Cost Recovery'."
VOTE: "We demand the Public Services Commission to change to a state-wide elected body from the appointed body that it is now." Passed via consensus.

VOTE: We demand that all state elected representatives post public appearances prior to the appearance and post private meetings (including those in attendance of the meetings) on their official state website. We demand a repeal of the legislative body's exemption to the Sunshine law.

4:01 pm Article 5 Convention

TABLED AGAIN: A demand for Florida to call for a constitutional convention to reverse citizens united as detailed in article 5 of the constitution. **NO CONSENSUS (14 for, 2 against)**

5:01 pm Doug – Mandatory voting with financial penalties for not voting **NO CONSENSUS**

5:32 pm Incentivizing Voters instead of punishing them

NOTE: Communities can come up with their own unique ways of incentivizing people to vote. 'free dinner at XXX if you vote today!'—or the 'I VOTED' sticker

5:52 pm Wilson—lobbying, consulting fees, and taking jobs from special interests that you have regulated

TABLED: We believe that politicians who help corporations and often end up getting high-paying jobs from those same corporations is a corrupt practice that needs to stop. **NEEDS MORE DETAILS/HASHING OUT**

Ideas:

-Moratorium of XXX years of working for a corp that you regulate

-End of dubious "consulting fees" from corps while in office.

6:00 pm Non-partisanship

NOTE: We will stay non-partisan.

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Environmental Objectives

- 1) We expect to use more renewable energy in the Sunshine State of Florida.
 - We expect that subsidies and tax breaks for all non-renewable energy, such as offshore oil drilling, carbon sequestration technology, and nuclear power cease.
 - We expect that tax credits, funding & incentivizing for renewable energy sources; including but not limited to rooftop solar panels, hydrogen fuel cells, algae and biodiesel, to help them become substantially more available through both supply and cost. We expect Florida utilities to buy back electricity from private producers, including homeowners, at retail rates.
 - We expect substantial investments in offshore wind farms. *****NO CONSENSUS REACHED*****
 - We expect Statewide Renewable Energy Standards to be established.
 - We expect renewable energy and green roofs on all state buildings & housing, all of which should be rated at or above the L.E.E.D.S. platinum standards.
 - We expect the Greenhouse Gas Coalition of Florida to be reconvened.
- 2) We expect protection of the environment and the many diverse ecosystems of Florida.
 - We expect an end to Environmental Trust Fund dollars being reallocated to any projects that are outside the environmental arena. We expect complete transparency in all financial transactions concerning these environmental trust funds.
 - We expect Florida's set of water quality guidelines be higher than the E.P.A.'s, and enforced to the fullest extent. Additionally we expect the state to adopt nutrient criteria for phosphorus and nitrogen, and close down corporations that don't adhere to these guidelines.
 - We expect an investigation into the industrial sources of Chromium-6 and statewide industrial/commercial testing for Chromium-6 byproducts. ***Per Chris Jasurek's recommendation, we should remove this from our demands. It's not a state-wide problem and action is being taken on it***
 - We expect the immediate end to the dumping of fluoride in our waterways and oceans.
 - We expect the enforcement of the Mangrove Protection Acts and to close all loopholes associated with those laws.
 - We expect funds for Brownfield cleanup and development, and infill developments to defer sprawl.
 - We expect funding for rain water collection and filtration units added to private homes to fight the severe water depletion crisis in the state of Florida.
 - We expect the immediate end to offshore drilling for oil.
 - We expect expansion of eco-tourism that has a positive impact on the environment and additional incentives for companies that expand that eco-tourism.
- 3) We expect the State of Florida to implement an agriculture system that is sustainable for people, animals and the environment.
 - We expect the ban on growing industrial hemp lifted.

- We expect the immediate ban on the planting of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and the labeling of any G.M.O. products that enter the state of Florida.
- We expect better incentives for organic farming and a certification fee scale based on yearly sales.
- We expect funding of the Farm Share program which donates unsold produce to soup kitchens and food banks.
- We expect funding for the Farm to Table program which incentivizes fresh healthy foods in the schools.
- We expect that state land allocated for public interest purposes be open for use as community gardens.
- We expect all runoff from farming operations to be treated as hazardous waste.
- We expect CAFO's (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) transparency of the health and sanitation of farm animals, and demand that organic provisions of feed for the quality of life of farm animals contained within these operations be mandated.
- We expect research and incentivizing for turning manure into compost, fertilizer or fuel.
- We expect that taxpayer money will be spent on only native plants, and that natives alone be used on state properties.

Florida Education Demands

1. State funding for education shall be increased to at least the national average per capita. This shall be funded by halting corporate tax breaks, reducing corporate tax exemptions, and eradicating tax loopholes.
2. Public universities, as well as all public institutions, shall not do business with organizations that do not comply with, or otherwise oppose, fair labor standards.
3. Services in publicly owned universities shall be university owned and student run to the greatest extent achievable.
4. Standardized testing shall be used for the purposes of evaluating students and teachers in order to identify areas of improvement, NOT for determining school funding or teacher pay.
5. Public money shall not be used to fund for-profit charter schools, either directly, or through voucher systems.
6. Private student loans shall be subject to the same consolidation and forgiveness guidelines as federal student loans.

Infrastructure and Public Transit

1. Legislate - If a popular vote is cast in favor of infrastructure project's in the form of proposal on the ballot that, that mandate is then binding as the will of the people thus translated into actions that supports the vote and not held back in debate holding out on needed actions through another election cycle.
2. Legislate - the creation of a public transportation development agency to forward greater utilitarian use and connectivity of public transportation across the state of Florida.
3. Legislate - Repeal nuclear cost recovery. To deny progress energies request to raise rates to pay for their repairs to the Chrystal River plant in the amount of \$2.5 billion. To change the Public Service Commission back to an elected body
4. End profits for arresting citizens, stop privatization of prisons, and general reform of the justice system, as well as eliminating judicial support of private probationary institutions.

Electoral Reform Demands

1. VOTE: We demand that all state elected representatives post public appearances prior to the appearance and post private meetings (including those in attendance of the meetings) on their official state website. We demand a repeal of the legislative body's exemption to the Sunshine law.
2. VOTE: "We demand the Public Services Commission to deny Progress Energy's request to raise consumer rates to recover their repair costs of the Crystal River Power Plant."

3. VOTE: "We demand the FL legislature to prohibit the act of 'Nuclear Cost Recovery'."
4. VOTE: "We demand the Public Services Commission to change to a state-wide elected body from the appointed body that it is now."
5. VOTE: "We demand all votes to be made physically on paper ballots that are counted by actual people. These paper votes should be available for the public to see. We demand a ban on all electronic voting practices as well."
6. VOTE: "We demand a Florida state amendment to hold publicly financed elections for Florida state officials" *(We want to expand access to voting. This could include a state holiday on national Election Day, expanded voting hours, any action to get more people voting.)*
7. VOTE: "We demand a Florida state amendment to institute a state holiday for labor whereby every 2 years THE OFFICIAL state/national Election Day is a holiday." This is directed at increasing voter turnout.
8. VOTE: "We demand that those who are born in Florida are registered to vote at birth, but eligible to vote at 18"
9. VOTE: "We demand that voter registration can take place on the day of voting, at the actual voting booth. Those who are not registered before arriving at the voting facility should have the ability to register at the actual time of voting."
10. VOTE: "We support senate bill 552 (the Ethical practices act of 2012)" This is legislation that would prohibit members of the FL legislature and their families from receiving financial gains from those companies that they are regulating."
11. VOTE: "We demand our state legislature to pass a non-binding resolution to support the over-turning of 'Citizen's United vs. FEC'"
12. VOTE: "Require more transparency in lobbying registration and the way they report their contributions"
*(wording inexact)

Banking and Foreclosure Demands

1. ...
 - a. A. Banks have taken our houses through an illegal foreclosure process despite not having the original mortgage note. We demand Tallahassee install a three year moratorium on the unjust practice of foreclosure in order to eliminate the illegal seizure of Floridian's homes. We oppose non-judicial foreclosures of mortgages and any deregulation of the foreclosure process.
 - b. We demand banks refinance the mortgages to the fair market value for home owners who are struggling to make ends meet especially if they have proof that they lost their job and are looking for a job. Refinancing should be permitted to home owners who had good credit before beginning to miss payments. The credit rating of the home owner, after they started missing payments, should not be taken into consideration for refinancing.
2. Where as the people of the state of Florida have for far too long been abused and usurped by the malicious practices of alien corporations, the citizens of this state are hereby resolved to demand creation of a socialized, centralized Florida lending institution in order to establish a full credit union of Florida for the protection of Floridians and Florida commerce and to strongly encourage local banks to lend to local businesses at extremely low interest rates. This socialized lending institution will have a board of directors voted into power, by the people of Florida, every four years. A very small percentage of the 70.8 billion dollar Florida budget will be used to start this lending institution which will later pay for itself in small business creation, job creation and tax revenue creation.
3. We demand a Florida consumer watchdog agency be set up in order to disestablish practices of foreign corporations.

Labor Demands

1. We demand a Living wage
2. We demand full time meaningful, ecologically sustainable employment.
3. We demand an increase in public works to rebuild America's infrastructure putting people back to work.
4. We demand no further infringement on worker rights.
5. We demand the protection of the rights of workers to organize. Legalize the rights of farm workers and domestic workers to organize.
6. We demand repealing the law which eliminated K-12 Teacher tenure and stopping
 - a. any future tenure laws which would repeal tenure for higher education officials.
7. We oppose anti-worker legislation.
8. We demand that anti-worker legislation be eliminated such as
 - a. Union Gag bill which would eliminate automatic deductions for public worker unions
 - b. Attacks on state worker pensions
 - c. Efforts to decertify public worker unions
9. We demand a stricter enforcement of workplace laws and stricter penalties for employers that violate these laws.
10. We demand the protection of individuals who report workplace violations.
11. We oppose the privatization of government jobs and services.
12. We demand an end to the intrusion of worker privacy and subsequent discrimination in regards to drug testing, credit scores, social media etc
13. We demand full worker rights to undocumented workers.
14. We oppose anti-immigrant legislation meant to discriminate against and attack undocumented workers and peoples.
15. We demand an end to the attacks on unemployed workers and their benefits and attacks on social safety nets which protect workers in times of hardship.
16. We demand the expansion and modernization of social safety net programs such as unemployment benefits meant to protect workers and their families.

Taxation

1. We demand that Florida's tax structure be reformed to recover revenue from the 1% and to reduce the burden on the 99%.
2. We call for restoration of taxes cut in the last decade which have steadily removed the state's capacity to pay its expenses.
3. We call for reduced, rather than increased dependence on taxes on the 99% disguised as fees.
4. We call for restoration of the intangibles tax and reduced expenditures on incentives to businesses which are little more than corporate welfare.

Human Rights

1. We demand the SOFL chooses not to redefine a fetus as a person at conception.
2. We demand that the current definition of a forcible rape and the rights entitled from that remain unchanged.
3. We demand adequate pay, equal treatment and a pathway to citizenship for immigrant workers.
4. We demand immigration remain the sole domain and function of the federal government.
5. We demand a fair non-restricted wage, humane treatment and conditions, and meals that meet FDA regulations for average caloric intake for all prisons.

The Peoples Convention of Florida GA

Announcements by city:

(I am looking to include web-links and e-mails for this list of cities and these announcements so if you have that information please e-mail me4occupy@aol.com)

St. Pete: (Chuck) On the 17th of January we will be caravanning so if anyone wants to coordinate, please get our contact information. Lenny is working on the Progress Energy stuff that should be coordinated state wide so please see him for his contact information. Lastly, last weekend (Dec 3rd) we did a Priority Workshop (3hrs) and I have some materials on that which I can delivery electronically. I'm also putting together materials for Project Management so get with me if you'd like to receive those electronically. (Jasmine) Also on the 17th we're having an Anti-Progress Energy rally, Lenny is in charge of our Progress Energy subgroup and our Direct Action group. If you're pissed off because they're charging you for their mistakes, see him about that protest!

Tallahassee: (Ralph) You may have heard yesterday (Dec 10th) we are inviting everyone from the state to come up to Tallahassee on the 6th of January in order to prepare for the 10th of January which is the start of the Legislative Session. There will be plenty of room for everyone so come on over!

Daytona: (Alex) Currently our city council has allowed a 24/7 3-day [interval] occupation of the park for which we have a permit. Currently there are 20 tents; I'd like to see that quadruple. Law enforcement has been cooperative and has some presence and we'd like to see that continue. (We are?) the jugular vein of this movement. Come on out!

Sarasota: (Brandon) First thing, thank you to Occupy Orlando! This is a very awesome thing for us to get to know each other; that we can communicate with each other right now. I'm glad that we are pushing through these tough moments because this is our first major GA, not our last, of Occupy Florida. Thank you!

Tampa: (Zoe) This is public information now, this was on Global Revolution TV a couple days ago: In New York they are looking for arrestables to join them on December 31st for New Years. More information when you come to Zuccatti Park or Newark, New Jersey. If you want to escape the NYPD, run across state lines. There will be Occupy Radical Cheerleaders today (Dec 11th) during Break, we need some skirts and some pink (stuff) so some guys can wear it for Occupy Radical Cheerleading music Videos.

Key West: (Dotti?) Thank you for being so hospitable to us and I would like to invite you on December 17th to hear David Cobb speak about the move to amends at Key West. So please check out Occupy Key West for the address.

Ocala: (Terry) Rainbow gathering (Feb 11th-25th 2012) will have a camp built by Florida Family called Occupy. People living in the city who'd like to live in the woods, please join us. I will make sure the information is posted.

Ft Lauderdale: (Terry) On December 17th we will have a march. We will also have a teach-in on Non-Violence on Martin Luther King Day. Please join us. Lastly, I would ask every single one of you to commit to going to another occupy event sometime between the next time we meet and now. (Phil) I'm also apart of Food not Bombs. This announcement is related to all cities. There is going to be a radical puppet group called the Mysterious Rabbit Puppet Army travelling

through Florida mid-December and they're looking for cities and venues to host their puppet shows. Please see Phil from Ft Lauderdale for more info.

Melbourne: (Remmy) I'm the Facilitator of Media in Melbourne and I just want to share with everyone that we are working on a training video to explain the GA process. We're going to make it generic so other occupy sites can use it. If you have information or video, please see Remmy. (occupymelbournefl+media@gmail.com) We also have brochures if anyone would like one. (www.occupymelbournefl.org/Borchure.pdf)

Gainesville: (Denyse) Just wanted to say thank you to Orlando for hosting us. It's been awesome meeting all of you and we want to invite you to Gainesville to visit us. We're doing cool stuff like Radical Caroling, a Rockupy Event on the 16th (Dec), and a Hot Tub Affinity group. So come stop by, we're going to try to visit as many other occupy's as we can.

Jacksonville: (?) Thank you for showing such hospitality! Right now we are occupying the front steps of the Jacksonville City Hall. We've been doing it since November 5th. If you're ever in the Jacksonville area, come by anytime, 24/7.

Naples: (Bill) I'm so grateful to be here and thank you so much. Other members, who wanted to come, couldn't make it but they're here in solidarity. We are taking back, with me, an incredible amount of information that you all have shared and we're very grateful. And we will be there when you have events going on. Thank you.

Orlando: (Marshal) Thank you all so much for coming to The Peoples Convention [of Florida]. I know a lot of people from Occupy worked very hard and so did everyone else from the state of Florida, to come here and facilitate real change; by the people. So thank you all! There will be a celebration marking our successful people's convention with beverages (talk to Greg). I want to ask to break forum and clap because I love all of you!

People's Convention of FL General Assembly Video by Brit Webwell

Part One: The People Gather and agree on the agenda, consensus, and process.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7_XSrpmZKA

Part Two: Announcements from each city and goals of this convention from our perspectives.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNPiobFaUa0>

Part Three: First part of proposals from the work groups: Housing and Foreclosure, Redistricting

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9RfZCmJing>

Part Four: Second Part of proposals from the work groups: Redistricting, Environment, InterFlorida(Occupy)Communication which received consensus on Gainesville being the next site to host a regional assembly (For all issues/actions/ideas not just legislative) tentatively scheduled March 30th, 31st, and April 1st.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1U_fYP6QrA

Part Five: Third Part of proposals from the work groups: Labor, Human Rights, Homeless, Education (not finished)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghfmotslay0>

More may be added as it's uploaded to youtube.com