



**UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES PROPOSAL
(CRC PROPOSAL 92)
RESTRICTING UNFUNDED MANDATES
Talking Points**

PROMOTES *FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY*

Proposal 92 is simple and straightforward: State lawmakers should pay for the policies they enact, not require cities and their taxpayers to bear the cost.

PREVENTS *BACKDOOR TAX HIKES*

When state lawmakers pass policies without covering the cost, local communities are forced to find ways to pay for them. That can mean higher taxes for hard-working Floridians. Proposal 92 deters those “backdoor tax hikes” by requiring that state lawmakers pay for the policies they pass.

PROTECTS *COMMONSENSE GOVERNMENT*

The state Legislature should not be able to force *local* communities to raise *local* taxes to fund *state* policies. Proposal 92 is simple: *Local* dollars should fund *local* policies and *state* dollars should fund *state* policies.

PRESERVES *LOCAL DECISION-MAKING*

Proposal 92 establishes a simple rule: If you can’t fund it, don’t pass it. This proposal leaves local decisions to local communities, making sure each city, county, town and village is governed by residents who understand the unique needs of that municipality. That’s the right way to govern a state as big and diverse as Florida.