

Republican Party of Palm Beach County

Amendment 3 – Putting Taxpayers First

Local governments have raised concerns that reducing property tax revenue will require cuts for essential services. However, reducing the amount of money government collects does not automatically mean reducing essential services. The intent of the amendment is to provide tax relief to property owners, and for local governments to **prioritize essential services, control discretionary spending, reduce waste, and live within available revenues.**

Florida Has Shown It Can Be Done with Republicans Leading the Way

Florida's state government provides an example of fiscal management that includes maintaining reserves, reducing debt, and controlling spending.

The FY 2025–26 state budget signed by Governor Ron DeSantis totaled **\$117.6 billion and maintained \$15.7 billion in reserves.** The state's Budget Stabilization Fund reached its statutory maximum, and Florida continued paying down state-supported debt. The Governor's office reported that more than **\$7.3 billion in tax-supported debt had been retired since 2019.**

The following year, the enacted FY 2026–27 budget totaled **\$117.4 billion** representing the fourth consecutive year of declining state spending according to the Governor's office.

How Fast Are Property-Tax Collections Growing?

Governor DeSantis has pointed to the rapid growth in property-tax collections as a reason for providing taxpayers with relief. According to his May 2026 special-session proclamation, local governments collected approximately **\$32 billion in property taxes in 2019**, compared with nearly **\$60 billion projected for 2026**, and the Governor's office projects **\$83 billion by 2032.** The Governor characterized that growth as outpacing inflation and population growth.

That raises an important question for voters:

As property tax revenues have grown so substantially, should local governments first examine existing spending, reserves, and discretionary expenditures before asking taxpayers to continue paying more?

The Bottom Line for Taxpayers

Amendment 3 would require local governments to operate with **less property tax revenue** and therefore place greater emphasis on setting priorities and managing existing resources.

Florida's experience at the state level demonstrates that governments can maintain substantial reserves, invest in essential services and infrastructure, and pay down debt while exercising fiscal discipline.

For Palm Beach County taxpayers, Amendment 3 is a question of priorities: Should government keep every additional dollar generated by rising property values, or should taxpayers receive meaningful property-tax relief while local governments prioritize essential services and manage existing revenues responsibly?

VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 3

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