

NO ACTION



May 6, 2014

To: Mayor Teresa Jacobs

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick C. Brummer".

From: Frederick C. Brummer

Re: Local Government Infrastructure Sales Tax

The purpose of this memo is to request that you schedule for the May 13 County Commission agenda, discussion of placing on the August 26, 2014 ballot, a plebiscite for the Local Government Infrastructure Sales Tax.

Orange County suffers from a desperate need for infrastructure improvements. Presently, the County has a deficit of more than \$300 million needed for road improvements over the next ten years. The Local Government Infrastructure Sales Tax, authorized by Florida Statutes 212.054 and 212.055(2), provides an opportunity to eliminate that deficit as well as adding other infrastructure that would improve the quality of life for all Orange County residents.

Approval of a ½ cent discretionary Sales Tax would provide approximately \$180 million per year for infrastructure improvements. The proceeds of the discretionary Sales Tax would be allocated in part to municipal governments also. Approval of the local option tax for five years would provide an opportunity for substantial improvement in the quality of life for Orange County residents at a relatively low cost.

Your consideration and implementation of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Cc: Board of County Commissioners
Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator
Jeffrey Newton, County Attorney

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