



CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION

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CARLOS BERUFF, CHAIRMAN

March 15, 2017

Dear Commissioners,

I look forward to seeing everyone at our organizational meeting on Monday, March 20th. Attached, please find the notice for the meeting. Like me, I know you are excited to get to work, and my goal is to get everyone sworn in quickly so we can get to work for the people of Florida right away.

One of our most crucial goals as a Commission charged with protecting and amending the Constitution of the great State of Florida is to get input from the public on what changes are most important to them. In order to get public input, I believe we have to prioritize public hearings so we begin our work by listening to Florida's citizens and hearing what needs they most want addressed. Therefore, we have prioritized public hearings on our calendar and plan to begin them right away. Later this week, we will release the tentative public hearing calendar. Please plan to attend as many of these public hearings as possible. Listening to the people of Florida is the best way we can prepare to represent their voice in this process. If you have any questions on the tentative public hearing schedule, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Jeff Woodburn.

The next area of urgent attention as a Commission is to determine the rules the CRC will operate under. I plan on releasing proposed rules in advance of Monday's meeting. The proposed rules will be based on the rules adopted by the 1997-1998 Commission, which by all accounts helped in the success of that Commission. I will be proposing modest changes to the 1997-1998 rules. The changes are based on rules borrowed from the Florida Senate and House of Representatives in order to empower the individual voice of the Commissioners to be heard and allow the majority of the work to be done at the committee level to maximize public comment and engagement in this process. My goal is to empower you, the members of this Commission, to bring forth the best work product possible and allow for the maximum amount of public input in this process.

Again, please let me know any questions or comments you may have about the process as we move forward. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Carlos Beruff", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Carlos Beruff

Chairman

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