

# Free our Beach

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Free Our Beach was formed by residents to address the issues and challenges facing the voters and taxpayers on Fort Myers Beach.

Every day residents and taxpayers feel as though the Town Council has lost their way and do not represent their interests at all. Through excessive regulations, new layers of bureaucracy, excessive code enforcement bordering on harassment; the Town Council has chosen to make it difficult to live and work on the island. Residents are afraid to speak up about many of their issues for fear of reprisals and harassment by members of their own Town Council.

- The Town of Fort Myers Beach was formed on the principals of government-lite. As time has passed government-lite has become a thing of the past and has been replaced with government oppression.
- The Town Council has stripped away the homeowner's property rights, by excessively governing how we rent our homes, unreasonably dictating what we can build on our land and senselessly deciding even where we have to park our vehicles.
- Our Mayor and council members have been very vocal about the fact that they DON'T represent everyone on our island. In fact, they have been clear, they have no obligation to represent all taxpayers, only those who are registered to vote.
- They have said they are not here to help our business community; in fact they are actively working against them.

Free Our Beach recently conducted a poll of the voters on Fort Myers Beach and the results were quite telling.

- When asked "Do you have confidence that the Fort Myers Beach Town Council can confront the challenges that face our future?" only 20.8% said yes, 63.9% responded no.
- When asked "Do you have confidence the Town of Fort Myers Beach is providing adequate services for our money?" only 32.4% responded yes.

These results are indicative of how the "silent majority" of voters feel about our Town Council and their ability to govern our island.

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Free Our Beach has worked with legal counsel to draft an ordinance and petition that would put the question of un-incorporating the Town of Fort Myers Beach to a referendum. After obtaining the requisite number of qualified signatures, the ordinance **must be** placed on the ballot for the voters in our community to decide our future once and for all.

It is terrible when residents and business owners have to live in fear of the government that is supposed to represent you. Now is the time for the residents and taxpayers to stand up and be heard. We believe that you have a choice, Representation or Intimidation.

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