

## Patsy Adkins

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**From:** Debbie McDowell  
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**To:** Patsy Adkins  
**Subject:** REVISED - agenda item - Political Contributions

I have an agenda item to be placed under ordinances for the December 13, 2016 Commission Meeting. In April, 2016, the former Commission enacted Ordinance #2016-11, which placed a \$250 limitation on campaign contributions and in-kind donations received for North Port Candidates for public office, effective January 1, 2017. We are in the middle of an election cycle with the Primary being held in March and the General Election in May, 2017. When this was first brought up in April, 2016, I remember how upsetting this change would be to candidates in the middle of their campaign cycle, including my own. The thought process is the same now that the effective date is January 1, 2017 – in the middle of an election cycle.

Title – Political Contributions

Recommended action – Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on January 5, 2017 (Special Recognition Meeting) to wholly rescind Ordinance #2016-11. Thereby, restoring campaign limitations to the State of Florida threshold of \$1,000, per donor, per election.

Background information –

Attach Ordinance #2016-11 <http://www.cityofnorthport.com/home/showdocument?id=11823>

Attach Ordinance #2016 - \_\_\_\_ wholly rescinding Ordinance #2016-11

Sincerely,

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