

February 5, 2011

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of Florida
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott,

Sir, the purpose of this letter is to bring to your immediate attention an issue of great importance to the citizens of Florida and indeed the nation.

On July 8, 2010 (1) the County Council of Volusia County, Florida adopted: RESOLUTION 2010-106.

This Resolution authorized membership in the INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES-LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY (ICLEI) with a yearly fee of \$2750.00. The ICLEI membership list (2) includes 41 other local Florida governmental entities as well as over 600 City and County governments across the United States.

The ICLEI Charter, (3) indicates that it acts as an arm of the UN. ICLEI (4) was founded at the 1990 World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future, at the United Nations in New York.

ICLEI's International Goals (5) (5A) include facilitating local governments in the adoption and implementation of United Nations Foreign Policies initiatives that the United States Congress have not approved. Most significant of these are:

- AGENDA 21
- The UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- The Kyoto Protocols

ICLEI and the UN have disregarded the, U.S. Congress and the Constitution of the United States by officially recognizing cities and local governments as 'governmental stakeholders' at the recent UN climate talks in Cancun (COP16). ICLEI stated (6) that "Local governments have to deal with the (climate change) problem...whether there is a global agreement between national governments or not". ICLEI has cited (8) "The influence of elections and new governments..." as obstacles to be overcome in the success of implementing Agenda 21.

ICLEI itself references (7) its association with the UN and the advancement of Agenda 21 with this quotation from its web site:

"During the Local Government Session at the World Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa (August 2002) local government leaders from around the world, as well as representatives from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDEP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UN-HABITAT and the World Health Organization (WHO), joined ICLEI in launching Local Action 21 as the next phase of Local Agenda 21 (LA21)".

ICLEI further reveals its mission to implement Agenda 21 at the local level with this: (8) "The number of cities and towns embracing Local Agenda 21 planning is continuing to grow as...regional and international campaigns supporting Local Agenda 21 practices recruit cities and towns worldwide. In addition, the APEC economies, have committed to doubling their Local Agenda 21 cities by the year 2003 in cooperation with ICELI".

The UN influence has also infiltrated the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) which is actively training managers in Smart Growth and Sustainable Development policies which stem directly from Agenda 21 and the CBD.

The United States Constitution delegates ONLY to the U.S. Senate the authority to promulgate and implement foreign policy initiatives which are approved by the Congress.

I respectfully request that you, as Governor of Florida, have Attorney General Pam Bondi review this issue in light of Article 1, Section 10 of the U.S. Constitution: “*No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance or Confederation...*” . As local governments are political subdivisions of the State, they are bound by the same prohibition.

Pursuant to this, a directive should be issued to all State Agencies and to all Florida local governments advising the immediate termination of any affiliation with ICLEI and to cease and desist in any initiative related to ICLEI and the above mentioned UN initiatives which the Congress of the United States have not adopted..

Thank you for your attention to this major issue.

Sincerely,
Sid Preskitt
Daytona Beach, Florida

My signature confirms my support of the concerns in above letter.

Sign Here _____

Attachments:

- (1) Volusia County Council, July 8, 2010, Agenda Item 20 with RESOLUTION 2010-106
- (2) ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Member List
- (3) ICLEI Charter (partial)
- (4) ICLEI.org, Web page: ABOUT ICLEI; <http://iclei.org/index.php?id=about>
- (5) ICLEI.org, Web page: OUR THEMES; <http://iclei.org/index.php?id=798>
- (6) ICLEI Press Release, 8 December 2010: UN refers to cities as key governmental Stakeholders supporting global climate action.
- (7) ICLEI: Local Governments for Sustainability and the U.N. Connection
- (8) Global Implementation of Local Agenda 21, Mary Patterson, ICLEI, Director of Development
 - United Nations ICLEI and The City of Spokane, Edwin X. Berry PH.D
 - United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/236 Implementation of Agenda 21
 - How Smart Growth Exacerbated the international Financial Crisis, Wendel Cox
 - The Smart Growth Fraud, Michael S. Coffman, PH.D
 - Text of proposed Charter Amendment/Ordinance, banning ICLEI, Spokane, WA.
 - Agenda 21, “The Wildlands Project” maps,: Simulated Reserve and Corridor System to Protect Biodiversity, Environmental Perspectives Inc. Dr. Michael Coffman, PH.D