

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR INCORPORATION

1. ADVANTAGES

- Voters will have 100% control of their elected local officials (versus 1.7% voice now in selection of County Commissioners)
- Voters will have 100% determination of local public policies.
- Effective land use controls (Planning, zoning, building) will be 100% determined by island voters. (County has delayed on this for 4 years)
- Extent of police, fire protection and other municipal services will be 100% controlled by local voters.
- Elected officials, if unsatisfactory, can be removed by voters' recall (this is not possible now for County Commissioners.)

2. WHO BENEFITS?

- All residents who came to Sanibel because of its unique resources and environment and want these preserved.
- All tourist visitors who are attracted by Sanibel's unique environment.
- All businessmen dependent on residents and tourist visitors. (destroying the island's unique environment would adversely affect tourism)

3. ABOUT COSTS

- Legal limits on real property taxes are identical under State law whether or not Sanibel incorporates. Incorporation would divide the total limit (20 mills) equally between Sanibel and the County.
- Local civic groups estimate about a 1/8th increase in real property taxes in an incorporated Sanibel. If Sanibel does not incorporate the county has new State authority to increase real property taxes on Sanibel by about three times this amount.
- Real property taxes are subject to more control by islanders if Sanibel incorporates (through the Council, 100% elected by island voters).
- It is likely that Sanibel property owners will pay less real property taxes if the island incorporates. A new State law prohibits County taxing of incorporated areas to provide services solely to unincorporated areas.

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PLACE TO LIVE**