



City of
HAWTHORNE
6875 SE 221st Street **Florida**
Hawthorne, FL 32640

June 2, 2026

The Honorable Stan McClain
Senator- District 9
312 Senate Building
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

The Honorable Yvonne Hinson
State Representative - District 21
1102 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Senator McClain and Representative Hinson:

I am honored to write in **strong opposition** of **SJR 2-F** and **SB 4-F**. Property taxes fund the services that keep communities safe and functional. Property taxes fund core public safety and infrastructure, including police, fire, emergency response, and roads. These services make communities safe, insurable, and economically viable.

Smaller communities face the steepest impact. An independent property tax study, modeling a \$250,000 homestead exemption, found that some cities could see their tax base reduced so significantly that maintaining current levels of essential services would be at risk — with smaller communities facing the steepest impact.

When using the 2025 taxable property values for \$150,000 and \$250,000 exemption amounts the City of Hawthorne would impact 356 properties and that will have a potential financial shortfall of more than \$250,000 dollars.

Eliminating property taxes in the city will have unparallel amount of harm to the citizens and will have a direct impact to city services.

We hope you will join the City of Hawthorne in **opposition** of **SJR 2-F** and **SB 4-F**.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Randall
Mayor
City of Hawthorne, Florida