

Willoughby Hills Citizens

Please view the Proposed Amendment and
Sign the Petition if You would like it put to
Vote in November.

The amendment will add this line:

**All meetings shall provide a reasonable opportunity to hear
public opinion**

Codified Ordinance of Willoughby Hills

Amendment to read as follows:

107.08 PUBLIC MEETINGS OF MUNICIPAL BODIES.

(a) All meetings of any municipal body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times.

All meetings shall provide a reasonable opportunity to hear public opinion.

The minutes of a regular special meeting of any such municipal body shall be promptly recorded and open to public inspection. The minutes need only reflect the general subject matter of discussions in executive session authorized under subsection (b) hereof.

(b) 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 (to remain the same.)

(c) (to remain the same.)

It's time for each one of us to make a difference!
Add Your Signature to the Petition
Then Vote!

Missed You? Would you like to sign?
Please call Robert Kowalsky (440) 946-4842

Their Colors are Showing Not Red, White and Blue

Consider the famous line of Founding Father James Madison "If men were angels, no government would be necessary." But they are not angels, they desire power.

The American constitutional incorporates a concept known as the Separation of Powers.

The Willoughby Hills Charter is our Constitution. The separation of powers provides a structure of shared power known as Checks and Balances. It allows each branch to restrain abuse by each other branch.

Now in 2008 at hand are ten Charter changes.

Many changes are about exclusion, not balanced and public-spirited management of our city.

These ↓ Three changes shift power from the Mayor to Council, Reducing Checks and Balances.

These ▼ Four changes seek to control your vote. One of which brings back a loophole in our required voter land-use changes in zoning.

This is the most important City election you will ever have voted in, any of you, since 1973.

In our City Charter we all have the privilege to be the judges.

We are in an epic attempt to Change our City Charter.

Is it necessary or advisable at this moment to change the way we govern?

This is Important. I need your help. Protect Your Rights. Thank You

Friend of Residents - Robert Kowalsky Treasurer
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↓ **Issue 7:** Takes authority from the Mayor to hire and fire department heads. Shall 5 Council members have authority to fire department heads? Council already has power to set wages for all departments. Shall Council be able to discuss hiring or firing department heads in meetings held without the public present? Shall the Office of Mayor be diluted to Figure Head status?

Vote AGAINST-7 Keep Checks and Balances

↓ **Issue 8:** Changes the Mayor's attendance at meetings from mandatory to optional. Shall the mayor have the right to introduce ordinances that council must hear and could immediately pass?

Vote AGAINST-8 Keep Checks and Balances

↓ **Issue 9:** Changes the Mayor's veto power from 30 days to 15 days. This is an unreasonable time limit to judge ordinances. Shall Council have the power to force a 15 day notice to Veto?

Vote AGAINST-9 Keep Checks and Balances

▼ **Issue 11:** Currently Districts are based on equal population set by The Board of Elections. Shall council have the power to change the boundaries at any time prior to elections?

Vote AGAINST-11 Keep Elections Equal

▼ **Issue 13:** The Loophole change. This change circumvents the required public vote on land use changes. Shall the Board of Zoning Appeals gain authority to grant exceptions to zoning?

Vote AGAINST-13 You Decide Land-use

▼ **Issue 14:** Makes it easier to pass Taxes. Changes the percentage required to pass Tax Levies from 51% to a simple majority. It was intended that all Tax Levies are passed with a vote greater than 50+%. Keep 51% Shall it be simple to pass a Tax?

Vote AGAINST-14 Control Your Taxes

▼ **Issue 15:** Keep the grace period in place, without restrictions, for All Petitions including Initiative and Referendum Petitions, Nomination Petitions and Recall Petitions.

Vote AGAINST-15 Keep Your Rights to Petition

★ **Issue 16:** This change is called "Gender Neutrality". It deletes City employee's rights and privileges. Three deletes does not make a right.

Vote AGAINST-16 Keep Our Employee Rights