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***Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County Opposes Amended Vehicle for Hire Ordinance***

On August 18, 2015, the Palm Beach County Commission will be holding a public hearing to discuss the proposed amendments to Chapter 19, article IX (ordinance No. 2008-43) related to vehicles for hire. The commission created amendments were prompted by Uber as well as other transportation network companies (TNC) wishing to provide services in Palm Beach County.

While the Palm Beach County Commission suggests the proposed amendments provides flexibility and public safety, The Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County opposes the changes because it limits small companies from entering the vehicles for hire local market. The numerous regulatory requirements, including new FBI background checks, increased insurance requirements and a one-time \$10,000 application fee, limits competition resulting in poorer service to our community. The party argues that free markets are a more efficient regulator than bureaucratic red tape.