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County government should help homeless by ending their help

Boynton Beach, Fla – February 5, 2018 – The Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County (LP Palm Beach), the third largest political party in Palm Beach County, is looking forward to the day when the county government will help the homeless by getting out of the way. As with most government programs, the intention is often far superior than actually reaching its goals. The homeless situation in Palm Beach County is little different. And now, Palm Beach County taxpayers are expected to pay an additional $31 million on their failed plan – and everyone agrees it has been a failure.

In 2008, Palm Beach County government started a 10 year plan to end homelessness in the county. That ten year plan's deadline is this September and it is clear the county government has squandered those funds it spent from county, state and federal taxpayers. How much has homelessness been reduced in the county? A whopping NINE PERCENT! The county would have been better off cutting a $38,000 check each year to the 159 people it has helped get off the streets.

Karl Dickey, Chair of the LP Palm Beach, said this morning, "While we can appreciate the intent of our county commissioners to help the homeless, government should get out of the way of private charities in doing their job. The additional sales tax all Palm Beach County taxpayers are now forced to pay (7%) hurts the least fortunate the hardest. The county and the State of Florida need to dramatically reduce all taxes on its citizens and tear down the many government barriers to entrepreneurship and economic growth."

LP Palm Beach would advise the county commission to adhere to the wise words of Harry Browne, "True compassion requires religious and community based charities to handle welfare. Government is neither efficient or compassionate in this area."

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