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The policy objective I wish to pursue is to ensure information is as widely accessible and available to citizens as possible.

Citizens need that information in order to participate in the democratic process.

1. Build an easy-to-use Web database containing detailed financial expenditure information. This database would allow virtually anyone to see how much money is received and how it is being spent on a monthly basis. And, to ensure that public oversight is timely, information about spending would, by law, have to be posted within 30 days.

2. Redefine "One Subject" rule so that several topics cannot be grouped into one advertisement. Example:

This is the Ad that I challenged in the Administrative Court that Jupiter printed. It was deliberately deceitful because the council chambers had been full previously on two of the topics, but were not attended due to the hidden notice.

3. DCA should be a cushion between citizens and the local government; however, DCA denied any responsibility—even to checking to see if the comprehensive plan changes had been advertised as required by law. For over 10 years, Jupiter did not advertise P&Z.

In addition, DCA takes no role in assisting citizens, even when DCA knows the local municipality is running rough shod over the citizens. Ex: no standards in the zoning ordinance, with arbitrary interpretation allowed by local government on a case by case basis.

4. Allow a citizen to put items on the Agenda. There is presently no way a citizen can address an issue before the council.

5. Citizens should be allowed to participate in Council workshops.

6. Prevent local governments from using tax dollars to promote a project or position the Council supports, unless they provide matching funds to pay for opposing views to be disseminated.

7. All Email correspondence should be available on the internet.

8. Bogus CRA's should be dismantled. There is no oversight to protect citizens from building some council's dream project..

9. There will be no Open Government with public participation as long as there is Home Rule. State law can require something-but the local government doesn't have to do it, and the courts give deference to the local governments.Ex.Tax cuts