

CCNA

COALITION OF CITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE CITIZEN VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

Adopted April 3, 2021

WHEREAS, Citizen volunteers serving on City of Sarasota Advisory Boards and Committees are engaged individuals who work very hard to make the City a better place to live;

WHEREAS, Citizens do not give up their right to privacy when they join an advisory panel;

WHEREAS, Citizens serving on advisory panels should be free to privately criticize the city; and

WHEREAS, Eavesdropping by elected officials on the private conversations of panel members and the threat of subpoena to explain those conversations to the City Commission has a chilling effect on public participation:

It is the position of the Members of Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations of Sarasota, Inc. that:

We support the citizens who serve on City of Sarasota Advisory Boards and Committees.

Citizens serving on those panels should not be subject to threats of subpoena when they express their private concerns, criticisms, or other opinions about the operations of the city or the actions of elected officials.

Advisory panel members have the right to criticize and voice their opinions about the operations of the city, its staff, and its elected officials without fear on any sort of repercussions.

Passed and duly adopted by the CCNA membership, this 3rd day of April 2021.

Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations of Sarasota, Inc.

By /S/ Tony Smith
Secretary