

Pia Dandiya Opposes A Florida State Constitutional Amendment That Would Give Homeowner Relief From Rising Property Taxes. This Would Hurt Home-Owning Working Families And Seniors Living On A Fixed Income

In A July 2026 Candidate Questionnaire, Dandiya Opposes The “Save Our Home From Excessive Property Taxes” Constitutional Amendment. SUN SENTINEL: “Do you support or oppose the state constitutional amendment, ‘Save Our Homes from Excessive Property Taxes,’ and why?” DANDIYA: “I oppose the amendment as written. Floridians are right to be furious about rising property taxes, and they need relief. But this amendment provides a tax break in an irresponsible way. If passed, this measure would cut billions from municipal budgets including funding for first responders, road maintenance, climate mitigation, and other essential services. We can lower the cost of housing without gutting local governments, and the ultimate result of this movement would eventually be increased fees that disproportionately impact low-income households in order for cities to continue providing services.” (Pia Dandiya, Questionnaire, [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#), 7/9/26)

The Amendment Would Increase Florida’s Homestead Property Tax Exemption. “The amendment would increase Florida’s homestead property tax exemption (meaning the amount of home value of a primary residence exempt from property tax) from \$50,000 to \$150,000 beginning January 1, 2027, and then to \$250,000 beginning January 1, 2028. The exemption would be adjusted for inflation going forward.” (Doug Kellogg, “Lessons As Florida Property Tax Reform Amendment Head To Ballot,” [Americans For Tax Reform](#), 6/30/26)

The Amendment Would Develop A Framework To Eventually Fully Eliminate Property Taxes. “The legislature will develop a framework for local governments to fully eliminate the property tax on homesteads.” (Doug Kellogg, “Lessons As Florida Property Tax Reform Amendment Head To Ballot,” [Americans For Tax Reform](#), 6/30/26)

- **School Property Taxes Are Exempt From This Plan.** “First, the legislature exempted school property taxes from these changes. This is very significant as education spending makes up a significant part of budgets. It means even as the legislature implements a plan for full elimination, property tax on homesteads will never go away under this plan.” (Doug Kellogg, “Lessons As Florida Property Tax Reform Amendment Head To Ballot,” [Americans For Tax Reform](#), 6/30/26)

Seniors Often Struggle With Property Taxes Because They Are On A Fixed Income, Even As Taxes Increase. “The financial security of senior citizens is increasingly threatened by soaring property taxes. As property values climb, so too do tax bills, leaving many older adults struggling to make ends meet. This financial burden can force difficult choices, such as cutting back on essential expenses like healthcare or food, or even considering selling their homes. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that many seniors live on fixed incomes, primarily from Social Security and pensions. These income sources often do not keep pace with inflation, leaving them ill-equipped to handle rising property tax costs. The result is a growing number of seniors facing financial hardship and a diminished quality of life.” (“Property Taxes And The Elderly: A Looming Financial Crisis,” [JS Morlu](#), 6/24/24)

Property Tax Exemptions For Seniors Have Been Proven To Reduce Financial Burdens And Help With Housing Stability. “WHEREAS, Property tax exemptions for seniors would reduce financial burdens, promote housing stability, and improve the overall well-being of aging residents” (Property Tax Exemptions For Senior Citizens Over 65 Years Old, Resolution, [NAACP](#), 2025)

VIDEO: Supporters Of Amendment 3 Say That It Will Help Seniors And People On A Fixed Income Afford To Stay In Their Homes. NARRATOR: “There’s no exact count of Florida homeowners who are retired and living on fixed incomes, but 30% of homeowners aged 65 or older spend at least 30% of their income on housing. Supporters say Amendment 3 could offer some property tax relief for homeowners like Kruchov.” FLORIDA REALTORS CEO: “So we’re an advocacy organization and we have a long history of taking a position to promote lower property taxes and

affordable purchases for homeowners but also to keep homeowners in their homes.” NARRATOR: “Margie Grand is the CEO of Florida Realtors, the states largest real estate trade association.” FLORIDA REALTORS CEO: “You know, when you have to start making decisions about ‘I’m going to buy this and not buy that,’ especially for our senior community, that becomes a very tough conversation.” (Reporting On Amendment 3 Supporters, [CBS News 12](#), 9/17/26) Minute 1:11-1:52