



# Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

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Honorable City Council Members  
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Dear Council Members:

At its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> the TRUE Commission made the following recommendations regarding legislation pending before the City Council:

**2013-155** (creating a position of Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator in the Planning and Development Department): by **unanimous vote** the commission approved a motion to **oppose the passage of this bill** on the basis that 1) the proposed functions for the position should be able to be performed by existing City personnel, and 2) the Ordinance Code should not address specific job specifications for personnel below the traditional department head and division chief level.

**2013-156** (creating a Neighborhood Enhancement Trust Fund for poker room revenues in the Regency Square area): by **vote of 8-1** the commission approved a motion to **oppose passage of the bill** on the grounds that no demonstrated problems or needs arising from the existence of the poker room have been identified and that any such issues that subsequently develop could be dealt with by the City Council in the usual manner through the budget process.

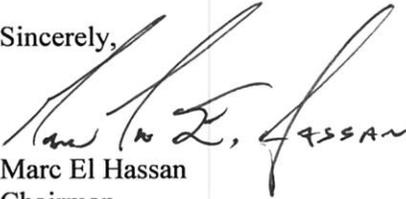
**2013-170** (resolution opposing state legislation that would reduce or restrict City revenue from telecommunications services tax changes): by a **unanimous vote** the commission approved a motion to **support passage of the bill** while also **expressing opposition to any increase in the state sales tax** as suggested by the state's Communications Services Tax Working Group.

**2013-187** (appropriating \$14,255,000 from Banking Fund for purchase of the Godbold City Hall Annex): by a **vote of 8-2** the commission approved a motion **supporting the City's purchase of the Godbold City Hall Annex building but without borrowing to do so.**

**Council Auditor's Audit #730** (Jacksonville General Employee's Retirement System Audit): by a **unanimous vote** the commission **accepted the audit with two recommendations**: 1) that a strong internal management structure be implemented in the pension administrative office to prevent opportunities for or incidents of fraud, and 2) that the City ensure that data access rights are changed immediately upon an employee leaving service in that office.

The TRUE Commission thanks you for your consideration of the Commission's opinions on these important matters. As always, the Commission stands ready to be of assistance in any way. Please feel free to call on us at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc El Hassan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Marc El Hassan  
Chairman