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Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 7:48 AM
To: Dana A. Souza <Dana.Souza@mysanibel.com>
Cc: Scotty L. Kelly <Scotty.Kelly@mysanibel.com>
Subject: Re: Property tax elimination

Thanks,

Bob
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2025, at 6:35 AM, Dana A. Souza <Dana.Souza@mysanibel.com> wrote:

Bob – Thanks for your email. The policy position on Home Rule Authority includes language about maintaining the City's (all cities) right to levy property taxes. Please let me know if you have any additional comments. City Councilmembers are blind copied on this email.

Best wishes,

Dana

Home Rule Authority – SUPPORT upholding Sanibel's current level of home rule authority, which allows the city to retain its unique sanctuary barrier island character and meet its financial responsibilities in providing essential local services to residents. This includes the authority to levy property taxes. **OPPOSE** any legislation that would diminish this local authority without the creation of replacement revenue sources.



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From: Bob Moore <moore.peace@verizon.net>
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Subject: Property tax elimination

Dear City Council members,

There's been a lot of talk this summer by the Governor and state legislators about eliminating or significantly reducing property taxes in the state.

I find this extremely concerning, and I hope you will consider adding this issue to your list of legislative priorities when you discuss them in this Tuesday's City Council meeting. Specifically I hope you will aggressively lobby against this change.

I'm sure I don't need to tell you how damaging such a change would be to the ability of local governments to control their own fates and provide the services that their communities desire. Personally, I see this as a major power grab by the state seeking to pre-empt the power of local governments. I believe strongly that preserving home rule is the best way to preserve democratic engagement.

It would be natural for any home owner to want to save the thousands of dollars they spend on property taxes. So it's important to actively educate people why it's worth it and what the down sides are of giving up that local control. I hope you will help provide that education to our community and deliver a strong message of opposition to state leaders.

Thank you,
Bob Moore