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CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: Proposal 11

SUBJECT:

Article 1-Creation, Powers and Ordinances of Home Rule Charter Government

PETITIONER CONTACT:

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REQUESTED ACTION:

Change the name of Brevard County.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION & BACKGROUND:

Beginning year 2026, wherefore, the county name of "Brevard", will no longer be the corporate name, body or government for the territory and jurisdiction that it claims. Any and all locations of the word "Brevard" will be replaced throughout the Charter with a proposed name. the namesake of Brevard derives from a history of racism and enslavement of black people in Florida. The County is named in honor of former Florida Judge Theodore W. Brevard, and early settler, and confederate comptroller from Lincolnton, North Carolina. Theodore Brevard never lived in Brevard, and was only honored because of his role in the Civil War as a Florida Comptroller. He was the father of Brigadier General Theodore Brevard. The County needs to eliminate the roots of racism. Besides leadership reflecting the care and dignity of its citizens, changing Brevard's identity with a name change is just and proper.

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SUMMARY EXPLANATION & BACKGROUND CONTINUED:

Name Change Suggestions:

1. BLAKE County-To pay tribute to the Honorable Richard "Dick" Blake and his contributions to integrate cultures in Brevard.
2. PROSPER County- To illustrate a brand of growth to our citizens and guest. Showing that regardless of if you live, work or play here, you will PROSPER.
3. BEACH County-A great advertising mechanism to illustrate the Beach culture on the Space Coast which will attract tourist to come just because we are, a Beach County.