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STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2019-111

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Alachua County Labor Coalition's Renters' Rights Campaign

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WHEREAS, there are "almost 14,000 properties in Gainesville on the rental market" [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Labor Coalition (ACLC) is "composed of individuals, unions, and worker-friendly organizations committed to the economic, environmental, civil, and social rights of working people, their families, and communities, and to the ecological systems that sustain us" [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the ACLC has been working on a local renters' rights campaign since last May [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the ACLC is proposing universal, low-cost landlord licensing, basic rental standards and inspections, arbitration to resolve rental deposit disputes, increased discrimination protection, and greater disclosure of renters' rights and responsibilities [4]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the comprehensive renters' rights ordinance proposal put forward by the Alachua County Labor Coalition (ACLC).

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the basic rights and protections that every renter in Gainesville is entitled to.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Gainesville City Commission, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, and the Alachua County Labor Coalition.

[1] http://www.gainesvilleiguana.org/2018/articles/update-from-the-alachua-county-labor-coalition/

[2] https://laborcoalition.org/about/about-us2/

[3] https://www.gainesville.com/news/20180519/rental-housing-discussion-planned-may-29

[4] http://laborcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/ACLC-Position-Paper-on-Renters-Rights.pdf

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