

SOLVING THE PUZZLE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN LAND USE DECISIONS .



DEVELOPMENT PRESSURES CONTINUE TO GROW EXPONENTIALLY.

Members of the public are faced with more and more comprehensive plan amendments, rezone requests, special exceptions and variances from existing regulations. Legislative proceedings and quasi-judicial proceedings are handled differently.

The public is frustrated because it appears commissioners are not listening to them.



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Richard Grosso, President of Richard Grosso, P.A., in Plantation, Fla., is a widely recognized environmental public interest lawyer and advocate, with 37 years of experience as a litigator, appellate lawyer, advocate and counselor in the areas of federal and Florida environmental, land use, constitutional, property rights and related governmental and administrative law.

Mr. Grosso has served as a Law Professor at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Executive Director and General Counsel of the Everglades Law Center, Inc., Legal Director for 1000 Friends of Florida, and attorney for the Florida departments of Community Affairs and Environmental Regulation. Over a 37 – year litigation and appellate career, he represented numerous public interest clients and the state of Florida in federal and state administrative and judicial proceedings. He frequently appears before local governments, state and federal agencies, and other bodies concerning land use and environmental issues.

Mr. Grosso has successfully litigated many significant and precedent setting cases in the areas of federal and state environmental permitting, land use planning and development, and property rights. He has also authored numerous publications on, and speaks and lectures extensively about, these and related legal and policy issues. In recent years, Mr. Grosso's work has focused on climate and ecosystem sustainability legal and policy issues.

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Mr. Grosso will explain how to be effect when providing testimony on land use decisions and more importantly how that lets you win