

# NONPARTISAN VOTERS' GUIDE 2022

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ★ GENERAL ELECTION ★ 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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# HOW TO USE THIS VOTERS' GUIDE

## FIND YOUR VOTING DISTRICTS (CHOOSE 1 OF 3 WAYS)

# 1

*On your Voter Information card*

# 2

*On your Sample Ballot or your Vote by Mail Ballot*

# 3

*On the Supervisor of Elections website:  
[www.PBCElections.org](http://www.PBCElections.org)*

Click on "Find My Precinct."

Fill in your address. If several addresses appear, click on yours. At this point, you can also learn about your Current Elections, your Sample Ballot (which tells you about the races in your district) and the demographics of your precinct.

Florida went through redistricting after the 2020 census so your districts may have changed. Check on your new Voter ID Card or at [PBCElections.org](http://PBCElections.org). In this guide, an asterisk (\*) identifies the candidates who served in that office previously, even if not in the same district.

## UNDERSTAND YOUR VOTER INFORMATION (VOTER ID) CARD

**YOUR POLLING LOCATION**

**YOUR PRECINCT**

**YOUR POLITICAL PARTY**

**STATE SENATE**

**STATE HOUSE**

**U.S. CONGRESS**

**COUNTY COMMISSION**

**SCHOOL BOARD**

**MUNICIPALITY**

Wendy Sartory Link, Supervisor of Elections VOTER INFORMATION CARD PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL TARJETA DE INFORMACION ELECTORAL CONDADO DE PALM BEACH, FL		
Registration Number Número de Inscripción	Registration Date Fecha de Inscripción	Precinct Distrito Electoral
122525809	05/20/15	7070
Voter Name/Address - Nombre/Domicilio		Political Party Partido Político
Jane Doe 1234 Main St West Palm Beach, FL 33407		NO PARTY
Your Precinct Number Su Número de Recinto	Your Polling Location Su Centro Electoral	
7070	Northboro Elementary 400 40th St West Palm Beach, FL 33407	
You are eligible to vote for a representative in each district listed Usted puede votar por un representante de cada distrito nombrado		
US Congress Congreso de los EE.UU.	State Senate Senado del Estado	State House Cámara de Diputados del Estado
22	24	87
County Commission Comisión del Condado	School Board Junta Escolar	Municipality Municipalidad
2	4	WPB
Signature/Firma <i>Jane Doe</i>		

# MAKE AN EDUCATED CHOICE

## VOTE THE ENTIRE BALLOT WITH CONFIDENCE IN YOUR DECISIONS

### LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES

- **Do your research.** Review this Voters' Guide. Check the candidates' websites, read their mailers and listen to their commercials. You will learn how they stand on the issues and the tone of their campaign. Note party affiliations since most candidates support the positions of their party. Follow their endorsements to see who and which groups are supporting them.
- **Attend information sessions.** Candidate forums, political meetings and presentations by such organizations as the League of Women Voters will give you a chance to learn more about the candidates and where they stand on the issues that are important to you. Consider the views of people who are politically active and whom you respect.
- **Follow the news.** Review many sources (including newspapers,

periodicals, the internet and campaign finance reports, which list contributions and expenditures).

- **Beware of fake news.** Check such sites as PolitiFact.com and FactCheck.org.

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A CANDIDATE

- Do they share your views on most issues?
- Do they communicate well?
- Are they prepared for the position by experience or training?
- Do they know the issues and understand the impact of their decisions on the voters?
- Are they honorable?
- Are they accessible to their constituents?
- Do they have the skills a leader needs?

## CANDIDATES ELECTED PRIOR TO THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

The following individuals either had no opposition or won with 50% plus 1 vote in the Aug. 23 primary and face no opposition candidate in the General Election. Their names will not appear on the Nov. 8 ballot.

State Senator District 31— Gayle Harrell (Rep)\*  
Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation Group 1 — Audrey Friedrich  
Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation Group 2 — James M. Alderman II  
Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation Group 3 — Mark T. Sodders  
Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation Group 4 — Ann Marie Sorrell\*  
Palm Beach County School Board District 3 — Karen Brill\*  
Palm Beach County School Board District 4 — Erica Whitfield\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 1 — Dina Keever-Agrama\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 2 — Howard Kelly Coates Jr.\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 3 — Laura Johnson\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 4 — Luis "Lou" Delgado\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 7 — Cheryl Caracuzzo\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 9 — Laura Burkhart Laurie\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 14 — Paige Gillman\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 15 — Renatha Francis\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 17 — Scott Suskauer\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 22 — Caroline Shepherd\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 23 — Caryn Siperstein  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 28 — Kirk C. Volker\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 31 — Donald W. Hafele\*  
Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit Group 33 — Lisa Small\*  
County Court Judge, Group 9— Paul A. Damico\*

\*Incumbent

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of Palm Beach County 2022 VOTERS' GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County is excited to bring you the 2022 Voters' Guide, which contains information to enable you to cast a well-informed ballot. One of the League's core missions is to provide voter education, and one of the ways we do it is through this Voters' Guide.

The League — with national, state and local chapters — is a nonpartisan, but political, organization. We do not endorse any candidate or party. However, as a grassroots organization that believes informed and engaged citizens are vital in making our democracy work, we research topics critical to Palm Beach County and influence policy through education and advocacy. Our local League chapter (LWVPBC) provides our community with outreach to register voters, assists with voting services and questions, and provides speakers on subjects of interest to the community.

The 2022 Voters' Guide includes information about candidates in federal, state and local races, as well as proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution and local referendums that will appear on the ballot. All candidates were sent the questions and encouraged to participate. This Voters' Guide is a nonpartisan way to get their message to the public. It will be available at local libraries, government offices and other locations throughout the county, as well as online. Additional information can be found at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) and on our website, [lwvpbc.org](http://lwvpbc.org). For information about obtaining additional copies, call (561) 276-4898.

Thank you for reading this guide. As Thomas Jefferson said, "We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." Make sure you are one of the participants. Your vote DOES matter.

**Kathi Gundlach**, *President*

# UNITED STATES SENATE\*\*

The United States Senate is a legislative chamber in the bicameral (two houses) legislature of the United States, and together with the House of Representatives makes up the United States Congress. Each state, regardless of population, is represented by two senators, who serve staggered six-year terms. A senator must be at least 30 years old, a U.S. citizen for at least 9 years, and a resident of the state he or she represents. The Senate has several "advice and consent powers" not granted to the House, including consenting to treaties as a precondition to ratification; consenting to or confirming appointments of Cabinet secretaries, federal judges, military officers, regulatory officials, ambassadors, and other federal uniformed officers; and conducting trials of federal officials impeached by the House. The 2022 salary is \$174,000 per year.

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## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

\*\*These U.S. Senate candidates also have four write-in opponents whose names do not appear on the ballot.

### U.S. SENATOR

#### MARCO RUBIO (R)\*



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### U.S. SENATOR

#### VAL DEMINGS (D)



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### U.S. SENATOR

#### DENNIS MISIGOY (LPF)



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1

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

In the United States Senate, I will prioritize the issues that matter most to Florida families like lowering the cost of living, including gas prices and housing, and fighting to make our communities safer. Everyone should be able to work hard, play by the rules, and achieve the American Dream, and they deserve to achieve the American Dream while living in safe communities. As Orlando's Chief of Police, we were able to reduce violent crime by 40%, the largest reduction in the city's history. I know what it takes to do the hard work, fight the tough fights, and get things done, and that's exactly what I'll do in the United States Senate.

End US involvement in all wars abroad and bring 100% of American troops home. Drastically reduce "defense" spending and adopt a foreign policy of peace and free trade with all nations. End the Federal Reserve and its reckless and inflationary monetary policy as well as cutting the irresponsible federal spending which has largely driven it. Eliminate all barriers to the use of alternative currencies so that a free market can provide Americans with the sound money that governments and central banks are unwilling to offer.

2

What laws, if any, should be passed to combat misinformation that challenges people's trust in our democracy?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

We know that we need to rebuild trust in our democracy. As a law enforcement officer of 27 years, I know how important it is for people to have trust in the institutions of our country, and how precious that trust is. In the United States Senate, I will work to rebuild trust and foster faith in our democracy. I would support legislation to combat attempts to misinform voters trying to make their voices heard in our elections, secure the right to vote, and make participating in our elections more accessible for more citizens. We must hold America to its promise and ensure that we truly are a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

None. The antidote to misinformation is accurate information, not censorship. The first amendment protects the freedom of speech and the press, and any effort to undermine those would do incalculable harm. The federal government, which has a well-established habit of lying and hiding information, cannot be trusted with any special power to prevent others from expressing contradicting narratives. This would be the death of any whistleblower calling out corruption in our government.

3

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

My friend and former colleague John Lewis said the right to vote was precious, that it was almost sacred. The right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy and we must do everything in our power to protect it. As a law enforcement officer, I spent 27 years enforcing the laws, and now I get to write them. In the United States Senate I will fight to pass voting rights legislation that protects the right to vote and establishes national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot box.

No. This is a function of the states, which are far better situated to understand the dynamics of and challenges faced by their respective populations.

4

Do you see climate change as a threat to the country? Why or why not? What laws to address climate change would you support?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

I spent 27 years at the Orlando Police Department, so believe me when I say that I take any and all threats to the people of Florida very seriously. I do believe that climate change is an emergency and that Florida stands to pay a terrible price in the form of stronger hurricanes, sea level rise, and more. Unless we act, climate change will cost countless lives and trillions of dollars in damage, not only in Florida, but across the country. In the United States Senate, I will proudly support climate legislation that will create jobs and grow our economy by investing in new green tech and other efforts to stop climate change and prepare for its impacts.

No. While I support common sense efforts by individuals to exercise responsible stewardship over natural resources, alarmist warnings about catastrophes have proven themselves to be unfounded for half a century or more, and the proposed measures to deal with them would create needless hardships for a great portion of our population. I would support a complete withdrawal of US military forces from around the world. Today the US military has a larger carbon footprint than more than 100 entire countries. If it were a country itself, it would be in the top 50 polluters. This is a natural consequence of acting as policeman of the world, but it comes at great costs, which include a massive carbon footprint.

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## U.S. SENATOR

### STEVEN B. GRANT (NPA)



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Term limits for Congress and campaign financing reform are my priorities. Our Democratic Republic cannot sustain itself with Congress's failure to regulate career politicians. Our national debt increased by \$20 Trillion Dollars in the past decade because elected leaders failed to act fiscally responsibly. The aristocracy of established political leaders and lobbyists acting in their best interests is hurting the citizens of the U.S. Term limits would require a peaceful transfer of power and allow elected leaders to share their knowledge in other aspects of our government and economy. A person may campaign for the same position after sitting out one term increasing competition, the backbone of our capitalistic society.

Our Constitution under the First Amendment provides Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or the press. However, the Federal Communications Commission protects our society from obscene, indecent, and profane content; in addition, provides resources against potential fraud. I believe the FCC should be able to protect our society from fraudulent broadcasts that fail to disclose opinion-based content. These disclosures would be similar to the Children's Television Act and commercial media providers (TV, internet, or radio) who broadcast news or talk programs must identify the show's content as an opinion and/or verified by an editor with support from evidence.

The 15th and 19th Amendment of the Constitution provides the right to vote regardless of race, color, previous condition of servitude, and sex. Whereas, some States and the Supreme Court have historically created unjust barriers for citizens to register to vote and access the polls. The Voting Rights Act created and allowed demographical gerrymandering for the purposes of keeping a political party in power. As Senator, I would support a voting rights bill to provide for national standards and access to the ballot to include early voting and mail in ballots. Plus, I believe the redistricting based upon ethnicity has allowed for the continued discrimination of citizens and would require new districts to be completed by independent committees.

Climate change is an inevitable aspect of living on planet Earth, I believe the increase of air pollution has led to the following symptoms: hotter summers and colder winters; more severe and frequent natural disasters; and severe health issues for all people. The air, land, and water pollution for the past two centuries has accumulated to epic levels and climate change is affecting the planet negatively. As Senator, I would propose and incentivize a sustainable and resilient economy by providing grants for expanded recycling and clean incineration programs; nominally increasing taxes on polluting products (such as increasing the federal gas tax one cent a year); and restoring our forests and creating urban greenspaces.

## U.S. SENATOR

### TUAN TQ NGUYEN (NPA)



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\* Immigration Reform.  
\* Education Reform.

Candidates should be barred from running for office if were found to be willingly to spread misinformation (after debunked).

The only (federal) requirement (if any) shall be voters must be U.S. citizens and must show proof of U.S. citizenship. The rest (early voting, mail in, primaries etc..) should be left to the states.

Yes. The wade of weather-related catastrophes has been accelerating during the last decade. I would support laws that will GRADUALLY phase out fossis fuels and promote recycling industries.

## POLITICAL PARTIES, WRITE-INS AND NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

### POLITICAL PARTIES

There are currently two major parties

Florida Democratic Party (DEM)  
Republican Party of Florida (REP)

and nine minor parties in the State of Florida:

Constitution Party of Florida (CPF)  
Ecology Party of Florida (ECO)  
Green Party of Florida (GRE)  
Independent Party of Florida (IND)  
Libertarian Party of Florida (LPF)  
Party for Socialism and Liberation – Florida (PSL)  
People's Party (PEO)  
Reform Party of Florida (REF)  
Unity Party of Florida (UPF)

Florida is a CLOSED PRIMARY STATE. That means that in a primary election, only those voters who are registered with a party will be able to select that party's candidates. If you register as an Independent, you are indeed a member of a political party and will be able to select the candidates from the Independent Party if there is an Independent Party primary.

### NON PARTY AFFILIATES (NPAs)

Those voters who have not registered with a party (Non party affiliates or NPAs) will not have the opportunity to select a candidate in the primary election. NPA candidates are included in this Voters' Guide since they have met the necessary access requirements and their names appear on the ballot.

### WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

In Florida, you cannot just write in any random name on your ballot. A write-in candidate must meet certain ballot access requirements to qualify but does not have to pay a filing fee. A space is left on the ballot to write in the candidate's name, although their name does not appear. You must know and write in the name of the specific candidate, which can be found on the website of the Supervisor of Elections ([www.PBCElections.org](http://www.PBCElections.org)) under Candidate information. No write-in candidate has ever won an election in Florida.

*In this Voters' Guide, you will find double asterisks (\*\*) in the races where a candidate has one or more write-in opponents.*

### NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

Nonpartisan candidates, including elected judges and School Board members, appeared on the August primary ballot and required a majority vote for election. If there was no winner, the top two appear in a run-off in the November election. Soil and Water Conservation District candidates are elected at the General Election in November by plurality. All voters, regardless of party, may vote in all nonpartisan races.

# UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

### DISTRICT 20

#### DREW MONTEZ CLARK (R)



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### DISTRICT 20

#### SHEILA CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK (D)\*



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### DISTRICT 21

#### BRIAN MAST (R)\*



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1

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

The continued advocacy for the People's Prosperity Plan which will deliver \$1,000 a month to those in need, along with the expansion of the Affordable Care Act and Voting rights.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

2

What laws, if any, should be passed to combat misinformation that challenges people's trust in our democracy?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

We need to address misinformation in the United States and the biggest target should be the major social media companies. According to Pew Research, 48% of Americans get their news from social media. For too long, social media giants have run their companies with little to no regulation. We need to hold them accountable for fake accounts which are registered outside the United States and provide news, continue to fact-check inaccurate information and educate the public that democracy is hard, but can be lost in a heartbeat if not protected.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

3

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

Yes, the most fundamental right given to Americans is the vote. It needs to be preserved, protected, and expanded, which is why we need to pass the For The People Act and/or the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. Voting is the true equalizer to those in power which will always hold them accountable.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

4

Do you see climate change as a threat to the country? Why or why not? What laws to address climate change would you support?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

Yes, climate change is a scientific fact that needs to be addressed with expediency. In addition to the Climate Change Education Act, we need to give more authority to the Environmental Protection Agency to combat practices that affect the climate.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

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## DISTRICT 21

### CORINNA BALDERRAMOS ROBINSON (D)



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My top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term includes restoring faith and hope in our Republic. In doing so, I will protect everyone's right to vote and uphold the oath as a representative. As a former military policewoman, I have fought in combat to defend our Nation's freedom and care deeply to continually preserve our democratic "way of life". Additionally, in representing Congressional District 21, I will strive to ensure that my fellow members of Congress legislate for renewable energy, clean and algae free waters, and stronger laws against polluters.

I will legislate for social media companies to boldly address election disinformation. I am humbly blessed with having earned a PhD in Management concentrating in Homeland Security, served as a senior, governmental official in D.C., and as a Congressional Fellow on Capitol Hill, I know first-hand, the effects of disinformation and cyberwarfare. Shamefully, in Florida, we have legislators who are trying to suppress our vote, leading to the disruption of our democracy. The violent insurrection occurring on Jan 6th, and the legislators who subsequently did not acknowledge a fair election were abhorrent. As a former Chair, Speakers Bureau for the LWV, we must continually educate in varied languages and throughout underrepresented communities.

I will enact any means possible to compel my fellow members of Congress to pass federal voting rights legislation, e.g., the Voting Rights Act. Every American vote must be protected regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, etc. Witnessing the current, legislative barriers occurring in Florida is disheartening, e.g., stopping the use of drop boxes unless physically supervised, and requiring mail ballot requests to be submitted every election. Both of these measures are very costly to taxpayers. Congress must act swiftly to protect our democracy and to ensure that "all people" are duly represented. As a former LEO, I do not support the Governor's mandate to hire an "election police unit" to target voter fraud.

Climate change is a devastating threat to our country, and to our planet. While there are so many other pressing, legislative issues, e.g., the woman's right to choose, and gun safety reform, our Congress must act now to ensure that our future generations will not perish because we are negligent in addressing climate change. Upon election, I will legislate to cut America's GHG emissions, make investments in clean energy, and encourage other nations to also enforce measures to combat climate change. We must trust the scientists and ensure that both corporations and local, state and federal governments work together.

## DISTRICT 22

### DAN FRANZESE (R)



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Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

## DISTRICT 22

### LOIS FRANKEL (D)\*



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For the next Congress, I will continue to fight against attacks on access to reproductive healthcare and abortion, and continue to work to reduce costs for families at the pump, grocery stores, and at the doctor's office.

As we saw with the 2020 election and the pandemic, misinformation is dangerous to our democracy and the health of our nation. We must ensure social media companies have some accountability in what content is posted and that the government is countering misinformation as best as possible to keep everyone safe.

Yes, access to the ballot box is a fundamental right that has been under attack in many states, including Florida. That's why I supported H.R.1, the For the People Act, which would automatically register eligible voters, increase the amount of early voting days and sites, allow same day registration, and limit voter roll purging.

Yes, we are already seeing the dangerous effects of climate change, with increased temperatures, rising sea levels, and more intense hurricanes and storms. Congress and the Biden Administration are already making efforts to become carbon neutral by 2050 by investing in clean energy like solar and wind, transitioning to electric and more fuel efficient vehicles, and protecting our federal lands. I supported H.R.9, the Climate Action Now Act, which supports these targets and meets the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement.

## DISTRICT 23

### JOE BUDD (R)



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Boca Raton, Florida

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# UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The U.S. House of Representatives is made up of 435 elected members, divided among the 50 states in proportion to their total population. Florida has 28 Representatives are elected every two years (with no term limits) to serve the voters of a specific Congressional District. A Representative must be at least 25 years old, a U.S. citizen for at least 7 years, and a resident of the state he or she represents. Duties include making laws, serving on committees, electing the House leadership, and originating all matters of taxation. Representatives maintain offices in their home district and in Washington, D.C., where they provide constituent services. The 2022 salary is \$174,000 per year.

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## QUESTIONS



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### DISTRICT 23

#### JARED MOSKOWITZ (D)



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### DISTRICT 23

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### DISTRICT 23

#### CHRISTINE SCOTT (NPA)



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1

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

The most important issue impacting this congressional district and the entire country is the threat against our democracy. If we cannot protect longstanding democratic institutions and stop attempts to undermine the rule of law, it will be impossible to affect change on other priorities. Many of the attacks on our rights (abortion rights, LGBTQ+ equality, etc.) fall under this umbrella since rollbacks are only possible due to the undemocratic theft of Supreme Court seats. Secondly, we must address kitchen table economic and cost-of-living issues. Too many families are hurting because of inflation, healthcare costs, and the prices of commodities such as gasoline and groceries. We must do more to keep the cost of living under control.

My two of the top four legislative priorities would focus on Inflation and the impact it has on affordable rent and housing. No one should be forced into the streets because of greed and counties jacking up property taxes and skyrocketing property insurance. The second legislative objective to pursue would be focused on School Safety. I believe US Govt resources can be focused into webinar style of training for local law enforcement to develop risk/threat assessments and management reinforced with contingency planning, operations and exercises to facilitate denying, disrupting, denigrating and destroying, if necessary or at least mitigating threats and casualties. The economy and national security are my other priorities as well.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

2

What laws, if any, should be passed to combat misinformation that challenges people's trust in our democracy?

I believe that we should mandate minimum disclosure requirements and require media companies to outline their misinformation policies and enforcement methods, as other democratic nations around the world have done in recent years. We should also create new mechanisms to punish willful behavior to spread misinformation on the part of communication and social media entities. Misinformation can also be a national security issue if foreign entities weaponize it with the goal of interfering in our elections. We should empower federal agencies to combat this type of interference. We must also prioritize "media literacy" education to help people more effectively distinguish between legitimate and illegitimate political information.

I believe in First Amendment Rights of free speech, unless used to encourage riots. I believe it is more important to publicly educate Americans on how to avoid misinformation than it is to leave it media and Information Tech companies to decide which fits their narrative of free speech. The public should be educated using public broadcasting of short vignettes on how PSYOP is used to influence and mislead. Topics for "And now you know!" vignettes for TV ads: \* Believe half of what you see and nothing what you hear. \* Verify source of the information. \* Consider reliability of information. \* Actions speak louder than words. \* In PSYOP, those with an agenda would rather use "a pinch full of convincing lies than a handful of truth."

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

3

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

Voter registration and the opportunity to vote-by-mail should be universal. I believe that we must pass bills like HR 1 into law to prevent state legislatures and local governments from making voting more difficult. Redistricting should be carried out by nonpartisan, independent committees rather than partisan legislative bodies. Additionally, we must create safeguards for processing Electoral College votes when installing newly elected presidents in order to guarantee that the results of free and fair elections cannot be subverted by extremists who support autocracy over democracy.

I believe voter rights legislation needs to be standardized at the federal level to ensure election standards are fair and places everyone on equal footing. Photo ID should be required, though its necessary that if such a requirement is initiated then low income, impoverished and homeless are given all due consideration in acquiring such ID given their limited access to support documentation that cannot be reconstituted. For example, birth certificates that cannot be obtained without photo ID and ID that cannot be obtained without birth certificate makes it a conundrum for someone from Illinois. So, the misfortunate needs a work around to participate in elections and easy access needs afforded to all. Illegal aliens should not vote.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

4

Do you see climate change as a threat to the country? Why or why not? What laws to address climate change would you support?

Yes. Addressing climate change and protecting the environment must be top priorities. From my firsthand experience managing disaster mitigation as Florida's Director of Emergency Management, I know how important it is that we take immediate and bold action to respond to worsening environmental threats and their human causes. Conservation should be a consideration on every item of legislation if we hope to remain committed to short- and long-term goals for emissions, harmful materials, land/water protection, and environmental justice. As a Member of Congress, I will be committed to responsibly addressing climate change and protecting the environment.

I support realistic climate change policies that do not immediately amputate our economy on idealistic dreams. We should pursue common sense and realistic pursuit of clean energy in a reasonable time. A goal of 7 years is not realistic when infrastructure is not in place and the US relies 60% on fossil fuels. Innovative and Creative technologies need to be pursued. The US needs to stay energy independent and bring technology back to the US to develop here and ensure/reinforce our own National Security. I believe a legislative goal of investing in businesses that can develop new technologies is worthwhile, but emphasis needs to be on obtaining a return on taxpayer investments from these companies. Waste and Fraud needs addressed too.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

# GOVERNOR

The Governor heads the executive branch of state government, is chief executive officer of Florida, and chairs the state Cabinet. Everyday job duties include oversight of the state's executive leaders, policy review and big-picture budget management. The Governor has the power to execute Florida's laws, call out the state militia to preserve the public peace and fill vacancies in many elected and appointed offices. The Governor's State of the State address to the Legislature, at least once per session, explains the condition of state government and suggests new legislation. The Governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a resident and registered voter of Florida for at least seven years. A Governor who has been elected to two consecutive four-year terms must be out of office for at least one election cycle before being eligible for reelection. The Governor's 2022 salary is \$141,400, according to MyFlorida.com.

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## QUESTIONS



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### GOVERNOR

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### GOVERNOR

#### CHARLIE CRIST (D)



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### GOVERNOR

#### HECTOR ROOS (LPF)



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1

Why are you running for this elected position? What are the two most compelling issues on which, if elected, you feel you can make a difference?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

I am running for governor because I am the candidate who can defeat Gov. DeSantis. I am running to restore the voice of the people in Tallahassee, to restore the voice of reason and civility in government, and to follow the Golden Rule so that all Floridians are treated with respect and dignity by their governor. I am running to protect our freedoms, the right for women to make their own decisions about their health care and their bodies, the right to vote, and the rights of LGBTQ+ Floridians.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

2

Insufficient housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

I will restore billions that have been diverted from the Sadowski Trust Fund back into housing affordability programs, and I will seek to repeal a DeSantis state law that permanently cut funding to the trust fund in half. I will appoint a housing czar to work with local governments on creating local housing affordability solutions. I will take on Wall Street firms that are buying up houses by helping local government limit their purchases and raising the documentary stamp tax on those purchases.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

3

What would you do to protect Florida's environment and address climate change?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

My Clean Water for All plan includes reducing run-off by strengthening regulations and "best management practices" on agricultural lands, implementing recommendations from the harmful algal bloom task force, supporting water storage and wetland restoration on private property, removing all septic tanks and banning new ones in urban areas, and fully funding the Department of Environmental Protection. I will add 1 million new solar roofs and set ambitious renewable energy goals.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

4

How would you expand voter registration and ensure access to the ballot for all eligible voters?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

I will reverse the DeSantis limits on mail ballots, allow Florida to automatically register to vote anyone who seeks a driver's license, move the primary election to spring to increase turnout, make Election Day a state holiday, make it easier for the governor and Cabinet to restore felons rights as I did as governor, and demand that lawmakers allow felons who have completed their sentences to register to vote as Amendment 4 intended while continuing to pay fines, court costs and restitution.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

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## GOVERNOR

### CARMEN JACKIE GIMENEZ (NPA)



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Restore peace, order, freedom & prosperity through a sustainable development plan to reestablish Human, Economic, Civil, Political Rights, decrease poverty rates, create employment opportunities, work to avoid roots of violence, creating abundance, implementing open government w/transparency, accountability, returning safety to schools, children & parent protection, unifying the population in favor of our community, society & state through our Florida Model for Sustainable Growth & Development.

The situation with housing, jobs, immigration, the environment, Disney World, protected areas, lawlessness, school violence, division, dire food security situation based on lack of domestic production, exacerbated imports, high gas prices, school dropouts, human trafficking, among others, is a consequence of terrible bad decisions made by those in power. As a P.H.D. in Management Sciences, my plan of action includes aligning investors, businessmen, entrepreneurs, NGOs, communities, universities.

I have already spoken with FEMA and NASA, and as a team, we will take the necessary steps to prevent the "handmade" disasters produced by Florida's lack of unified public policies and align them with our sustainable plan for Florida's expansion and growth. I will return the vetoed funds for climate change impact and ask the President of the United States to help us multiply the funds available, so that we can immediately reverse the negative impact resulting from the deficit.

The right to vote is an important civil and political right, having access to vote is a very important issue. As the head of the State Executive Branch, I will convene experts such as Vote11 and other organizations, whose experience guides us to implement best practices in the field, in terms of transparency, accountability and appropriate oversight measures. This is part of our model of sustainable growth and development in joy, peace, health, fraternity, and well-being.

1

Why are you running for this elected position? What are the two most compelling issues on which, if elected, you feel you can make a difference?

2

Insufficient housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

3

What would you do to protect Florida's environment and address climate change?

4

How would you expand voter registration and ensure access to the ballot for all eligible voters?

# ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General, one of three elected officials in the Florida Cabinet, is chief law enforcement officer of the state, responsible for enforcement of state consumer protection and antitrust laws, civil prosecution of criminal racketeering, protection of civil rights and defense of the state in court actions. The Attorney General represents the state when individuals appeal convictions, issues legal opinions on application of state law and defends the constitutionality of statutes enacted by the Legislature. The Attorney General must be at least 30 years old, a state resident for seven years and a member of The Florida Bar for five years. They are second in the line of succession, after the

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### ASHLEY MOODY (R)\*



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## QUESTIONS



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1

Why are you running for this elected position? What are the two most compelling issues on which, if elected, you feel you can make a difference?

2

Will you pledge to uphold constitutional amendments approved by the voters?

3

The fines and fees system disproportionately impacts people of color and people living in poverty. What would you propose to change this situation?

4

How would you enforce the Florida Sunshine Law and Public Records Law to ensure public access to governmental meetings and records?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

# ATTY. GEN.

Lieutenant Governor, to the office of the Governor. The Attorney General is limited to two consecutive four-year terms but is eligible to run again after one election cycle out of office. The Attorney General's 2022 salary is listed as \$132,841 by "Salaries of Elected County and Constitutional Officers and School District Officials for Fiscal Year 2021-22."

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### ARAMIS AYALA (D)



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Floridian's fundamental rights are being attacked and big corporations continue to corrupt the process. We need a fighter, As Florida's next Attorney General I will fight to protect our constitutional rights, build safer communities, and establish an economy that works for everyone. When elected I will make an immediate difference protecting women's rights and bodily autonomy. I will also ensure that our voting rights are protected and our democracy not only survives but thrives.

Support.

Yes. As a former Assistant Public Defender, Assistant State Attorney and elected State Attorney I witnessed first-hand the poverty penalty it is impact on Black, Brown, and poor people. We must start addressing this harmful practice that eliminates driver's license suspensions based on failure to pay court fines. Additionally, juveniles should be exempt from these fees in order to avoid the lifelong trap and cycle of incarceration often unrelated to violent crime.

Enforcement of Sunshine Law and Public Records Law must be consistent. The failure to consistently investigate and enforce the law send the message that it is flexible and easily undermined. Justice requires consistency. As Attorney General I would promote legislation that increases penalties for violations of Sunshine and Public Records Laws. The increased penalties would prove how serious of a crime it is to investigators, prosecutors, and those who may be tempted to violate the laws.

# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Florida's Chief Financial Officer, one of three elected members of the Florida Cabinet, heads the Florida Department of Financial Services, overseeing the state's accounting and auditing functions and unclaimed property, monitoring investment of state funds and managing the state's deferred compensation and risk management programs. The CFO also serves as State Fire Marshal and oversees the insurance, banking and funeral industries. The CFO is third in the line of succession, after the Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, to the office of the Governor. The CFO is limited to two consecutive four-year terms but is eligible to run again after one election cycle out of office. The 2022 salary for the CFO is \$139,988, according to MyFlorida.com.

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## QUESTIONS



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## CFO

### JIMMY PATRONIS (R)\*



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## CFO

### ADAM HATTERSLY (D)



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Service has been the main focus of my professional life (from nearly a decade in the US Navy to serving in the Florida House of Representatives), and the CFO's office hasn't had a true public servant occupying the position since Alex Sink finished her term. Florida's citizen's need a watchdog on the Cabinet that is going to look out for their interests instead of the political interest of the CFO's party. Major issues: Insurance and Government Accountability.

Bad regulations/regulators, poor legislative framework, and a CFO's office that doesn't protect consumers. We need an Insurance Commissioner who has a strong background in insurance, and who prioritizes consumer protection. Additionally, we have to revamp current regulations to make FL attractive for both insurance companies AND consumers to see benefit from the industry, that way we can bring new providers back to the state, lower risk, increase competition, and reduce rates for policyholders.

Look at what other states in similar risk zones have done to be successful, and implement those good policies. Nearly all other southern states face the same hurricane risk FL does, yet we are the only ones in an insurance crisis. We can't be afraid to adopt working policies just because the idea didn't originate in the CFO's office.

Re-design the system from the ground up with beneficiaries in mind, instead of the current system (which is a roadblock to assistance).

1

Why are you running for this elected position? What are the two most compelling issues on which, if elected, you feel you can make a difference?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

2

What do you believe is driving Florida's property insurance crisis? What do you plan to do as the CFO to remedy the situation?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

3

What do you think should be done to stabilize the housing and business insurance markets against major environmental disasters, such as hurricanes, floods and fires?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

4

The Covid-19 pandemic illustrated a major flaw in the Florida unemployment system, in both technical and monetary compensation aspects. What would you do to fix both problems?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

# COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

The Commissioner is a constitutional officer and one of three elected members of the Florida Cabinet. The Commissioner safeguards the public through testing and inspection of food products, regulation of deceptive and unfair business practices, reduction of wildfires, promotion of environmentally safe agricultural practices and management of public lands. The Commissioner also supervises the issuance of various state vocational licenses and firearms permits. The Commissioner is fourth in the line of succession, after the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and CFO, to the office of the Governor. The Commissioner is limited to two consecutive four-year terms but is eligible to run again after one election cycle out of office. The 2022 salary is \$128,972, according to MyFlorida.com.

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### AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

#### NAOMI ESTHER BLEMUR (D)



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As the granddaughter of farmers, a community advocate, a local business owner, and a mother, I am running because we need a strong leader in Tallahassee that will advocate for small farmers, clean water, renewable and sustainable energy, and a better environment for our families and children.

My two most important causes are to Create community farming and advocate for small farmers to get access to capital.

I want to analyze what our state is able to produce and expand on Community food farming. As a commissioner of agriculture, I will build a robust community food farming that will empower families across the state to grow their own fruits and vegetables. I will advocate for and support the development of those small, family-owned market businesses.

Families and individuals being unable to purchase homes is the largest issue facing Florida consumers, forcing them into an unregulated renting environment. Additionally, too many firearms are making it into the hands of those who shouldn't have them through unregulated loopholes. These issues are consumer regulation issues and are among the first I'd address. I would advocate for a statewide tenant bill of rights and vet concealed weapon licenses applications because our lives depend on it.

Drought, produce protection, and our farmer's mental health. Our markets need to protect our farmers and reduce consumption from other countries on what we can produce. Droughts are affecting livestock and farmers' mental health, triggering an increase in suicide rate; this is an issue that has gone unaddressed and is severely impacting our agriculture industry.

### AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

#### WILTON SIMPSON (R)



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## QUESTIONS



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Why are you running for this elected position? What are the two most compelling issues on which, if elected, you feel you can make a difference?

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2

What steps would you take to address food insecurity?

2

Insufficient housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

3

What are the key issues of concern for Florida consumers, and what ideas do you have to improve the Division of Consumer Services?

3

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

4

What is the most important issue facing agriculture and forestry in Florida? Please explain why it is important.

4

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and address climate change?

# FLORIDA LEGISLATURE – SENATE

Florida has a bicameral (two houses) Legislature with a 40-member Senate as the upper body. Senators are elected for staggered four-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms. In odd-numbered years, the Legislative Session is convened annually on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, and is not to exceed 60 days. The primary responsibilities of the Legislature include approving a state budget as well as enacting, amending and repealing state laws. Four senate seats serve Palm Beach County. The 2022 salary for members of the Florida Legislature is \$29,697.

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## DISTRICT 24

### ERIC P. ANKNER (R)



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## DISTRICT 24

### BOBBY POWELL JR. (D)\*



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I believe that as a representative of the people they need a person who is selfless to carry out the will of the community. That is why I am here to serve. The two most compelling issues I will fight to make a difference on are affordable housing and transportation.

I believe that it is important to make sure that we are receiving all of the funds that are set aside for affordable housing through the Sadowski fund. Additionally, the State can incentive innovative strategies for additional housing opportunities.

There have been several laws passed recently that have restricted and limited access to the ballot. The first thing that the legislature can do is to repeal the restrictive measures that were recently passed.

I would propose that we incentivize opportunities for public transit to reduce vehicle and green house gasses, promote live work and green job opportunities. Additionally, strengthen state policies related to building on the coastline.

## DISTRICT 26

### STEVE BYERS (R)



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Too many corrupt career politicians are silent about the voter fraud and overbearing lobbyist. I am a community person who will commit and sacrifice to call out this complacency. I know of Home Owner insurance issues and HOA issues which my personal insights can be applied to benefit the people in Florida. A full audit of Voting records should be at everyone's finger tips.

More housing affordable housing is important! Make it easier for builders to put together simple communities and compete with the mega house and community builders.

The maddening actions of the established politicians should be enough to get people to vote and stand for honest principles. Someone mentioned giving a blockchain token to voters for voters apply to a benefit, such as a sales tax break or something.

I do not believe in the climate change Cult. God has got that! Responsible stewardship of the resources we have are what we all have a duty for.

## DISTRICT 26

### LORI BERMAN (D)\*



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I'm running to give voice to the over 500,000 constituents in Senate District 26. So often in Tallahassee, the interests of working families in the lower and middle class are cast aside in favor of powerful special interest groups by Republicans. I'm running to put a check on Ron DeSantis' abuse of executive power. Two issues I plan to fight hard if I'm re-elected are women's rights and clean energy initiatives.

Historically, Florida was an affordable state to live in. But under decades of Republican leadership, Florida has become one of the least affordable states to live in. Twenty-five percent of Floridians struggle to pay their housing. Even before COVID, low-income Florida households paid more than 50% of their incomes on housing. In order to ensure working Floridians are not priced out of living here, the Legislature has to stop raiding the Sadowski Trust Fund and bolster programs within the FHFC.

Voting rights have been under assault by Republicans who care more about maintaining power than democracy. To protect voter access and participation, the Legislature should fully repeal unconstitutional voter suppression laws like SB 90 and SB 524. I will file legislation that would automatically register voters when they get their driver's license. I would also like to see laws passed that increase the number of polling locations and extend registration deadlines.

I have proposed legislation for several years to require Florida's public utilities like FPL and Duke, to reach 100% renewable energy generation by 2040, and zero carbon emissions by 2050. I will continue to propose legislation that creates incentives for our public schools to transition to solar energy, thereby cutting their emissions and energy costs. I would also like to see the Florida Forever program fully funded, and more funding to protect our freshwater springs.

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## QUESTIONS



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Why are you running for this elected position? What are the two most compelling issues on which, if elected, you feel you can make a difference?

### DISTRICT 30

#### WILLIAM REICHERTER (R)



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School Safety policies. I have a plan to hire vets, implement technology into every school and secure the school boarders while being patrolled. The state has the money and it needs to be allocated. Funding our Blue, getting 911 operators back to work, providing proper mental health resources to all first responders as well as allowing our Blue to do their jobs without fear. Currently the criminals has more rights and that will change under my leadership. I am a Law and Order candidate. We must back the blue!

2

Insufficient housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

I propose we look to allocate dollars on the local level or partner with non-profits or large companies to revitalize neighborhoods and buy land with ease of zoning restrictions to lower costs to build affordable housing. We have empty buildings and land that can also be transformed. We have to stop large developers from buying land and developing. Also higher density use of buildings in multi-family gives relief in pricing.

3

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

We need to make sure people have access to early voting, people with disabilities have proper access free of guardianship and helped with voting as well as trained poll guardians and poll watchers in place so people feel that their vote has election integrity. I also feel we need to go back to paper ballots as I feel they are easier to audit and they need to be made available to people of disabilities.

4

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and address climate change?

In regards to the climate change, I support the Resilient Florida program, and look forward to being part of the planning. As far as the environment there is one particular issue I would propose legislation that would ensure non-English speaking communities have the same access to environmental processes affecting their health and environment. Also trash incinerators are primary in communities of people of color and that needs to be addressed. Unsafe health issues such as cancer causing toxins.

### DISTRICT 30

#### TINA SCOTT POLSKY (D)\*



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The two biggest issues facing Florida's families today are the high cost of housing and the high cost of insurance. The cost of insurance is high because for too long state leaders have ignored rising sea levels and the corresponding flooding that we see here especially in South Florida. Second, the state has repeatedly raided the Sadowski trust funds that are supposed to be used to keep the costs of housing down. I know these issues well and will use whatever strength I can to address both of them.

We need to fully fund the Sadowski Affordable Housing trust fund and then work with local governments to provide incentives to build more housing stock. I will fight to restore the trust fund and also to provide local monies in targeted communities for matching grants and other devices to incentivize building. But through all of that, we do need a dose of reality that with global supply chain issues disrupting the home-building trades, we must also be realistic that this will take time.

We need to stop the nonsense of limiting access to drop boxes, to require certain id's to vote and work to make registration easier and more accessible to all voters. One such idea would be to expand early voting to extend to the same time period as vote-by-mail so that voters who are wary of dropping their ballots in mailboxes can simply return them to early voting locations.

This is of course a massive issue but we must start with incentivizing the use of electric vehicles, add more – many more — charging stations and expand intra-city rapid transit. We must also expand and enforce the use of advanced wastewater treatment, remove sewers from sensitive areas and reduce nitrate use across the board.

# FL. HOUSE

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### DISTRICT 86

#### JOHN SNYDER (R)\*



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# FLORIDA LEGISLATURE – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## DISTRICT 86

### RAYMOND DENZEL (D)



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A tough question, it is hard to narrow it down to two issues. The first one is voter suppression. It was signed into law to make it as difficult as possible for a citizen to vote by mail which is by far the easiest way to vote for most people. The Republicans don't want you to vote. The second one is the water and air pollution problems we have with Lake Okeechobee, dumping water into rivers that affect St. Lucie and Martin County and of course the sugar cane burning in Belle Glades. Environmental Destruction.

40 years ago the Florida Housing Finance Corporation was created to assist with this problem. I would look into what is needed to make this a better working program.

A rollback of the latest voter suppression laws that have been enacted would be a starting point, which by the way includes severe fines out of pocket to the supervisor of elections of each office.

It would start with strict regulation of fertilizer and pesticide run off into Lake Okeechobee for example. The killing of the manatees is an example of the canary in the coal mines. It is a quiet visual we can all see and it speaks volume. Trust the science.

## DISTRICT 87

### MIKE CARUSO (R)\*



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As a CPA, I am concerned about fiscal responsibility, balanced budgets, reducing taxes and spending, and promoting economic choice and freedom in the marketplace.

I support full funding of the Sadowski Trust Fund. This year, FL allocated \$362 million towards affordable housing. My wife Tracy serves on the PBC Housing Authority which works towards creating more desperately needed affordable housing in PBC.

I supported legislation to make sure our elections are fair, honest, accountable and accessible.

I have been a strong advocate for clean water over the past 4 years serving as the State Representative of District 89. I have sponsored legislation and obtained appropriations for septic tank to sewer conversions, supported Best Management Practices on our Agricultural Lands, supported and voted to build the water reserve south of Lake Okeechobee, Without Clean water, Florida is not Florida.

## DISTRICT 87

### SIENNA OSTA (D)



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I'm running for State Representative for District 87 to bring about real, effective change to carry us into the future and improve conditions throughout our District. I'm a first generation Lebanese-American, FL native, and attorney in Palm Beach County. I've always loved the practice of law and have always been drawn to helping those in our community — from providing pro bono legal services, to serving as a guardian ad litem. My top two priorities are protecting women's rights and resolving our current housing crisis.

One of my top priorities is to remedy our current plight with respect to rising home prices —through smart growth, a market-based approach, and the development of walkable, livable and affordable living communities.

Voting is a precious right of all citizens, and the state needs to promote safe and secure ballots with the involvement of a transparent committee of citizens in each county to ensure all reasonable steps are taken to prevent improper and unfair activity in the elections. Voter access can automatically improve when the will of the people, as expressed in the Amendment 4 Referendum, is acknowledged and returning citizens are finally given their rights back.

All future planning should take long-range environment impacts into account. We need to continue to prevent all fracking in sensitive lands, prohibit offshore and near-shore wells to protect our coastal communities and tourism economy, and pass sweeping water protection legislation in our agricultural areas, despite the lobbying power of Big Ag. We also need to re-address the needs of the Everglades watershed and send the water south again, as nature intended.

## DISTRICT 88

### ROZ STEVENS (R)



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I am running for office because my district has been neglected for decades. Our communities and families have deteriorated and are coping with unsafe neighborhoods and a poor education system. And now the inflation crisis has further burdened the average family which needs immediate relief.

Workforce housing should be a priority. If you work here, you should be able to live here. Gas prices make it impossible for an employee to commute long distances. The Legislature should look at tax credits for individuals and companies to make that happen.

We have incredible voter access to ballots. Our focus should be on greater voter participation. We must restore confidence in our election process. We should promote Election Day voting and same-day vote counting.

We must clean up the algae invading our water systems. I support the state recommended steps it will take to do that.

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### DISTRICT 88

#### JERVONTE "TAE" EDMONDS (D)\*



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I am running for re-election. I was just elected in the March 22 special election to replace Omari Hardy who ran for Congress and resigned his seat. I am running again to continue to be a voice for residents in Dist. 88. Both as a state legislator and in my position as CEO of Suits for Seniors, I am working hard to make a difference in the lives of children who may not have the same opportunities as other children by providing opportunities and mentors in underserved area.

I oppose the constant sweeping of the "Sadowski" fund which was specially designed to provide funds for building affordable housing. I support restrictions on increasing rents without at least 60 days notice.

We must be vigilant in our fight for voter access. Governor DeSantis' election reform bill is just another example of the desire to restrict voter access, especially for minorities. The courts struck down some parts of the law, but I'm sure there will be similar bills in the future. It is imperative to democracy to make voting as easy as possible, while keep the voting process safe and secure.

Water quality is one of the most important issues in Florida. I support increased funding for programs/facilities that provide clean drinking water. I support moving to clean renewable energy and oppose fracking. As a South Florida legislator, I strongly support the Army Corp of Engineers 68 programs to improve the waterflow in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA).

### DISTRICT 89

#### DANIEL JUDIEL ZAPATA (R)



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### DISTRICT 89

#### DAVID SILVERS (D)\*



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As the current Representative in District 87 which has now been redistricted to District 89, I have prioritized issues such as mental health reform, education reform, criminal justice reform, affordable housing initiatives, supporting children and families, and protecting our seniors. I have prioritized these issues by sponsoring and passing legislation on these issues.

I will always support efforts to make housing more affordable and am proud of legislation I have sponsored to protect the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund. We need to protect the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund because it was created to provide affordable housing, but unfortunately it is being misappropriated for other uses.

We should not be considering any legislation that deters voting or attempts to make it harder for individuals to vote. We should be encouraging participation, voter education, and access to voting for all who are eligible to vote.

The state of Florida has world class beaches, diverse wildlife, thriving wetlands and other natural resources that makes our state special. I would support any legislation that ensures we protect these resources so that future generations of Floridians can enjoy the same, beautiful state we do.

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## DISTRICT 90

### KEITH G. FEIT (R)



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I am running for elected office because with the current political situation, I fear for my son's future and for the future of our country. I am specifically running for this office to ensure that Florida remains free, that our constitutional rights are protected, and that our children have safe and prosperous futures. The two biggest issues today are education - we need to protect our children and reform our system to ensure all students receive the same educational opportunities - and the protection of our freedoms.

First and foremost, we need to rein in inflation, which has drastically driven up the cost of building supplies, shipping, and other costs involved in home construction. Secondly, we need to reform the property tax system in Florida to reduce the financial burden on homeowners. That needs to be coupled with insurance reform to ensure homeowners can insure their homes without driving them into bankruptcy.

We need to ensure that while it is easy for legal voters to vote, it is also extremely difficult to commit voter fraud. I would first suggest that Election Day is made a state holiday, allowing all citizens the opportunity to vote on that day. Secondly, we need to open more polling places to make voting more convenient for those voters with transportation concerns and to reduce lines and wait times when voting. Regardless of what we do, we must ensure voters are citizens and ID is required.

We can be responsible stewards of our environment while at the same time limiting environmental policies' impacts on Floridians lives. Environmental policies should be economically neutral to the greatest extent possible, meaning that they do not infringe upon our ability to lead a comfortable life. We need to increase our reduce, reuse, recycle programs, enact legislation to protect wetlands & coral reef environments, maintain the highest possible air & water quality, and protect wildlife.

## DISTRICT 90

### JOSEPH "JOE" CASELLO (D)\*



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I am running to bring common sense solutions to a legislature that is increasingly without any. We can't begin any conversation about the issues addressing Floridians without speaking about the housing crisis. We need immediate action to stop the unacceptable rise in prices for owners and renters alike. The other issue on which I believe my voice is needed in the legislature is public safety. As a firefighter for more than 30 years I understand what those who keep our families and community safe go through.

The first thing we ought to do as a state is to stop raiding the Sadowski Trust Fund whose funds ought to be going directly into making affordable housing available to Floridians. In addition, we need to start offering incentives to developers to create true affordable housing. Such incentives can include measures such as density bonuses if they agree to set aside a certain percentage of units for affordable housing.

Our democracy only works when everyone's access to the ballot is ensured. We must make it easier for Floridians to both request and return a vote-by-mail ballot, and ensure that in-person polling places are easily accessible.

Florida voters in 2010 approved Amendment 1 to protect funding for land and water conservation. We must ensure that money from the Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund is used to fund critical environmental preservation and restoration projects across Florida. This year, Governor DeSantis has touted Florida's "environmental budget" as one of the largest in history, but it's clearly still not enough. That's why, in the State House, I will continue to fight for as much funding as possible.

## DISTRICT 91

### PEGGY GOSSETT-SEIDMAN (R)



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## DISTRICT 91

### ANDY THOMSON (D)



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I am running for the Florida House of Representatives so that I can continue to serve the community I love. For four years, I have represented the City of Boca Raton, which comprises a large majority of the newly-drawn District 91, so I understand our community's issues and needs. Two issues I will prioritize when elected are the housing affordability crisis and public safety. Making sure we are lowering costs for families and protecting our neighborhoods will help address these issues head on.

Continue to support and fund the new Hometown Hero Housing Program and allowing local governments increased zoning flexibility, like through mixed-use development, for increased affordable housing.

We should be making voting as accessible as possible for all who are eligible to vote in our state and increasing funding for voter education initiatives.

We should continue to fund environmental programs such as Everglades and springs restoration, wastewater and resiliency programs, and measures to address algae blooms. We should also continue to prioritize conservation and recreation lands acquisition programs such as Florida Forever.

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### DISTRICT 92

#### DORCAS HERNANDEZ (R)



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I'm running to be the new voice for the people of my District 92 in Palm Beach County. As an Hispanic America is so important to keep our great State of Florida safe with an excellent education for our children.

I'm very concerned that right now many communities across Florida have a shortage of affordable homes. Many low-income households at or below the poverty line have difficulty find reasonable priced housing. These households are struggling to make ends meet and spend more than half their income on housing. The median sale price of a single-family home in PBC is over \$400,000 and rising. Families find renting also expensive with the average monthly rent. I will work to ensure affordable housing.

I know and understand what a great privilege it is to be able to vote safely. I will work to ensure that every American who wants to vote is properly registered to vote and that their vote will be fairly counted. I will work with our high schools and colleges to encourage teaching the importance and value of participating in America electoral process.

Florida lights up my heart, as the best moments and memories of my life are here. Florida is a beautiful place to live, and our environment must be protected. We must protect our coasts, springs, rivers, lakes - like Okeechobee, and other waterways. Our natural resources are critical to the future of Palm Beach County. I will work to find innovative ways to ensure clean air and water, protect our natural habitats, maintain our beautiful beaches, and ensure the sustainability of our environment.

### DISTRICT 92

#### KELLY SKIDMORE (D)



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I am asking voters to allow me the privilege of continuing to serve them in the Florida House of Representatives so that I can keep working toward the greater good of our community, both locally through constituent services and in Tallahassee through the legislative and appropriations processes. The two most compelling issues on which I can make a difference are growing a healthy economy and protecting the most vulnerable in our state.

The number one thing the state needs to do is revisit the distribution of the Sadowski Trust Fund dollars and prioritize the funds to affordable housing only, as intended.

The legislative action that is necessary is to reverse the most recent restrictions on vote-by-mail, creation of the special election police force designed to intimidate voters, and limiting the use of drop boxes.

I would propose legislative action that supports research and innovation that directly impacts the affects of climate change such as sea-level rise, harmful algal blooms and critical wildlife habitats including coral reefs.

### DISTRICT 93

#### SAULIS BANIONIS (R)



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I am running for public office to be a voice of reason and common sense, in these uncommon times. It's time for honest and hard working every day citizens, with pride in our imperfect history, to step up and take our country back from professional politicians and bureaucrats. I will work to protect the American dream for my family, my community, and protect Florida for future generations. 1. Supporting small businesses and families by reducing taxes and insurance reform. 2. Reform education and ensuring parental rights.

I support Governor DeSantis' proposal for housing initiatives to provide \$95 million for the SAIL and \$220 million for the SHIP programs. I also support new legislation to prevent investment companies, such as Blackrock, from buying up large tracts of houses and developments which drives up housing prices and limits housing availability.

I propose a state holiday to allow everyone the opportunity to cast a ballot on election day and to increase voting locations.

Florida's waterways are a critical part of our economy and I will work to protect them, including with private industry and universities. Everyone wants clean water, clean air, and a clean environment and I will work to ensure they are protected.

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## DISTRICT 93

### KATHRYN M. WALDRON (D)



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I am currently an elected commissioner, in my second term, for the Port of Palm Beach. I want to bring my passion for public service, business background and my experience as Port Commissioner, to help my community thrive. I would like to focus on mental health issues and workforce housing. These are two areas I have been advocating for on the campaign trail and two areas that I believe will make a significant difference in peoples' lives.

I support ensuring the Sadowski funds ALL go towards housing efforts. In addition, I support increasing incentives, perhaps temporarily, for developers to encourage them to build more affordable housing. I also support reviewing more infill and up zoning options, as there will need to be more density allowed in order to solve this crisis.

Legislative actions should include making Election Day a state holiday. I would also like to implement automatic voter registration and increase the number of and hours of operations for early voting sites.

While millions of dollars are being earmarked to adapt to rising sea levels, Florida must also focus on cutting greenhouse gases - the main cause of climate change. We must expand support for renewable energy and have as a goal - net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, the goal set by the United Nations.

## DISTRICT 94

### RICK ROTH (R)\*



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I am a Palm Beach County native who truly appreciates living in one of the best communities in America. It has been my honor to represent Palm Beach County residents in the Florida House for 6 years. If reelected I will serve my new district 94, Palm Beach county's western communities, including Jupiter Farms, Loxahatchee, and the Glades communities where I grew up and my family continues to farm since 1948. My top two priorities will continue to be affordable housing and protecting our natural environment. Our top two industries are tourism and agriculture, and I believe it is absolutely essential to conserve and protect our land and water resources, and promote affordable and workforce housing. Since I will address affordable and workforce housing in question 2, let me instead address FOOD RECOVERY for our most needy citizens. I will sponsor legislation to greatly increase the recovery of harvested but unsold fruits and vegetables, in a way that benefits Florida's most needy residents, Food Recovery Entities, the farmers, and Florida taxpayers.

In 2021, the Florida House offered legislation to update the Sadowski Trust Fund, and the way the Legislature dealt with Affordable Housing. The Legislature had a history of sweeping some of the funds annually. In 2021, the Florida House updated how much of the Sadowski Trust Fund would be spent on affordable housing. I was part of the team that convinced State leadership to increase the % spent on housing from 33% to 48%. As a result, the last 7-year average of \$160 million spent on affordable housing went to \$209.2 million in 2021. I'm proud to say that, partially due to those efforts, the 2022 budget appropriation for Affordable Housing was \$362.7 million. As the number one long-standing issue affecting many Floridians, I will sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to change the % spent on Affordable and Workforce Housing to hopefully 55% of the Sadowski Fund appropriations, to better reflect Florida's most pressing infrastructure needs.

Florida already has some of the best voter access laws in the United States. Voters in Florida have 14 early voting days plus election day, and a Vote by Mail process with no justifications required. In Palm Beach County, we have specifically provided the funds that our Supervisor of Elections requested to modernize all our voting machines and provide increased support for both Vote by Mail processing and Polling Station operations. Additionally, we should focus on civics education. Providing better understanding on our Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and our Representative system of government will help every Floridian understand how important it is for them to exercise their right to vote, so their representatives can pass laws to guide our government.

One of my biggest priorities is land conservation, which keeps Florida land either in agricultural production or in conservation status. The more land that remains in its natural state, with actively growing plant life, the cleaner our air, land, and water will be. I will sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to put in statute a \$400 million per year contribution level to the Florida Forever Act (FFA) and make sure that at least 30% of that goes to land conservation. FFA is Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program. It is the blueprint for conserving Florida's natural and cultural heritage. Going forward, it is essential that we have land development that respects the surrounding environment. As to climate change, the Florida Legislature passed law to provide state grant funding for infrastructure for sea-level rise resiliency, and flooding in 2021. This is a long-term problem that we must address in a responsible way.

## DISTRICT 94

### TERENCE DAVIS (D)



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I am running because the woman and children of the District deserves better. Someone whip fight for better pay for all School board employees and safe and affordable housing for all. Another issue to take action on is better water quality.

Our state need a policy that supports transparency with developers who staying committed to the number of workforce housing units that they advertising to get approvals, but don't follow through with the commitment.

More drop boxes through out the county and less restrictions on voters like the fact that if they don't vote over a couple of cycles they drop off the roll.

I work with our leader in congress and fight to get on state committees where decisions are made that impact our environment.

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Our issue groups partnered with state and local agencies to educate and advocate on other critical topics. We joined with Medicare Matters Florida to **push for 2021 Medicaid expansion legislation**; held weekly **online COVID Conversations** with experts; and created learning tools about elections and public policy issues. We were invited by several community groups, including the City of Delray Beach, to host presentations to educate residents on the negative impacts of **plastic pollution and climate change** in our communities.

Our members served as judges for community events such as National History Day, Government 'Bees' and the Green Schools Recognition competition. And, we have welcomed hundreds of new members to the League, connecting them with our many issue groups.

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# FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court of Florida is the highest court in the state. It consists of seven members — the Chief Justice and six justices. Five members are chosen from five districts around the state to foster geographic diversity, and two are selected at large.

The justices are appointed by the governor to terms that do not exceed six years. Immediately after appointment, the initial term is three years or fewer because the justices must appear on the ballot in the next General Election that occurs more than one year after their appointment. Afterward, they serve six-year terms and remain in office if retained in the General Election near the end of each term. Citizens throughout the state vote to retain or not retain each justice in office.

Voters in Palm Beach County and the rest of the state are asked to vote “Yes” to retain or “No” to not retain the Supreme Court justice on the ballot. If a justice is not retained, the governor appoints a replacement through the Judicial Nominating Commission. Judges must retire at age 75. The 2022 salary for a Supreme Court justice is \$239,442.

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## JUSTICE CHARLES T. CANADY

Charles Canady was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court in 2008 by Gov. Charlie Crist. He served as Chief Justice from 2010 to 2012, and again from 2018 to the present. In 2002, he was appointed to the Second District Court of Appeal by Gov. Jeb Bush. Previously, he practiced law and served in the state and U.S. House of Representatives. Canady, born in Lakeland, earned his law degree at Yale University and his bachelor's degree at Haverford College.



## JUSTICE JOHN D. COURIEL

John D. Couriel was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court by Gov. Ron DeSantis in 2020. He practiced law and was an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida. He earned his bachelor's degree and law degree at Harvard University. Couriel, a native Spanish speaker, was born in Miami. His parents emigrated from Cuba in the 1960s. His father was part of Operation Pedro Pan.



## JUSTICE JAMIE R. GROSSHANS

Jamie R. Grosshans was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court in 2020 by Gov. Ron DeSantis. Previously, as an Orange County Court judge, she was appointed to the Fifth District Court of Appeal in 2018 by Gov. Rick Scott. Before that, she was an assistant state attorney for the Ninth Circuit of Florida. She founded a law firm and served as an adjunct professor at Valencia College. Raised in Brookhaven, Miss., she earned her law degree at University of Mississippi School of Law.



## JUSTICE JORGE LABARGA

Jorge Labarga joined the Florida Supreme Court, appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist in 2009 almost immediately after he joined the 4th District Court of Appeal. He served as chief justice from 2014 to 2018. Appointed to the 15th Judicial Circuit in 1996 by Gov. Lawton Chiles, he served as a judge in the family, civil and criminal divisions. From 1987 until he became a judge, he worked in private practice, specializing in personal injury and criminal defense. Prior to that, he served as an assistant state attorney and assistant public defender. Born in Cuba, he earned his law degree and bachelor's degree at the University of Florida.



## JUSTICE RICKY POLSTON

Ricky Polston was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court in 2008 by Gov. Charlie Crist, and served as chief justice from 2012 to 2014. He had worked in private practice in Tallahassee for 14 years, specializing in commercial litigation and as a certified mediator, before he was appointed to the First District Court of Appeal by Gov. Jeb Bush in 2001. He had been a CPA for seven years before returning to Florida State University and earning his law degree. He also has been an adjunct professor at the FSU school of law since 2003.

# FLORIDA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

Florida's District Courts of Appeal (DCAs), established in 1956, provide the opportunity for multi-judge panels to review decisions of lower tribunals. Most trial court decisions that are appealed are settled by the DCA and never reach the Florida Supreme Court.

DCA judges are appointed by the governor, and serve six-year terms. They are eligible for successive terms under merit retention by voters in their respective districts. The Fourth DCA has 12 judges, including the chief judge, and hears appeals of cases from the 15th, 17th and 19th circuits, which encompass Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties. Throughout Florida there are now five DCAs.

Voters in Palm Beach County and the rest of the Fourth District are asked to vote "Yes" to retain or "No" to not retain each Fourth DCA judge who is on the ballot. Judges not retained are replaced by the governor when their terms end in the January following the General Election. All DCA judges have been retained since the merit retention system was established in the 1970s. The 2022 salary for a DCA judge is \$202,440.

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## JUDGE EDWARD ARTAU

Edward L. Artau has served as an appellate court judge for the Fourth District Court of Appeal since 2020. He was a judge for the 15th Judicial Circuit from 2014 to 2020 and served in Circuit Court civil, juvenile, dependency, family, probate, civil and criminal appeals divisions. He was a senior litigator for the South Florida Water Management District and a partner at Marks & Artau, P.A. He earned his law degree from Georgetown University and his bachelor's degree from Nova Southeastern University. He was appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis.



## JUDGE CORY J. CIKLIN

Cory J. Ciklin served as chief judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeal from 2015 to 2017 and is still on the court. He was a Palm Beach County judge from 1995 to 2009; assistant county attorney and Palm Beach County consumer advocate from 1991 to 1994; Palm Beach County Traffic Court magistrate from 1991 to 1994; and senior associate with Boose, Casey, Ciklin, Lubitz, Martens, McBane & O'Connell from 1983 to 1991. He earned his law degree from Samford University and his bachelor's degree from Florida State University. He was appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist.



## JUDGE DORIAN K. DAMOORGIAN

Dorian K. Damoorgian served as chief judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeal from 2013 to 2015 and has been on the court since 2008. He was a 17th Judicial Circuit administrative judge for the Civil Division from September to December 2007, and 17th Judicial Circuit circuit court judge from 1999 to 2007. He was in private practice from 1980 to 1999. He earned his law degree from Samford University and his bachelor's degree from American University. He was appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist.



## JUDGE JONATHAN D. GERBER

Jonathan D. Gerber has served on the Fourth District Court of Appeal since 2009 and as chief judge from 2017 to 2019. He was a circuit judge in the 15th Judicial Circuit from 2004 to 2009 and a Palm Beach County judge from 2002 to 2004. He worked at Shutts & Bowen LLP, in West Palm Beach, from 1994 to 2001, first as an associate, and as a partner in 2001 and 2002. Before that, he was an associate at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in Palm Beach from 1993 to 1994. He earned his law degree at the University of Florida and his bachelor's degree from Princeton University. He was appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist.



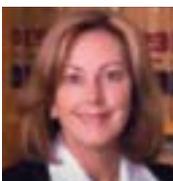
## JUDGE ROBERT M. GROSS

Robert M. Gross has been a judge with the Fourth District Court of Appeal since 1995. He served as chief judge from 2008 to 2011. Previously, he was a circuit and county court judge from 1984 to 1995. He was administrative judge of the County Court from 1988 to 1990. Prior to that, he worked at Moyle, Jones and Flanigan, P.A., in West Palm Beach, from 1981 to 1984; was an assistant state attorney in Palm Beach County from 1977 to 1981; and assistant district attorney for New York County, New York, from 1976 to 1977. He earned his law degree at Cornell University and his bachelor's degree from Williams College. He was appointed by Gov. Lawton Chiles.



## JUDGE SPENCER D. LEVINE

Spencer D. Levine has been a judge on the Fourth District Court of Appeal since 2009 and served as chief judge from 2019 to 2021. Previously, he was Broward Health CEO in 2008 and 2009 and chief compliance officer from 2006 to 2008. He directed the State of Florida Medicaid Fraud Control Unit from 2003 to 2006, and served as senior chief assistant attorney general in 2003 and assistant attorney general in 2002 and 2003. He was an associate with Adorno Zeder in 2001 and 2002. He earned his law degree from University of Miami and his bachelor's degree from New York University. He was appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist.



## JUDGE MELANIE G. MAY

Melanie G. May served as chief judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeal from 2011 to 2013, and has been a judge since 2002. She served as a judge in the 17th Judicial Circuit Court from 1991 to 2002, and was in private practice from 1982 to 1991. She was a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit in 1981 and 1982. She earned her law degree from Nova Law Center and her bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University. She was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush.

# PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION

The Board of County Commissioners is the legislative and policy-setting body for Palm Beach County government. Seven commissioners are elected, in staggered years, from single-member districts to represent the entire county. A commissioner is limited to two consecutive terms, with each term lasting four years. The commission itself elects the county mayor to preside over its meetings and serve as the ceremonial head of county government, as well as a vice mayor to fill in for the mayor. Commission meetings are the first and third Tuesday of each month, with workshops on the fourth Tuesday, and all are open to the public. The 2022 salary for a county commissioner is \$106,176.

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<h2>QUESTIONS</h2>  <p>*Incumbent</p>	<h3>DISTRICT 2</h3>	<h3>DISTRICT 2</h3>	<h3>DISTRICT 4</h3>
	<p><b>JEFFREY FRANCIS SKENE (R)</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> West Palm Beach, Florida <b>AGE:</b> 62</p>	<p><b>GREGG K. WEISS (D)*</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> West Palm Beach, Florida <b>AGE:</b> 65 <b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://VoteGreggWeiss.com">VoteGreggWeiss.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> GreggWeiss ForCountyCommission <b>Twitter:</b> GreggPBC</p>	<p><b>MARCIA SMOAK WOODWARD (R)</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> Boca Raton, Florida <b>AGE:</b> 45 <b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://SavePBC.com">SavePBC.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> SavePBC <b>Twitter:</b> PBCSave</p>
<p><b>1</b> What specific experience and knowledge would you bring to this position?</p>	<p>Served on a few town committees that saw many budgets in the seven figure range. Parks and Recreation.</p>	<p>I currently serve as the County Vice Mayor and have been on the board for the last 3 years. I have experience managing billion-dollar budgets, overseeing the county staff and responding to constituent issues. On the Commission, I have worked to listen and ensure transparent and accountable government.</p>	<p>I have 20 years of experience working in a supporting role for my husband in industrial construction. I entered this area working at the corporate office of a technical coatings company in 2002. We moved to south Florida in 2004 where I have worked closely with him and his customers ever since. The projects in which we work are long term, from cradle to grave, infrastructure, water/waste, power, DOT, etc. I worked as a liaison to track and coordinate projects.</p>
<p><b>2</b> What are your top three priorities?</p>	<p>Lowering the burden on the taxpayers, cut spending to programs that are non essential to county responsibilities and promote growth in our tax base.</p>	<p>My priorities are focused on the concerns of my constituents. I have worked to prioritize additional workforce housing options to address our county's housing needs, support policies that protect our water and environment, and have pushed for initiatives that work to reduce economic and social inequalities in the District and county.</p>	<p>Economy, Skilled labor shortage within PBC and Fortifying agriculture and supply chains.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Would you ever consider changing any voter referendum/bond issue? For example, the agricultural reserve, conservation lands, water or affordable/workforce housing. Why or why not?</p>	<p>It depends on the issue and circumstances at the time but once the people have spoken I would leave it pretty much settled.</p>	<p>I do not support changing rules that voters approved. Currently, the county has placed a housing bond on the ballot for the voter's consideration that would work to solve our county's housing crisis. If approved, I will work to implement the will of the voters efficiently and efficiently with that program.</p>	<p>As I understand the question, I would not go against the will of the people. If a referendum or bond passes or fails on the ballot, then my job would be to uphold the decision made by the electorate.</p>
<p><b>4</b> How do you think the county can best accommodate growth and development?</p>	<p>Keeping the taxes low on business and not put roadblocks through county codes that are not pertinent to any new business looking to locate here.</p>	<p>We need to manage the growth in our county appropriately and with citizen input and feedback. I would support looking at infill opportunities that have the appropriate infrastructure in place to handle new growth. In addition, I support utilizing new technology to improve traffic so our community can move more efficiently throughout the county. Last, all growth needs to take into consideration demands on water and infrastructure so we can plan accordingly for the future.</p>	<p>It is important for the county to prioritize investment in its own resources, both human and infrastructure. The growth of the population from migration must met with opportunities for existing residents. I believe investment in skilled trades education and working to attract manufacturing will bring higher and more sustainable career paths for current and future generations. We must look past tourism as our primary industry to make sure the economy of PBC can sustain financial downturns.</p>

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## DISTRICT 4

### ROBERT S. WEINROTH (D)\*



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In 2014, I was elected to the Boca Raton City Council where I served as deputy mayor and CRA vice chair during my 4-year tenure. In tandem with my service on the City Council, I was appointed to a number of PBC boards including the Boca Raton Airport Authority, Palm Tran Service Board, Palm Beach TPA, and Treasure Coast Planning Council.

Economic Development (continue to attract corporations to South Florida to ensure high paying jobs are available for our residents); Increased Workforce Affordable Housing (absent adequate housing at an affordable price/rent, companies are unable fill vacancies and our teachers, healthcare workers, police and others will be forced to live too far away to justify to commute); and Preservation of the South Florida recreational opportunities.

No. We owe it to our residents to abide by their desires, as indicated by their vote on referendums placed on our ballots. The Board of County Commissioners has approved the placing of a \$200,000 General Obligation Bond for Affordable Workforce Housing and Homelessness. Faced with the choice of a Revenue Bond (not requiring voter approval) and a General Obligation Bond, the Board opted for the latter to ensure we follow the will of our residents.

Development needs to increase density in the urban cores and along the public transportation routes. Transportation Oriented Development offers the greatest opportunity for placing people close to their transportation alternatives and employment opportunities.

## DISTRICT 6

### SARA BAXTER (R)



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My experiences would include growing a small business from the ground up, navigating through the county processes, medical field experience, being a Realtor, previous school teacher and being born in Palm Beach County. I am a wife and mother of three boys. My oldest is my nephew that I raise after my sister tragically overdosed on drugs. Dealing with drug abuse has also given me an insight to the problems with drugs in our community. These experiences have given me a diverse perspective.

Making Palm Beach County a more affordable place to live.  
Helping simplify PBC processes.  
Keeping our community safe.

I would not have voted to add a GO Bond to our ballots when home owners are already dealing with high gas prices, high costs for food and supplies, and inflation at 9.1%. If the bond goes through the property taxes for all PBC home owners will go up. Secondly, the agricultural reserve vote stopped the reserve from accomplishing its intended purpose. By allowing agricultural reserve lands to be switched out with other areas of agriculture reserve, the county has set a horrible precedent.

It can best accommodate growth by using smart growth factors. As new homes get built, also build some workforce housing, store frontage, and lastly I would like to include some warehouse space. Small businesses in our community are having a hard time finding space and this would help get them started.

## DISTRICT 6

### MICHELLE MCGOVERN (D)



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I am a mom on a mission who'll be the first Latina County Commissioner elected in Palm Beach County. I have both public and private sector experience. For 18 years, I worked with U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson eventually becoming his State Director. I have experience building coalitions and bringing people together to solve important local and regional issues.

My top three priorities when I get on the County Commission are: addressing the housing crisis, keeping our community safe, and focusing on improving traffic and transit. Across the District though, the voters I talk to are looking to our local leaders to protect access to abortion and address the need for stronger gun safety laws.

If the voters approved a bond or referendum, I would support the implementation of that initiative. I would not be in favor of changing the rules or plans of any program the voters approve. Robust public discussion and engagement is critical in any discussion when it comes to

Palm Beach County is an attractive place to live and work and there is no one solution to address growth as people move here. I support public-private partnerships that encourage workforce housing, intergovernmental cooperation between the County, cities and the School District on solving housing needs. Also, we need to ensure our roads, bridges and infrastructure are maintained and keeping pace with a growing county.

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# PORT OF PALM BEACH

The Port of Palm Beach District is an independent special taxing district and subdivision of the State of Florida, covering 971 square miles, or approximately 50 percent of Palm Beach County. The port itself sits on 150 acres in Riviera Beach; it is the fourth busiest container port in Florida and the 19th busiest in the nation, with container and bulk cargo and passengers.

The Port District has statutory authority to levy ad valorem tax, but has not done so since Fiscal Year 1975. Primarily an export port, with 80 percent of cargo going to Caribbean island nations, it aims to facilitate the movement of goods from the county, region and state.

The Port District is governed by a board of five commissioners elected at large for overlapping four-year terms by voters within the district. The commission is the governing body for the operation, maintenance and management of projects within the district. The commission selects its chairman, vice chairman and secretary-treasurer. The 2022 salary for a port commissioner is \$9,500.

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

\*\*Candidate has a write-in opponent whose name does not appear on the ballot.

### GROUP 4

#### DOREEN LORETTA BENSON (R)



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Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

### GROUP 4

#### BLAIR J. CIKLIN (D)\*



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

**AGE:** 72

Our main goal is to keep the Port of Palm Beach profitable having revenue growth without having to tax any of the residents of Palm Beach County. Since I have been a commissioner we have never taxed the residents of Palm Beach County.

As the chairman of the board of commissioners I work very closely with all the planners at the port. We are in process of updating our master plan. We hope to add additional cruise ships in near future.

The port is looking to help our tenants expand there businesses and also to bring in new opportunities for the port of Palm Beach

The port is considering a parking garage that we would share with the city of Riviera Beach. We would like to open up the waterfront so all the residents of Palm Beach County can take advantage of our beautiful waterfront.

### GROUP 5\*\*

#### RODERICK OLIVER CLARKE (R)



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Term limits there needs to be a suspended period where new visionary can take over to move the port into the future instead of 40 years on the port for job security.

I would desire as a commission to ensure the glades received better funded for job employment schools apartment buildings with upgrades these and more are being neglected.

To put in place an college fair to bring in the next future engineer's and information technology students with great ideas.

More economical growth to benefit all the cities especially the city in the glades.

1

What are the major issues currently facing the Port, and how would you handle them?

2

What Port upgrades should the Port Commissioners consider?

3

What would you do to make the Port's economic contribution even greater?

4

Given the importance of the Port, what infrastructure improvements would you recommend?

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## GROUP 5\*\*

### DEANDRE POOLE (D)



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The Port of Palm Beach is landlocked. I would continue to look for businesses that do not need a lot of laydown space. I would also support building additional warehouse space on Port owned land to increase opportunities for Port growth.

I would increase the ability of ships to plug-in to shore power. This would be another environmentally friendly project. I would also work with fellow Port Commissioners to identify environmentally responsible green initiatives.

The key to making the Port's economic contribution greater is ensuring the inlet is maintained at its full operational draft all year long. This will allow container ships to enter and depart the Port on schedule. Further, I will with fellow Port Commissioners to develop and finalize the master plan to attract and sustain future growth and job opportunities that are so vital to our local economy.

Maintenance dredging has to be a top priority. If vessels are not able to enter or leave the port at full capacity, any impending draft restrictions will result in lost revenue for both the Port and its tenants. I would recommend increasing our rail capacity to help alleviate congestion on the interstate. The more rail we can handle, the less containers being trucked on the interstate, which is good for the environment.

# PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The School Board members are elected and determine policies necessary for the effective operation and general improvement of the Palm Beach County School District, the 10th largest school district in the nation and the fifth largest in Florida with more than 197,000 students in public and charter schools. Seven members are elected from single-member districts, with the board electing its own chairman and vice chairman. The School Board operates separately from the Board of County Commissioners. School Board meetings typically are conducted on the third Wednesday of the month. The 2022 salary for a School Board member is \$47,189.

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

# 1

What tools do you think are needed to improve recruitment and retention of teachers and support staff?

Increase the recruitment budget — hire more people for the department; Sign-on bonus money needed; increase salaries; work with the county, businesses, and municipalities to develop a plan for affordable workforce housing; continuous recruitment fairs at colleges, universities, communities, and international recruitment efforts; continuous professional development; look at progressive school districts from around the country to gain additional ideas.

# 2

Do you think the school district is doing a good job providing a culturally diverse and broad education within your district? Why or why not?

Yes, we are doing a great job. The PBCSD has an educational environment that facilitates the infusion of African, African American, Latino, Holocaust and Gender Studies. The broad curriculum choices at each school give our students a wide range of social studies/history topics.

# 3

Concerning censorship, how would you include parental involvement in schools? What process would you recommend to the superintendent?

The PBCSD follows the new law as it relates to censorship. A new policy has been developed that includes parental involvement. We need to provide training for our teachers and staff on the new law and policy and schedule community meetings to go over the law with parents.

# 4

Are there any changes you recommend to our current academic programs and offerings? Please specifically address career academies' long waiting lists and the growing need for academic STEM programming.

Increase full day prekindergarten programs especially in high needs areas of the county; more advanced programs at the elementary and middle school level/AMP (Accelerated Math Programs), Gifted/etc. are needed; more AP, IB, AICE, Cambridge Programs needed in all schools; career academics, STEM/STEAM programs need expansion; vocational and technical schools should be reopened to provide training for students and adults.

## DISTRICT 6

### MARCIA ANDREWS\*



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## DISTRICT 6

### JENNIFER "JEN" SHOWALTER



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There are many ways to improved teacher/staff recruitment and retention, but we must start with providing an honest and professional work environment. Too many teachers deal with threats of retaliation for raising concerns. Next is making sure they have effective lines of communication, from Board to student. We must also look at how evals are produced, as well as overhauling and increasing the pay scale. Incentives need to be created to induce caring teachers and staff to stay on.

I think the school district is in reality, dividing the community, not creating awareness. The Board has introduced ideas that perpetuate a victimization mentality, as well as focusing on aspects that are a hinderance to learning. Our system's primary focus should be providing robust academic education, but the real time data indicates that our students are underperforming academically.

Parental involvement is critical to the academic success of students, so I plan to create ways to insure parental input. We need Town Halls at ES, MS & HS levels, where staff/teachers, parents & students take an honest and complete look at the issues, and discuss together how best to resolve them. The Superintendent should focus on what the employees, parents, students & even concerned citizens are voicing. By working together and getting a complete look at issues, will we truly fix concerns.

There are numerous recommendations to be made, starting with providing the necessary materials and staff (including guidance dept) to effectively run them. We don't have career based classes like shop & Home Ec. We must stop the "1-size-fits-all" approach, addressing specific school & area needs, which differ per school or location. The IEP/504 needs a major overhaul. Dedicated after school programs focused on careers & tutoring should be created by auditing the budget, reallocating funds.

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As to recruitment, starting salary is probably the effective tool. Secondly, recruiting prospective teachers who were raised in the community they are being recruited to teach in would be an effective way of bridging the gap that sometimes exists between the students and their teachers. As to retention, I have been told by a number of teachers that affording teachers MORE PLANNING TIME, and training how to make the best use of said time would be the primary tool I would suggest using.

2

Do you think the school district is doing a good job providing a culturally diverse and broad education within your district? Why or why not?

According to many parents and students that I have spoken to, the school district can do more to provide a more culturally diverse learning environment. One way this can occur is through empowering students to embrace their unique traits (race, religion, sex, sexual identity, sexual orientation, nationality, etc.), and understand that this country is great because of the freedoms it affords all of us as a result of contributions from people with backgrounds similar to those of our students.

3

Concerning censorship, how would you include parental involvement in schools? What process would you recommend to the superintendent?

Perhaps it would be good idea for schools to invite parents in to vet prospective books/videos that are likely to be presented to students in the upcoming school year. Any concerns presented by any parents could be discussed at that time, and hopefully resolved. If the concerns are not resolved, that staff at the school will at least be made aware of it with some degree of notice, such that they can decide whether to present the information to students in light of the recently enacted laws.

4

Are there any changes you recommend to our current academic programs and offerings? Please specifically address career academies' long waiting lists and the growing need for academic STEM programming.

All choice programs should be accessed to determine their attractiveness to students as well as the effectiveness of each program. Additionally, each program should schools at the elementary, middle and high school levels so that students and their families can truly maximize the benefits of a given program. I have not noticed "long waiting lists", but I concur that STEM and STEAM programming is essential to preparing our students to compete in this ever-changing, increasingly technical world.

## DISTRICT 7

### EDWIN FERGUSON



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West Palm Beach, Florida

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## DISTRICT 7

### COREY MICHAEL SMITH



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Riviera Beach, Florida

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Better pay for all staff and enhanced quality of life issues are paramount to recruitment and retention. Increased local effort, grant writing and greater community benefits for all in the educational workforce can help. We can also recruit local professionals to fill in on a part time basis. Provision for teacher and staff input into the decision making process must be made to increase respect as valued partners and not mere cogs in a large system.

It could be better. Diverse populations' contributions have been reduced into "months" instead of incorporating all into the whole of the diverse story that reality entails. I like that the district has set the framework to accomplish this incorporation through its mission, vision and equity statements/definitions and look forward to making it accountable to the promises contained therein. Expanding dual language to include Haitian Creole in addition to existing Spanish is a step forward.

I believe that parents remain partners in education as they always have been and support involvement. I frown upon censorship in the sense of omission of sensitive topics. Pornography should not be in schools however there is no place for viewpoint discrimination. The process that's in place now is sufficient for parental input.

I'd like to see more advanced offerings in elementary schools to challenge children to rise to meet expectations. That gives them a strong foundation in reading/math to build upon. AMP is a good example of this. We should develop new career academies, i.e. career/technical high schools/colleges as well as expand offerings of the more popular programs.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

### DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

### EARLY VOTING

(Sites listed in this Guide)  
Monday, October 24, through  
Sunday, November 6, 2022  
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

*Photo ID Required*

### DEADLINE TO REQUEST THAT A VOTE BY MAIL (VBM) BALLOT BE MAILED TO YOU

Saturday, October 29, 2022  
5:00 p.m.

### IF YOU MISS THIS DEADLINE

you may pick up a VBM ballot in person at any of the 4 offices of the Supervisor of Elections before 5 p.m. on Monday, November 7, the day before Election Day.

### DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF VOTE BY MAIL (VBM) BALLOT IN OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, November 8, 2022  
Satellite Offices: 5:00 p.m.  
Main Office: Military Trail, West Palm Beach: 7:00 p.m.

### GENERAL ELECTION

Check your most recent Voter ID card for your assigned polling location  
Tuesday, November 8, 2022  
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
*Photo ID Required*

# PALM BEACH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Under the direction of a nonpartisan Board of Supervisors, the Palm Beach Soil & Water Conservation District strives to educate residents, land users and businesses on ways to protect natural resources; promote best management practices; and conserve, improve and sustain the environment. It is one of 58 such districts in Florida, and nearly 3,000 nationwide after soil and water conservation became a Congressional priority in the 1930s dustbowl.

The district, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is a division of the State of Florida. It does not levy taxes or issue bonds or have the means to enforce land use laws. The district works with agencies and local businesses countywide to provide conservation services — including evaluations by an urban mobile irrigation lab — at reduced rates. Its affairs are directed by the five-member Board of Supervisors, all of whom are locally elected and serve without pay for a four-year term. A new state law says Supervisors must be engaged or employed in or retired from agriculture, but allows eligible voters without those qualifications to seek election if no one with the agricultural background files to run.

..... Some of this information was not available in time for this print issue. For more questions and candidates' answers, please visit [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org)

## WHAT TO BRING TO THE VOTING SITE

Bring one or two forms of valid and current identification that include your signature and photo. If you do not bring your ID, you may still vote; however, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot, which will later be evaluated by a canvassing board for eligibility.

### Acceptable Photo ID for Florida Voters:

- Florida Driver License
- Florida ID Card (issued by DHSMV)
- U.S. Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran Health ID (issued by the US Department of Veterans Affairs)
- Concealed Weapon License (issued pursuant to F.S. 790.06)
- Employee ID card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county or a municipality.

### WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE POLLS

If you choose to cast your ballot at your assigned precinct on Election Day, try to have your photo and signature identification ready to present at check-in.

If you received a Vote-by-Mail ballot but have decided to vote in person instead, your Vote-by-Mail ballot will be cancelled and you will be issued a regular ballot.

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

### GROUP 5

#### SHARI PORTNOY



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Delray Beach, Florida  
**AGE:** 64

### GROUP 5

#### EVA WEBB\*



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Loxahatchee, Florida  
**AGE:** 70  
**OCCUPATION:**  
Small farm owner;  
Retired, Florida Farm  
Bureau district field rep

1

Do you support or oppose the current structure of the district? Please explain your opinion.

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

If the question is do I support a locally led Soil and Water Conservation District the answer is yes. I support the elected supervisors serve at no expense to the public as currently structured. I believe in public service, we should not be profiting from our public service. Previously candidates ran at large, everyone was elected by the entire county voting populace. New requirements will be we must run in districts, this poses a problem in finding candidates.

2

Is it important to maintain agriculture as a base of the county economy? Why?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

Agriculture provides revenue to the county which stays in the county, providing jobs, economic growth and helps to stabilize our economy. In Florida we have first hand experience with our local economy suffering a standstill due to hurricanes, home sales coming to a standstill and distribution problems due to COVID, through these times Agriculture continued to employ people, they continued to provide services and food to our communities. Palm Beach County is the largest Ag County in the State.

3

How can you educate residents on ways to protect our natural resources?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

We do various educational programs such as Ambassadors of the Wetlands Program to local schools. We do outreach to community on various programs which would help benefit them saving money on water bill while conserving and protecting our natural resources.

4

Do you believe enough is currently being done to protect the natural resources of Palm Beach County? Why or why not?

Candidate did not respond to our invitation.

There is always room for improvement. We are currently working on reinstating our Urban Mobile Irrigation Lab. We have been working with SFWMD and Florida Department of Agriculture on various programs such as sprinkler head replacements and cost share Best Management Practices as well as managing the Best Management Practices on County owned properties. Our small staff works hard to meet the needs of our community, it would take additional staff and revenue to expand on current workload.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA CONSTITUTION

## AMENDMENT 1

### Limits on increased property assessment for flood improvements

Source:  
Florida Legislature

#### QUICK SUMMARY:

Many home improvement projects ultimately increase the assessed value of a home, which means the homeowners pay higher property taxes. This amendment would allow the Florida Legislature to pass laws that would make improvements intended to protect homes from flood damage exempt from higher assessments. The amendment is in response to the threat to Florida homes from rising sea levels.

#### A YES VOTE WOULD...

- Authorize the Florida Legislature to pass laws that would exempt flood resistance improvements from contributing to increases in property assessments. That means property owners wouldn't pay higher taxes because of those improvements.
- Exempt flood resistance improvements such as "elevating structures, filling basements, and waterproofing," as well as improvements "to allow for stormwater runoff, waterproofing basements, installing

check valves capable of preventing water backup, and elevating furnaces, heaters, and electrical panels."

- Take effect Jan. 1, 2023.

#### A NO VOTE WOULD...

- Maintain the status quo, which means homeowners' flood resistance improvements might result in higher property assessments and higher taxes.

**SUPPORTERS:** Florida Legislature (originator)

**TAKING NO POSITION:** League of Women Voters of Florida

While the League has a longstanding position that "no tax sources or revenue should be specified, limited, exempted, or prohibited in the Constitution," it recognizes that the proposal has merit because it promotes sustainability. For more information, visit [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

## AMENDMENT 2

### Abolish the state Constitution Revision Commission (CRC)

Source:  
Florida Legislature

#### QUICK SUMMARY:

The background to the Florida Constitution Amendment process is that an amendment to Florida's Constitution can get on the ballot several ways. Ways to get on the ballot include through a vote by the state Legislature, through a citizen-led petition drive, or through the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, which convenes every 20 years and whose 37 members are appointed by the governor, legislative leaders and the chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court. This amendment would abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, which last met in 2018 and placed eight amendments on the 2018 ballot. Several of the amendments bundled different proposals into one ballot question. The League finds it important to note that this amendment comes after repeated attempts by the state Legislature to significantly restrict Florida's citizen-led initiative process.

#### A YES VOTE WOULD...

- Eliminate the Constitution Revision Commission, which was created in 1968 and meets every 20 years to consider changes to the state Constitution.

- Leave just two ways for a constitutional amendment to get on the ballot: through the Legislature or a citizen-led initiative, a process that has been restricted.

#### A NO VOTE WOULD...

- Preserve the state's Constitution Revision Commission and its ability to present amendments to the voters every 20 years.

**SUPPORTERS:** Florida Legislature (originator)

**OPPONENTS:** League of Women Voters of Florida

The League believes the Legislature should amend the process so that future Constitution Revision Commissions should have bipartisan appointees and ballot amendments should each address only one issue. Eliminating the Constitution Revision Commission will remove a generational opportunity for citizens to update their constitution. The League opposes any limits on citizens' abilities to be architects of their own Florida Constitution. For more information, visit [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

## AMENDMENT 3

### New \$50,000 homestead exemption for certain public service employees

Source:  
Florida Legislature

#### QUICK SUMMARY:

This amendment would authorize the state Legislature to create a new, \$50,000 homestead exemption for certain public service employees, including "classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, child welfare services professionals, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and members of the Florida National Guard." The exemption means property owners in these professions can subtract \$50,000 from the assessed value of their property, which will reduce their local property tax bills. The exemption would be in addition to the standard \$50,000 homestead exemptions Floridians already receive on their primary residence. The new exemption would not apply to assessments for school taxes. The Legislature has already passed a companion bill that, if the constitutional amendment is passed by 60% of Florida's voters, will create the new exemption and make it effective on Jan. 1, 2023.

#### A YES VOTE WOULD...

- Allow the Legislature to create a new, \$50,000 homestead exemption for people in certain public service professions.
- Exclude the exemption from assessments for school property taxes.

- Cost local governments \$85.9 million in lost revenue for fiscal year 2023-24, growing to \$96 million in fiscal year 2026-27. The state would make up for the losses in Florida's 29 "fiscally constrained" counties, primarily rural counties in the Panhandle and South Florida's interior.
- Trigger a companion bill that puts the new exemption into effect as of Jan. 1, 2023.

#### A NO VOTE WOULD...

- Reject giving lawmakers the ability to create a new, \$50,000 homestead exemption for certain public service occupations.
- Have no effect on property tax revenue collected by local governments.
- Render moot the bill that would have created the new homestead exemption if the amendment had passed.

**SUPPORTERS:** Florida Legislature (originator)

**OPPONENTS:** League of Women Voters of Florida

This proposal may have merit but the League has a longstanding position that "no tax sources or revenue should be specified, limited, exempted, or prohibited in the Constitution."

# COUNTY REFERENDUMS

## 1. INCREASE WORKFORCE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS TO ADDRESS RISING HOUSING COSTS GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS

To increase workforce and affordable housing through the acquiring, constructing, equipping of residential units, shall County issue not exceeding \$200,000,000 of bonds, frequently combined with other funding, to create rental and homeownership opportunities for households earning up to 140% area median income, bearing interest rate(s) not exceeding legal maximum, maturing

within twenty years from issuance, in one or more series, payable from County's full faith, credit and ad valorem taxing power per County Resolution R-2022-0626?

\_\_\_ For Bonds

\_\_\_ Against Bonds

**The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County** supports this measure. The county is experiencing a workforce and affordable housing crisis, with home prices and rents escalating at a pace that far outstrips the increase in workforce income, thereby squeezing out many of the people who keep us safe and provide us with the things that have enhanced the quality of life here. This November, voters are being asked to approve a \$200 million housing bond, aimed at helping to build 20,000 homes for Palm Beach County's essential middle-class workforce — teachers, nurses, first responders and essential workers among them. The measure's goals include increasing the supply of housing, preventing excessive rent increases, and revitalizing existing housing in disadvantaged neighborhoods through rehabilitation and community redevelopment.



## 2. REFERENDUM TO CONTINUE AD VALOREM LEVY FOR SCHOOL SAFETY, TEACHERS AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS

Shall the Palm Beach County School Board have continued authority to levy 1.00 mills of ad valorem millage for operational needs of public schools dedicated to funding school safety; school police; mental health services; arts, music, physical education, career and choice program teachers; and improved teacher pay beginning July 1, 2023 and automatically ending June 30, 2027, with oversight of all funds by an independent committee of citizens and experts?

\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_ NO

**The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County** supports this measure. This proposal is to continue to levy 1.00 mills, as was passed by the voters in 2018. The money raised would continue to fund approximately 750 art, music, PE, choice and career education teacher positions; 12,000 recruitment and retention supplements; mental health professionals in every school; and additional school police and security initiatives.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING

## THREE WAYS TO VOTE

### I. VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)

#### A. WHO CAN VOTE BY MAIL?

In Florida, every registered voter can vote by mail; you do not need a reason or excuse to obtain a VBM ballot.

#### B. WHY SHOULD I VOTE BY MAIL?

1. It's easy. No waiting in line. No potential exposure to COVID-19. No problem if the weather is bad, if you get called out of town, if you come down with a sudden illness, or if your work schedule is changed. No photo ID is required. And it's FREE. In 2022, return postage is prepaid.
2. The Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots arrive 3-4 weeks before the election, so you will have time to research the candidates and the issues and you will have the information you need to vote the entire ballot. If you are concerned about your VBM being lost in the mail, you can drop it off at any office of the Supervisor of Elections.

#### C. CONTACT THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO REQUEST A VOTE BY MAIL (VBM) BALLOT:

1. By phone: (561) 656-6208
2. Online: [www.PBCElections.org](http://www.PBCElections.org)
3. By mail: The request must be received at least 10 days before the election.
4. In person at any of the offices of the Supervisor of Elections. The new law requires that you provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or your Florida Driver's License/ Florida ID. The League recommends that you provide both numbers.

#### D. COMPLETED VBM BALLOTS CAN BE:

1. Mailed directly back to the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) in West Palm Beach in the postage paid envelope provided. The ballot must be received on or before Election Day. The League recommends returning your ballot as early as possible to avoid any possible delay in the mail.
2. Delivered to one of the offices of the Supervisor of Elections. Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Election Day at SOE satellite offices and 7:00 p.m. on Election Day at the main SOE office on Military Trail in West Palm Beach.
3. Put into drop boxes (newly renamed "Secure Ballot Intake Stations") provided at Early Voting locations and the offices of the Supervisor of Elections.
4. Turned in and canceled at the polls on either Early Voting Day or Election Day if you choose to vote in person.

All requests for VBM ballots expire November 8, 2022, and must be renewed for future elections.

### II. EARLY VOTING

**Monday, Oct. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, 7:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.**

Visit any of the designated early voting sites in Palm Beach County, all of which are listed in this Guide. Photo ID, with signature, is required.

### III. ELECTION DAY

**Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, 7:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.**

Vote at the polling location designated on your most recent Voter ID Card. Photo ID, with signature, is required. You may bring this Voters' Guide, a Sample Ballot or notes into the voting booth with you.

### MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO VOTE EARLY, AND AVOID THE WAIT

Palm Beach County residents who vote early can avoid the line with a new service from the Supervisor of Elections Office.

The office is accepting appointments from voters who opt to cast a ballot in person during the early voting period. The No Wait Inside Program is designed to streamline the process. This new online system will allow voters to schedule a time to vote at an early voting location of their choosing.

Appointments are available starting 30 days in advance. Go to [PBCElections.org](http://PBCElections.org), click on Early Voting, choose Make an Appointment and fill out the form. For more information, email the elections supervisor's office at [info@VotePalmBeach.gov](mailto:info@VotePalmBeach.gov) or call (561) 656-6200.



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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY EARLY VOTING SITES**

**Monday, October 24 – Sunday, November 6, 2022**  
**7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

For **EARLY VOTING ONLY**, you can vote at any of these sites:

**Acreage Branch Library**  
15801 Orange Blvd., Loxahatchee

**Greenacres Community Center**  
501 Swain Blvd., Greenacres

**South County Civic Center**  
16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach

**Belle Glade Branch Library/Civic Center**  
725 N.W. Fourth St., Belle Glade

**Hagen Ranch Road Branch Library**  
14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach

**South Florida Fairgrounds**  
9067 Southern Boulevard, West Palm Beach

**Boca Raton Downtown Library**  
400 N.W. Second Ave., Boca Raton

**Howard Park Community Center**  
1302 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach

**Spanish River Branch Library**  
1501 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton

**Delray Beach Community Center**  
50 N.W. First Ave., Delray Beach

**Jupiter Community Center**  
200 Military Trail, Jupiter

**Sugar Sand Park Community Center**  
300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton

**Ezell Hester Community Center**  
1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach

**Lantana Road Branch Library**  
4020 Lantana Road, Lake Worth

**Wellington Branch Library**  
1951 Royal Fern Drive, Wellington

**FAU Jupiter Campus**  
5353 Parkside Drive, Jupiter

**Main Library**  
3650 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach

**Wells Recreation Complex**  
2409 Avenue H West, Riviera Beach

**Gardens Branch Library**  
11303 Campus Drive, Palm Beach Gardens

**SOE West County Branch Office**  
2976 State Road 15, Belle Glade

**West Boca Branch Library**  
18685 State Road 7, Boca Raton

### **WHAT TO BRING**

Please bring one or two forms of valid and current identification that include your signature and photo.

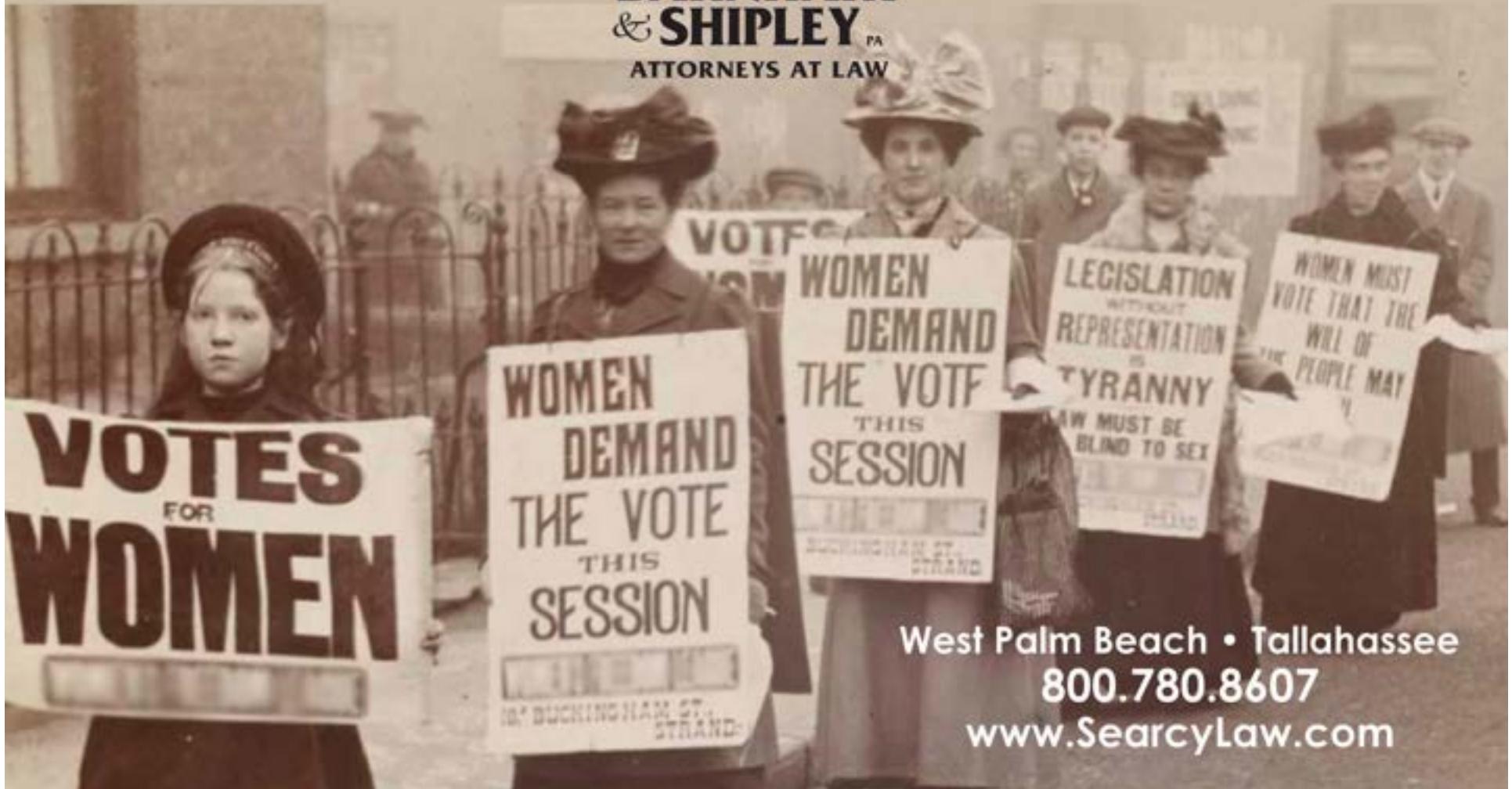
### **BEFORE YOU GO**

Check with the Supervisor of Elections for any changes. Call **(561) 656-6200** or visit **[www.PBCElections.org](http://www.PBCElections.org)**.  
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