

# LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

## NONPARTISAN VOTERS' GUIDE



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ★ GENERAL ELECTION ★ 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

### Offices Up For Election and Retention – 2020

#### **FEDERAL** ..... 4-7

President  
U.S. House of Representatives

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## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

# NAVIGATING THIS ELECTION

## YOU CAN FIND YOUR VOTING DISTRICTS THREE 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. **Be prepared, however, your precinct may change at the last minute due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

## UNDERSTAND YOUR VOTER INFORMATION (VOTER ID) CARD

Wendy Sartory Link, Supervisor of Elections  
VOTER INFORMATION CARD - PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL  
TARJETA DE INFORMACIÓN ELECTORAL, CONDADO DE PALM BEACH, FL

Registration Number Numero de Inscripcion	Registration Date Fecha de Inscripcion	Precinct Distrito Electoral
122525809	05/20/20	7070 0

Voter Name/Address - Nombre/Domicilio  
DOE, JANE  
1234 MAIN ST  
WEST PALM BEACH FL 33407

Political Party  
Partido Politico  
YOUR PARTY

Your Precinct Number  
Su Número de Precinto  
7070

Your Polling Location  
Su Centro Electoral  
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
21	30	88

County Commission Comisión del Condado	School Board Junta Escolar	Municipality Municipalidad
2	4	WPB

Signature *Jane Doe* 08/06/1983

Callout boxes:  
- YOUR POLLING LOCATION (points to 'Your Polling Location')  
- YOUR PRECINCT (points to 'Precinct')  
- YOUR POLITICAL PARTY (points to 'Political Party')  
- STATE SENATE (points to 'State Senate')  
- STATE HOUSE (points to 'State House')  
- US CONGRESS (points to 'US Congress')  
- COUNTY COMMISSION (points to 'County Commission')  
- SCHOOL BOARD (points to 'School Board')  
- MUNICIPALITY (points to 'Municipality')

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF Palm Beach County 2020 VOTERS' GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County is proud to bring you its 2020 Voters' Guide. The information provided will help you cast a well-informed vote — a core mission of the League.

From the beginning, the League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believe that informed and engaged citizens play a critical role in making our democracy work. The Palm Beach County chapter of the League serves our local communities by providing vital voter services, researching topics of critical impact, and influencing policy through education and advocacy.

The 2020 Voters' Guide includes candidate information on the federal, state and local races, as well as the six proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution that will appear on your ballot. Copies of this guide will be available at local libraries, government offices and other locations throughout the county.

Additional information can be found at [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) and on our website at [www.lwvpbc.org](http://www.lwvpbc.org).

For information about obtaining additional copies, call (561) 276-4898.

*Thank you and please vote!*

**Kenneth E. Thomas, President**

League of Women Voters  
of Palm Beach County

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OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

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1920-2020

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**2020 MATTERS – MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT**



# UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

The President is the head of state and head of government of the United States of America, as well as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. Under Article II of the Constitution, the President is responsible for the execution and enforcement of the laws created by Congress. The President appoints members of the Cabinet, who are responsible for 15 executive departments; federal judges; ambassadors; and the heads of more than 50 independent federal commissions, including the Federal Reserve Board and the Securities and Exchange Commission. The President also has the power to negotiate and sign treaties, which also must be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate. The Constitution lists only three qualifications for the Presidency — the President must be at least 35 years of age, a natural-born citizen, and have lived in the United States for at least 14 years. While in office, the current salary for the president is \$400,000 a year and a \$50,000 expense account.

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## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

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### PRESIDENT\*\*

#### DONALD J. TRUMP (R)\*



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

**AGE:** 74

**CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:**  
[DonaldJTrump.com](http://DonaldJTrump.com)

### PRESIDENT\*\*

#### JOE BIDEN (D)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Wilmington, Delaware

**AGE:** 77

**CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:**  
[JoeBiden.com](http://JoeBiden.com)

## 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 their positions on the issues and the tone of their campaign. Note party affiliations since most candidates support the platform of their party. Follow each candidate's endorsements for a clue as to the candidate's positions on the issues.
- **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).

### 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?
- Do they know the issues and understand the impact of their decisions on the voters?
- Are they honest and honorable?
- Are they accessible to their constituents?
- Do they have the skills a leader needs?

# 1

What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the U.S., both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?

Candidate did not respond.

It's a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they're linked. On Day One, I'll implement the COVID strategy I've laid out since March – surging testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators, cops, and firefighters on the job. I'll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I'll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I'll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving – easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.

# 2

What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?

Candidate did not respond.

Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We're facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I'll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we're never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I'll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I'll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I'll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I'll work as hard for those who don't support me as for those who do. That's a president's job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.

# 3

How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?

Candidate did not respond.

America is at an inflection point. It's past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation's promise to too many for too long. I'll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I'll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I'll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

# 4

What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?

Candidate did not respond.

This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That's why I'll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I'll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I'll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.

# UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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\*Incumbent

### DISTRICT 18

#### BRIAN MAST (R)\*



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Palm City

**AGE:** 40

**CAMPAIGN PHONE:**  
Not Available

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### DISTRICT 18

#### PAM KEITH (D)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Fort Pierce

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[PamKeithFL.com](http://PamKeithFL.com)

### DISTRICT 18

#### K.W. MILLER (NPA)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Jensen Beach

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[KWMillerForCongress.com](http://KWMillerForCongress.com)

1

What is the most important challenge facing our country and how do you propose to address it?

Candidate did not respond.

The single greatest challenge facing our country is salvaging and reasserting our commitment to government for, of and by the people. Specifically, we need to fix our broken system of electoral representation and our broken voting system. By embracing foreign interference and subterfuge, by adopting a nation-wide scheme to suppress votes and sabotage orderly elections by under-resourcing polling locations, and by passing onerous and obstructive laws to reduce voter participation, the GOP has demonstrated that its fidelity to its hold on power is far greater than its fidelity to the founding principles of this nation. Every other challenge we face can only be addressed if the people can freely and fairly choose their leaders.

The economic fallout from the Covid-19 Pandemic. According to the USAFacts.org September 4, 2020 report titled Covid-19 and the Economy, 29.2 million Americans claimed some form of unemployment benefits in the month of August 2020. Although this number has decreased from the 32.9 million Americans who claimed unemployment benefits in June 2020, our current rate of unemployment is unacceptable. In order to get 29 million citizens back to work as soon as possible, I propose that we fully open up America for business. At the same time, we must also ensure that we continue to protect the most vulnerable in our society; the elderly and those with chronic disease, who are at high risk.

2

What should the federal government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

Candidate did not respond.

Federal law should mandate that public education spending be equitably distributed from a state-wide pool, not from municipal or county-level pool aggregation. That would ensure equitable distribution of resources and teaching and administrative talent.

All children deserve a quality education, which will allow them to reach their maximum learning potential as an adult. We recognize that children have different learning styles and learning capabilities and that a one-size-fits-all approach does not achieve this goal. A broad set of standards and benchmarks should be developed and should include both private and public experts. America must remain competitive in our fast-paced highly-technological global market. There are many ways to achieve a child's educational potential. I believe that both private and public partnerships will most effectively develop the high quality educational programs and curriculum that all of our students deserve.

3

What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our country?

Candidate did not respond.

Freedom and equality for all Americans is non-negotiable. No one's civil rights should be held hostage. No one should receive fewer rights, less justice, fewer legal protections and less fairness than any other because of their race, personal wealth, age, disability status, religion, nationality, gender identity or sexual orientation. I support the Equal Rights Amendment, and will work to enshrine LGBTQ+ and immigrant rights in our laws. We have invested a great deal more in policing and restraining our communities than in strengthening and nurturing their growth. I will take affirmative steps to fix the damage done by past choices, which includes addressing the pervasive underfunding of social and educational services in our communities.

I believe that every member of our society is valuable and deserves equal access to the opportunities and freedoms offered under our Constitution. Injustice within our society should never be tolerated, particularly when it involves children. There are hundreds of child sex trafficking rings in the U.S. Known pedophiles and sex traffickers have been discovered at the highest level of government and this scourge is pervasive within the Media and Entertainment industry. I am committed to fighting and eradicating the sex trafficking of children in the U.S. and will propose legislation creating severe penalties for those involved in this disgustingly sick industry.

4

What will you do over the long term to ensure healthcare access for all?

Candidate did not respond.

I support a single-payer system that insures all Americans from cradle to grave. COVID-19 has brought into stark relief the folly of tying health-care coverage to employment. Forty million Americans are out of work, and are now a burden on a strained hospital system because they have simultaneously lost health coverage and their ability to buy new coverage on the open market. Our current healthcare system suffers from two fundamental problems: 1) It is outrageously inefficient to administer, and 2) The concept of "insurance" is a hedge against the unlikely catastrophic occurrence, while Americans need coverage for the health costs they will necessarily incur, such as diagnostic and preventative care and prescription medications.

The exorbitant cost of the current healthcare policy has burdened American families and created a massive increase in bureaucracy and less provider choice. I support competitive healthcare that increases available provider options and enables Americans to choose the doctors and plans that best fit their specific needs. Doctors must be free to practice patient-centered medicine without the burden of bureaucratic interference. I will work to bring drug manufacturing back to the United States. Availability and on-time delivery of critical medications is especially important during pandemic conditions. I support and will protect pre-existing Medical Condition Protection and price caps/limits for senior citizens.

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### DISTRICT 20

#### GREG MUSSELWHITE (R)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Fort Pierce

**AGE:** 54

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**WEBSITE:**  
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The most important challenge today is getting everyone back to work and into school. We must utilize all available scientific means available to our country to put the Covid virus in the past. Our venerable population can still be protected and allow people with a healthier immune system return to a normal life. Being quarantined for very long periods of time is detrimental to the human condition, we are social creatures and need human interaction. If allowed to continue, the shutdown of businesses will be much harder to reverse and will have devastating consequences for the ones that can least afford the setback.

The Federal government should not be in the education business, it is not specified in the constitution and should be left up to the states. With that said, school choice is a very important part of the equation. School choice will cause competition between schools and force them to change for the better. I think states should look hard at "tenure," I believe it makes it hard to replace underperforming teachers. A performance-based bonus program would help inspire teachers to be innovative and bring change on how we educate our children. More money needs to be targeted to where it will do the most good (teachers), and that is to bring our best and brightest to educate our children.

The largest discrepancy to justice in this country is the very "unequal" enforcement of the law. I am a firm believer that justice should be blind and everyone is equal under the law. The media only reports about things that make headlines and that will most often incite more hate and violence. Our nation is at a crossroads, and until we begin to hold individuals responsible for their actions, there will not be an opportunity for healing. This applies to both sides of the debate, ones who are in positions of authority such as police, and the rioters who inflict damage to innocent people's businesses and homes. You cannot legislate what is truly in people's hearts, we have to change the culture that perpetuates that hate.

The deregulation of insurance will allow for competition between companies and bring more choices. This increased competition will bring innovation to drive down the cost and make it more affordable. The President also presented a plan for transparency in the cost of services, this will bring about change in the way the healthcare industry does business and will also drive down cost.

### DISTRICT 20

#### ALCEE L. HASTINGS (D)\*



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Fort Lauderdale

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Since coming to Congress, I have dedicated myself to the things that matter most for Florida. I believe that we must do all that we can to help middle class families and working poor Americans who are struggling, as well as protect seniors by keeping our commitments to programs like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. I have earned the respect of colleagues across the political spectrum and worked tirelessly to increase access to affordable education, health care, and housing for all Americans. Furthermore, I continue to do all that I can by working with my colleagues in the Florida delegation and in Congress to address the COVID-19 pandemic and the devastating impact it has had on our nation's economy.

I believe that Congress should fully fund the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Currently, more than 50 million students attend our nation's public schools. Since 1965, the ESEA has represented the federal government's largest investment in K-12, and is a critical mechanism both in funding and guiding policy for all public schools. I am vehemently opposed to the use of school vouchers, and other proposals that allow taxpayer dollars to be used for private and religious schools at the K-12 level, either as a limited experiment or full-scale program. Lastly, we must do all that we can to support our nation's public schools as they navigate COVID-19.

I am an original co-sponsor of H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020. America is experiencing a moment of national anguish, as we grieve for those killed by police brutality and racial injustice. Our nation desperately needs meaningful, structural change, which simply cannot wait one more day. We must bring an end to the devastating and pervasive pattern of police violence plaguing our communities. The George Floyd Justice and Policing Act is bold, unprecedented reforms to curb police brutality, end racial profiling and eliminate qualified immunity for law enforcement. This legislation will transform the culture of policing to address systemic racism and help save lives as it holds police accountable and increases

As a co-sponsor of Medicare for All, I believe health care is a basic human right. Regarding Florida specifically, I believe that former Gov. Rick Scott's callous decision to not expand Medicaid as part of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act was a grave mistake and disservice to Floridians. Nationwide millions of Americans have been left uninsured in the states that have refused to expand Medicaid. This to me is shameful!

### DISTRICT 21\*\*

#### LAURA LOOMER (R)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
South Palm Beach

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Candidate did not respond.

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## HOUSE DISTRICT 21\*\*

### LOIS FRANKEL (D)\*



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West Palm Beach

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We are facing an unprecedented public health crisis made worse by an unprecedentedly ill prepared, inept and cruel President. We need to elect someone new who can address our most pressing challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, to racial injustice, to voter suppression. Long term, and as important, we need to protect Social Security and Medicare, women's reproductive rights, affordable healthcare for all, economic justice and our planet. To fight this pandemic, Congress passed the most expansive stimulus packages in history to provide free testing, invest in vaccine research, send direct payments to millions of families, and boost unemployment benefits. Now we hope the Senate will work with us to pass another package.

We must fully fund and enhance our public school system so everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed. Early education and Pre-K are so important to lay a foundation for a child's life, and from my position on the Labor-HHS and Educations Appropriations Subcommittee, I have advocated for almost \$11 billion for Head Start, \$6 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grants and \$300 million in Preschool Development grants. I have also fought for record amounts of funding for K-12 education with nearly a \$1 billion increase from the previous year, focusing on our most in-need schools, as well as important special education and after school programs. We also must ensure our students are ready for the careers of the future.

Watching the senseless murder of George Floyd was heart wrenching. Not only because of the cruelty, but because we know it's symbolic of countless other acts of hatred suffered by black and brown communities that aren't captured on camera. But this moment of awakening to the challenges of racial inequality and systematic injustice gives me hope. So many vibrant and diverse young Americans demanding change, peacefully protesting and speaking out, reminds me of what is best in America. I'm proud that the House listened, learned, and acted to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to ban choke holds, end qualified immunity, provide police training, and develop a national police misconduct database. The Senate must act.

I believe healthcare is a universal right. You cannot preserve life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, without basic access to healthcare for you and your family. Sadly, this Administration has continued its assault on our basic rights, seeking to undermine and dismantle the Affordable Care Act, even amid a global pandemic. I will support legislation that advances affordable health care for all. This should mean that no one will be denied healthcare because of pre-existing conditions and that women have access to reproductive healthcare, as well as a full range of contraceptive choices — and continue pressuring Republicans in the Senate to take up House passed legislation that would lower the cost of prescription drugs.

## HOUSE DISTRICT 21\*\*

### CHARLESTON MALKEMUS (NPA)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Delray Beach

**AGE:** 40

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GLOBAL PANDEMIC - We still have a long road ahead before American families can return to their lives. Without a vaccine most will not be able to live confidently. Discovering, producing, and distributing a viable vaccine is a MAJOR operation. Our political leaders are being confronted with some very dangerous decisions. Who is leading the distribution effort? Where is the plan and preparation? Who is going to get it first? Is it going to be mandatory? What happens when we discover dangerous side effects? America has the resources, fortitude, and ingenuity to tackle this problem, but we need experienced leadership ready to deal with the challenges head on.

Guarantee more choice to parents and families. Reduce regulations governing financial expenditures and inhibiting innovation. Schools need to have the ability to continuously evolve to provide the quality education needed for their communities' future. Parents must have the right to choose the school and program best suited to their child's needs. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Convention Against Discrimination of Education both support School Choice, because it gives all families better options for their children. We have some of the most talented and passionate teachers on the planet. I would advocate for a series of reforms to unleash that talent and the innovative potential of America.

Our country has not seen a social movement this expansive since the Civil Rights. The time for change is now, but Americans must have safety first. Defunding the police is not the answer, but trust must be restored. We need to address the open wounds of racism head on through peaceful protest and take a hard look at community policing that inspires trust, confidence, and reflects the residents. Law and order begins with our communities and police practices must work for them NOT against them. I will advocate for effective community based police reform.

We have an opportunity for massive innovation in Healthcare, improving quality, affordability, and availability for millions of Americans. Regulation, Insurance, and Bureaucracy are crippling our healthcare systems, driving up costs, reducing availability, and preventing innovation. Healthcare requires a unique public and private partnership to create the conditions for success. We need to tackle many challenges at once without resorting to socialized medicine. Catastrophic caps, previous condition limits, available testing and treatment centers, skilled doctors and nurses, and preventative medicine programs are just a few.

## HOUSE DISTRICT 22

### JAMES "JIM" PRUDEN (R)



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Coconut Creek

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Over time, I have become increasingly concerned about the growing political movement promoting a transformation of our country's political and economic structure to a socialist state. I have also watched the many years of degradation of our country's manufacturing prowess, increased foreign control and influence over American's business as well as foreign control over certain critical and strategic resources. My concerns are further compounded by government's dysfunction associated with budgets and national debt, healthcare, immigration, social programs, international trade, security, and environmental programs, to name a few. Due to limited space here, my plan to address these items is best viewed in my Website.

Eliminate Common Core and allow states to provide for school choice as well as school vouchers. These programs will force schools to become competitive in the quality of their education programs which will ultimately foster equitable education opportunities.

I support a withdrawal from class and race identity politics, and encourage the evolution of a truly "blind" society where each individual is encouraged to pursue exceptionalism and achievement; and contemporaneously excel, and be judged on the merits of their efforts and quality of their character as was contemplated by Dr. Martin Luther King. Accordingly, I oppose the politically designed dependency programs promoted through race identification rhetoric which has kept our black community anchored to government dependency, limited growth, disincentives for achievement and a reduced standard of living.

The Affordable Care Act is flawed as it did not cover everyone, failed to reduce costs, caused the loss of doctors and insurance programs and virtually rendered the middle class uninsured when considering the premium cost and deductibles. I plan to propose an affordable and quality healthcare system. These reforms include a new approach to health insurance, significant administrative reforms, changes to medical device and prescription drug procurement and distribution, as well as taking advantage of nationwide efficiencies. The objective will be to reduce individual healthcare costs by approximately 45% of their current costs, reduce government involvement in personal health decisions and provide additional cost savings to Medicare.

## HOUSE DISTRICT 22

### TED DEUTCH (D)\*



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Boca Raton

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**WEBSITE:**  
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The global COVID-19 pandemic has infected nearly 7 million Americans and killed nearly 200,000. The pandemic has already dramatically changed the way we live our everyday lives and has upended our economy. As they wait for a miracle that is not coming, the Trump Administration has failed us. I am running to continue to do the hard and necessary work as a senior member of the House of Representatives to bring health care and economic relief to our citizens and to slow and stop this virus. But as we work toward recovery from the pandemic, we can't ignore the urgent need for action on: gun violence, climate change, the integrity of our democracy, inequality in our society and economy, and our national security and leadership abroad.

Candidate did not respond.

The murder of George Floyd stimulated a national reckoning of the treatment of Black and brown Americans at the hands of police. The nationwide protests demonstrate that Americans believe Black Lives Matter. The House has responded to this crisis by passing the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, a comprehensive plan to: 1) address racial bias in law enforcement; 2) mandate data collection, including body cameras and dashboard cameras; ban chokeholds; 3) end the qualified immunity doctrine that is a barrier to holding police officers accountable for wrongful conduct; and 4) establish new standards for policing. We have a long way to go to address systemic racism in our nation and this legislation is a good start.

The Affordable Care Act must be protected and expanded to ensure access to health care for all. Currently, Florida leads the nation with a [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) enrollment of 1.7 million. But we must do more and that is why I am a supporter of legislation that would open up Medicare to Americans age 50 to 64. As a long-time supporter of universal coverage, Congress should review proposals including a public option to compete with private plans, the new Medicare for America Act, which provides Medicare coverage to all Americans but gives the option to opt out if you already have coverage as well as examining the Medicare for all proposal. We must also finally pass legislation bringing down the cost of prescription drugs.

# FLORIDA LEGISLATURE – SENATE

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## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

### DISTRICT 25

#### GAYLE HARRELL (R)\*



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### DISTRICT 25

#### CORINNA BALDERRAMOS ROBINSON (D)



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### DISTRICT 29

#### BRIAN NORTON (R)



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**1** What Legislative actions would you propose to ensure ballot security, improve voter access, and promote voter participation in elections?

Candidate did not respond.

I will legislate to run safe and secure elections, operationally maintain equipment, and provide prompt warning of any potential problems or threats to election processes to secure our democracy. I will support that all ballots postmarked by the end of Election Day, rather than received by Election Day, be counted; a 10-day grace period post-election to cure ballots regarding mismatched signatures; and an online voter registration process similar to mail in registration using a SSN.

Ballot security, voter access, and participation are essential in free and fair elections. I believe Florida does a good job in voter access, we have about 2 weeks early voting, over a month in advance for absentee ballots, and 12 hours of precinct polling on election day. Also voter ID laws enable to make sure one person, one vote. The ballot amendment process and wording need to be fixed, right now amendments are poorly worded and the summaries are often poorly stated, which leads to voters being misled or confused.

**2** What additional actions, if any, should the Legislature take to recover Florida's jobs, small businesses, and the state's economy impacted by COVID19 virus? Please explain your position.

Candidate did not respond.

We must carefully weigh the scientific risks of reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus while acknowledging the executive orders of Florida's Recovery Plan. Reopening businesses recovering from tragic, economic loss must enforce protective measures responsibly at the local level. Until a cure is disseminated, our first responders and critical infrastructure should not be placed at great risk. Future stimulus packages should provide direct relief to local business and the broader economy.

First is granting liability protection to all (people/businesses/schools/etc) for the contraction of COVID19 (excluding malicious intent). Our actions must be geared toward establishing more certainty around control of the virus. Funding rapid response teams and pop up test/labs for rapid responses, funding the manufacturing of rapid test strips in the state, releasing Cares Act money to cities and counties to allow them the flexibility to get their businesses up and running, grants for businesses to cover non-payroll expenses targeting those who had to fully or partially close, grants for homeowners who were unemployed directly due to county/city shutdown mandates/partial closings. The goal is to get life back to normal.

**3** What policies and/or legislation would you introduce to best address racial inequity in Florida's criminal justice system?

Candidate did not respond.

I will support: the full passage of Amendment 4 as intended; "Second Look Sentencing" allowing courts to revisit potentially excessive and expensive sentences to reduce them where they can no longer be justified by public safety concerns; "Gain Time" for non-violent prisoners who participate in programs that help them transition back into society; conditional medical and aging inmate prisoner release programs; 10-20-Life Law reform retroactivity on aggravated assault; and drug-free zones laws.

If we want to improve racial equity in the criminal justice system we need to not only remove or improve mandatory minimum sentencing, but we also need to better fund public defenders offices to attract and retain attorneys who can provide a quality defense without being overwhelmed with large caseloads. We also need to modernize policing practices and focus on community policing to re-build trust with our diverse communities. Safety increases when people trust that the police will listen & respond timely, as well as be there to protect them when needed. We also need to get body cams to our officers. This requires fully funding policing and enabling them to protect all citizens, businesses, peaceful protesters, etc and arrest criminals.

**4** What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office? (Your response may expand on a previous answer or relate to a new topic)

Candidate did not respond.

In seeking affordable health care as mentioned elsewhere in my responses, I will thwart life and long-term care insurers from using client's genetic information while making policy and pricing decisions. I will also seek funding for traumatized families separated and detained at immigration facilities, those suffering from domestic violence or sexual abuse, and our veterans overcoming PTSD. Also, first responders and emergency essential state workers deserve across-the-board pay increases.

Maintaining control of the spread of Covid-19 and getting our economy back on track are 2 sides of the same issue. We need to life back to normal. We do this by funding rapid response teams and remove red tape to allow more aggressive targeting of hot spots across the state. We must limit evictions and foreclosures and reduce bankruptcies/ evictions due to government shutdown orders. We need to also fix the unemployment system, as well as not penalize employers with Mod rate changes for businesses that had to lay off employees due to the pandemic. We must get investment from the State to our local community through appropriations, this will lead to job creation and improve the quality of life for our community.

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## DISTRICT 29

### TINA POLSKY (D)



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I fought against the limitations against returning felons' right to vote. We must ensure that Amendment 4 is fully implemented. For the upcoming election, we must increase opportunity for voters to exercise their constitutional right. Since social distancing is a way to combat the spread of Covid-19, particularly among high-risk segments of the population like seniors (who vote in disproportionately high numbers), we should be encouraging greater participation in voting by mail. There is no evidence whatsoever that voting by mail results in increased fraud. It had been widely utilized in Florida with much success. We need to give our citizens as many options as possible in order to allow for maximum participation in the electoral process.

There will be tough times ahead for the budget, but there are ways to generate more revenue. The Legislature can pass the internet sales tax and roll back corporate tax cuts. The greatest problem we are facing at the moment is the broken unemployment system. FL needs to raise the duration and amount of benefits significantly as we are among the lowest in the nation. The Connect system was designed to fail after spending \$77m and I feel strongly that it must be completely overhauled. We need better training and more investment in the people who work to process unemployment benefits and I feel we should consider hiring more employees as we now know that an entirely automated system is worthless.

We need to start with sentencing and prison reform; greater opportunity for drug rehabilitation instead of prison time; more resources for mental health intervention; statewide police reforms to reduce the number of violent encounters; and the promotion of de-escalation tactics.

1. The dual public health and economic emergencies brought on by COVID-19, including our broken unemployment system — I intend to file legislation to raise the amount of unemployment benefits and work with my colleagues to reform the whole system.  
2. Gun violence — I intend to continue to file the safer storage of guns bill and I applaud the League of Women Voters for your work in distributing trigger locks. I will work with my colleagues on essential reforms such as banning assault weapons and universal background checks.

## DISTRICT 31

### TAMI DONNALLY (R)



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Lake Worth

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- 1) ID required to vote.
- 2) Absentee ballots only sent if requested.

Small businesses should continue to receive funds from the Federal government (through the state) for covering rent/loans and payroll as they open. Grants for improvements for social distancing (plexi-glass, contactless soap, sanitizer, flush, hand washing sinks, water fountains, etc).

I believe the answers start with our grade school kids. We are dealing with generations of young men that lacked positive, male influence in their lives. Mentoring programs, programs where police can interact and make friends with kids while they are young, so they grow up respecting them rather than hating them. On the other side, training/education/reprimands of our police officers who may have shown signs of injustice or racism.

Mental Health and drug addictions. Both are very personal to me. I want to make sure that any family dealing with a mental health issue knows where to get the help they need, and are able to actually get help. I also want to work to see that our Drug Treatment facilities are doing what they need to do to rehabilitate their clients. Oversight of facilities and counselors is extremely important.

## DISTRICT 31

### LORI BERMAN (D)\*



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Delray Beach

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I support vote by mail and want to make this procedure as easy as possible for voters, which includes supporting sending all voters a vote by mail ballot. I also would like to see voter registration expanded and allow voters to be automatically registered when they apply for drivers licenses. I also support allowing early voting for two weeks including through the Monday before the election.

Florida's unemployment system needs an entire overhaul. First, Florida needs a new website that functions to help those applying. Second, Florida needs to expand the amount of weeks and the amount of the unemployment insurance. Our state is among the stingiest in the nation and the end result is that it hurts our economy. If people don't have money they can't support our economy and businesses and it becomes a vicious cycle with more businesses closing.

The legislature has made some minor changes to the criminal justice system but it is time we do a systemic review. We need to look at sentencing including mandatory minimums, reevaluate keeping non violent people in prison for lesser terms, and review the system from arrest through incarceration to see where changes can be made to address racial inequality.

We have three huge crisis in the state right now: medical from covid-19, economic with our unemployment rate above double digits, and racial injustice which has come to the forefront with the killing of Mr. Floyd. I would address unemployment insurance as discussed above immediately. With regard to racial injustice, in addition to criminal justice reform, I would work to get legislation passed that enhances African American history in our school curriculum. Medical will depend on the situation at the time but will certainly be a priority.

## HOW CANDIDATE MATERIAL WAS OBTAINED

**Federal Offices** (President/Vice President and House of Representatives)

The League of Women Voters of the United States contacted these candidates.

**State Offices** (State Senate and State House of Representatives)

The League of Women Voters of Florida invited candidates, by email, for these offices to participate at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). The candidates provided their biographical information and answers to questions prepared by the LWVFL. Those responses have been included in our Voters' Guide as input by the candidates themselves.

**County Offices** (Fifteenth Circuit Court Judges, County Commissioners, Port of Palm Beach District, Palm Beach Soil and Water District, Sheriff, Tax Collector, and Clerk and Comptroller)

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Some candidates chose not to reply and others sent their responses too late to be included in this printed guide. However, you can find additional information on the LWV site, [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).

**Judicial Offices up for Retention** (Florida Supreme Court Justice and District Court of Appeals Judges)

This information was gathered from candidate and court websites.

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## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

### DISTRICT 81

#### SAULIS BANIONIS (R)



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### DISTRICT 81

#### KELLY SKIDMORE (D)



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### DISTRICT 82

#### JOHN SNYDER (R)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Palm City

**AGE:** 33

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Not Available

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1

What Legislative actions would you propose to ensure ballot security, improve voter access, and promote voter participation in elections?

Candidate did not respond.

Ensure ballot security — ensure supervisors of elections have the necessary resources to maintain the professionalism of their office, have current technology and backup systems. Improve voter access — continue offering options that appeal to different voters, like vote by mail, early voting, and election day voting. Protect the health and safety of voters with increased hygiene and cleanliness protocols at polling locations, require masks to be worn by voters and poll workers, allow for physical distancing, and limit touch contact. Promote voter participation — implement Amendment 4 to allow ex-felons to vote without additional interference, stop appealing the court decision and spending taxpayers' money to thwart their will.

Candidate did not respond.

2

What additional actions, if any, should the Legislature take to recover Florida's jobs, small businesses, and the state's economy impacted by COVID19 virus? Please explain your position.

Candidate did not respond.

Focus heavily on testing, tracking, and tracing positive cases of the virus, including hiring the requisite number of employees within the Department of Health to sufficiently manage the process that recommends a positive person be contacted multiple times. Isolating the virus to those who are positive and those who have been exposed stops the spread faster and reduces the risks of a second lock down and economic shutdown. Replace or totally revamp the existing unemployment compensation system that was intentionally designed to make it difficult, if not impossible, for people to receive the meager benefits the State provides — increase the maximum of \$275 per week, and extend the maximum of 12 weeks. Invest in diversifying the economy.

Candidate did not respond.

3

What policies and/or legislation would you introduce to best address racial inequity in Florida's criminal justice system?

Candidate did not respond.

Revisit minimum/mandatory sentences, decriminalize recreational use of marijuana and apply retroactively, require the Eight can't Wait recommendations that ban choke holds and strangle holds, require training in de-escalation, and restrict use of force and shooting in certain circumstances, among other measures. Although I truly believe most men and women enter into law enforcement for the very noble reason to protect and serve the people in their communities, significant additional resources and training opportunities and an enormous culture shift that doesn't support protectionism within law enforcement agencies would help to correct maladjusted attitudes through peer-to-peer influence.

Candidate did not respond.

4

What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office? (Your response may expand on a previous answer or relate to a new topic)

Candidate did not respond.

Because of the devastating health effects of COVID-19 and its subsequent negative impact to the economy, it will be difficult to eclipse public health and economic recovery. The importance of contact tracking and tracing cannot be overstated and we must direct appropriate funding resources to hire and train thousands of individuals across Florida so that we can stop the spread using targeted information. Many Floridians will be requiring public services for the first time and if we don't start preparing now we will be overwhelmed with the amount of need and the lack of resources to respond. Aside from access to health care, I am interested in diversifying economic development and adopting a statewide plan for sea level rise and resiliency.

Candidate did not respond.

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## DISTRICT 82

### ELISA EDWARDS ACKERLY (D)



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I will propose and or endorse a stand alone legislative bill to ensure Ballot security and streamline voter registration with automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration. I oppose amendment 3 on the Florida ballot this November 2020.

We need to look at the Florida Corporate tax loop hole. If corporations would keep jobs here in Florida it would help the economy in Florida. According to Tampa Bay Times Editorial Board

For years, Florida lawmakers have refused to end an egregious and easily remedied tax dodge. It involves corporations that flow money into shell companies that do nothing more than help them sidestep taxes. This type of gaping loophole erodes faith in our tax system, and it's long past time it got slammed shut.

There is no question that there is need to address inequity in criminal justice system in Florida. I think we definitely need to re educate officers about culture and way of life for all in the community and to get them the help to deal with the stress of the job. I believe that President Obama's Consent Decrees carried out under the supervision of a federal judge have produced meaningful results and can be expanded upon in light of lessons learned in the intervening years since the Consent Decrees were first deployed. The Consent Decrees included but were not limited to new training on the use of force, protocols for responding to the mentally ill and bias-free policing, and changes intended to hold police more accountable for violations.

The main challenge that faces Florida at present is Covid 19 and the health concerns that are related to the pandemic. I would like to see accountability and real consistent guide line for opening up our school. The second is the environmental and water quality. Work to make Florida #1 in solar energy and electric vehicle friendly. Work to expand solar stations in rural area.

## DISTRICT 85

### RICK ROTH (R)\*



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Loxahatchee

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Candidate did not respond.

Candidate did not respond.

Candidate did not respond.

Candidate did not respond.

## DISTRICT 85

### JIM CARROLL (D)



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Palm Beach Gardens

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Ballot security: I would propose legislation to require more transparency and require that the public be kept informed regarding ballot security efforts and the results of those efforts. The legislation would, among other things, outlaw requirements that supervisors of election and other state officials sign non-disclosure agreements regarding ballot security activities and information. Voter access and participation: I would make Florida's elections entirely vote-by-mail, as at least five other states have done. (In that connection, we also need cessation of the current efforts to cripple the Post Office.) Until we have all-vote-by-mail, I would expand early voting to three weeks and increase the hours for early voting.

Overhaul the state's unemployment system, which now pays a maximum of only \$275 a week in benefits (46th in US), and for just 12 weeks (50th in US; most states: 26 weeks). The system's software and infrastructure also must be replaced and updated in order to timely respond to claims. Help enable people to continue to provide for their families without unduly risking their lives while the virus and its economic fallout are wreaking havoc. Also, many people who lost their jobs lost health coverage. We must amend Medicaid-related laws to ensure that they're covered. Help enable small businesses to stay afloat while the virus and its economic fallout are preventing them from functioning normally and threatening their continued viability.

I would introduce bills to: \*Repeal mandatory minimum sentencing laws, and apply the repeal retroactively. \*Give sentences a "second look"; in other words, allow judges to reconsider sentences after a certain period of time. \*Allow release of elderly and ill prisoners who aren't dangerous. \*De-criminalize marijuana possession.

1. Defeating COVID-19 and effectively addressing its economic fallout and impact on jobs. I would take the actions described in the COVID-19 question above to help accomplish this.
2. Amend the Clean Waterway Act, so that the Act actually helps clean up our waterways. Our waterways are the lifeblood of our tourism and real estate economy, and provide us scenic beauty, natural habitat, recreation, and drinking water. This precious resource is being devastated by agricultural runoff, leaking septic tanks, and crumbling sewer systems. We need to act without further delay in order to save it.

## DO YOU KNOW?

### NPA

*(Non Party Affiliates)*

NPA candidates are included in this Voters' Guide since they have met the necessary ballot access requirements and their names do appear on the ballot.

### Florida 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 the 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 asterisks (\*\*\*) in the races where a candidate has one or more write-in opponents.

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## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

### DISTRICT 86

#### SUSAN M. KUFDAKIS RIVERA (R)



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Wellington

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Photo ID verification at the polls, along with giving people access to mail in ballots. However, security measures must be taken to ensure that mail in ballots actually are accounted for. It is clear that many local races either run unopposed or there is low interest. We must raise awareness to the public the awareness of how local and state government is the epitome of the laws "we wake up to every day", so we really need to start supporting our state and local governments to ensure that progress is made at the state and local level.

Tax incentives for small businesses that create jobs, we must take measures that raise awareness and support our small businesses. Similar to the US Stimulus checks we all received at the federal level, we should look to allocate resources to see if the small businesses can receive similar support from their state and local government. We need to ensure that community and state remain strong in the present, and in the future. To do that, we need to GET TO WORK!

We need policies and/or legislation to hold officers who abuse the badge accountable to the highest extent of the law. At the same time, we need policies and/or legislation to hold people accountable who abuse officers who are simply doing their job. We need to allocate resources to appropriately train officers on what is "right" and what is "wrong". We need to remove those officers that abuse their authority, and place the good officers in the forefront. Also, we need to allocate government resources to provide added mental support (including debriefing) of our criminal justice workers. We also need to create job opportunities for the rehabilitated offenders who are released back into society to reduce recidivism.

Education Reform and Criminal Justice Reform. Establishing anti-bullying programs in the academic curriculum. Bullying behavior in schools evolves into something much more dire in adulthood if it is not timely corrected. The result is violence, delinquency, and psychological harm that can be irreversible if not caught early. This is entirely preventable harm, should the remedy be implemented early on. Massive criminal justice systemic reform, extending beyond just the racial divisions of criminal justice. We're overcrowded and ineffective in our criminal justice system. We also need a rehabilitative versus incarceration approach towards eligible, non-violent (generally drug) offenses.

### DISTRICT 86

#### MATT WILLHITE (D)\*



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I support efforts that expand access to the ballot box through easy steps for vote-by-mail participation and investments in cyber security programs for our elections department. Further, moving the mail-out date for domestic ballots is something I support.

It's paramount that we invest in our small businesses and we do more to provide no-interest loans, grants and revolving loans. If we can get our small businesses up and running aggressively, our economic recovery will be stronger than ever.

The best example rests with ensuring that the will of voters to restore rights for returning citizens is actually implemented. I support efforts that end the continued roadblocks to fully implement Amendment 4.

Economic recovery and overcoming COVID continues to be a top issue and challenge. As a firefighter and former local elected official, I will be focused on both these issues to ensure we implement small business aid programs and support our healthcare professionals. Both go hand-in-hand and we need to stay ahead of the virus so we can bounce back stronger than ever from these challenging times.

### DISTRICT 87

#### HERB SENNETT (R)



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If the county Supervisors of Elections followed the laws on the books to the letter, there would be no problems with access or with counting. Voter participation is an individual decision. Every voter is responsible for casting their own ballot. For those people who need special assistance, the SOE of each county is responsible for seeing that those needs are addressed. If they are not doing that, then they are in violation of Florida Statutes. And if the SOEs are not doing their jobs by following exactly what they are supposed to do, then they need to be replaced. We don't need more legislation. We need more county officials doing their jobs correctly.

The federal government has already ruined the economy by the decisions they have made. The Florida legislature should not be required to clean up the mess. Besides, individual business owners can choose to pick up the ball and ensure that their employees are safe and protected as best as possible. All around me, I have seen business after business doing exactly that. The legislature has already done what it can to enable, ensure, and encourage businesses to operate safely and responsibly. It is past time for the government to get out of the way and let the economy do its own thing.

The first thing I would want to see done is an in-depth study of the criminal justice system by persons from outside the system to discover whether or not racial inequality exists and just exactly what it is that causes or fosters racial inequality. Then we can address the problem specifically. I have tons of questions to find answers for. I want specific proof that there is a problem. And just because a person complains about a problem does not mean to me that a problem exists. I want to see specific evidence that proves the problem. I am not saying it does not exist. I simply have not seen the proof that it does. I believe that all people are innocent until proven guilty.

1. Care of the homeless, something that is not mentioned above. And I wonder why it isn't an important issue. I am especially concerned about the homeless veterans we see all around us. Why isn't Florida's Veteran Affairs people more involved in doing something to help? I have more questions than I have answers. I want to go to the legislature to get answers so I can offer solutions. 2. Our public school system has failed us. Here again, I have more questions than I do answers. I guarantee that if I am sent to Tallahassee, I will shake up the education establishment and find out what it is doing rather than educating our children. And when I find out, I will be ready to do whatever it takes to make educating our children a top priority.

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DISTRICT 87	DISTRICT 88	DISTRICT 88	DISTRICT 88
<p><b>DAVID SILVERS (D)*</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> Palm Springs</p> <p><b>AGE:</b> 41</p> <p><b>CAMPAIGN PHONE:</b> (561) 689-9787</p> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://VoteDavidSilvers.com">VoteDavidSilvers.com</a></p> <p>Free and fair elections are at the foundation of our democratic process. Voters need to trust their vote will count and that they have access and opportunity to vote. We need to ensure the proper security is in place so our elections cannot be hacked by bad actors. Second, I support looking at how to expand vote by mail and extend early voting hours in the state so there are more opportunities to vote. Third, we need to quickly move forward with the implementation of Amendment 4 so that those who served their time and paid their dues, can have their voting rights restored.</p>	<p><b>DANIELLE MADSEN (R)</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> West Palm Beach</p> <p><b>AGE:</b> 35</p> <p><b>CAMPAIGN PHONE:</b> (561) 247-3881</p> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://DanielleForFloridaHouse.com">DanielleForFloridaHouse.com</a></p> <p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p><b>OMARI HARDY (D)</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> Lake Worth Beach</p> <p><b>AGE:</b> 30</p> <p><b>CAMPAIGN PHONE:</b> (954) 868-6208</p> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://OmariHardy.com">OmariHardy.com</a></p> <p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p><b>RUBIN ANDERSON (NPA)</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> West Palm Beach</p> <p><b>AGE:</b> 64</p> <p><b>CAMPAIGN PHONE:</b> (561)-234-9488</p> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://RACampaign.Weebly.com">RACampaign.Weebly.com</a></p> <p>To ensure security: Before every election, all equipment need to be tested and certified. All workers trained and certified. Chains of command custody in strict enforce. A voter receipt given to every voter after they vote in person or by mail. Improve voter access: Soften voter ID requirements, allow same day registration, transfer voting information from state to state, county to county. elections fall on the same day federal and state Promote voter participation: Same day registration, automatic registration and for college student, allowed to vote despite not being in their voting district.</p>
<p>Florida is resilient and Floridians know how to bounce back from crisis. However, we need to provide the leadership and support to help our state recover from COVID 19 health wise and economically. First, we need to fix the state's broken unemployment system so that it works for people who need it the most and ensure there is proper funding in place to sustain the program. Second, we need to look at opportunities to support local and small businesses. I would look to our local chambers and business organizations to identify what long term challenges they foresee and how the state can play a vital role in the recovery process.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>I saw farmers and other workforce throwing away food and valuable resources. The stat should have purchased those commodities; that was on way for Florida to recover job loss. So my position, to make laws to invest in business when disasters occur. Florida needs to invest in small businesses so they can recover, using their services, seek grants for them, help them obtain interest free loans, invest in small businesses, letting them use the Tec resources, professors and equipment.</p>
<p>Our criminal justice system is broken and current measures to address the many issues associated with it don't go far enough. We need an overhaul. Sentencing guidelines and plea deals have taken its toll on the weak and powerless and our inmate populations reflect that.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Because of all the unrest we see today, now is a good time to invite others to see how unequal Florida's system is. All old and outdated Draconian laws must be replaced. We cannot look to the past to improve our inequity, we must look to the future to change these laws.</p>
<p>Addressing the impacts of COVID-19 has to be priority one. We need to lean on science and health experts to guide our decisions. I want to ensure Florida is prepared with the proper testing in place, PPE and medical equipment. I have passed several bills that have focused on mental health and as we deal with COVID, our mental health needs will only grow. I have hosted several Mental Health Zoom Webinars with Dr. Kathy Moore since COVID began. Dr. Moore and I had met during this past legislative session because of my work on mental health legislation, but with COVID we have been able to bring so much information to those in need that are home alone dealing with the mental health impact of the pandemic.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>	<p>Gun violence which is a public health issue. Health care for all.</p>

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## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

### DISTRICT 89

#### MIKE CARUSO (R)\*



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### DISTRICT 89

#### JIM BONFIGLIO (D)



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### DISTRICT 90

#### LYDIA MALDONADO (R)



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1

What Legislative actions would you propose to ensure ballot security, improve voter access, and promote voter participation in elections?

Ballot security and voter participation represent the heart of the Democratic Process. I would propose legislation that:

- mandates that all counties participate in the country wide database to ensure against multi-state voter registration.
- encourages the responsible use of mail in ballots.
- mandates the use of voter signature recognition software to ensure personal and ballot security.
- outlaws ballot harvesting.

- Universal VBM for all elections.
- Require SOEs to mail VBM ballots to all registered voters, return ballots postage prepaid by SOE.
- More early voting sites, more early voting dates.
- Expand types of identification for voting.
- Free photo ID for those who do not have ID like passport or driver's license.
- Automatic registration at DMV.
- When new drivers apply for their license even if under 18 enroll them in the voter registration rolls.

Candidate did not respond.

2

What additional actions, if any, should the Legislature take to recover Florida's jobs, small businesses, and the state's economy impacted by COVID19 virus? Please explain your position.

I would like to see the legislature appropriate state funds for shovel ready projects such as roadways, universities, and infrastructure while coordinating with the Federal government to leverage funding assistance. Now is the right time to take effective action to deal with the real problems caused by coastal flooding, as well as continuing our progress addressing the environmental problems caused by aging septic systems. As state representative, I have sponsored bills calling for the inspection and repair of septic tanks throughout the state as well as sponsoring appropriation bills for septic to sewer conversion. These water projects would create 100's of thousands of jobs throughout the state and in course have a major impact.

Regardless of "opening up businesses" tourists will not visit Florida nor will they or our residents go out socialize and spend money until they know it is safe. So we must first make sure all FL communities require CDC best/ safest practices and require people in public to wear masks and social distance. We need to fix the unemployment system by increasing the weekly stipend and increasing the weeks assistance is available. We must fix the web site and allow for mail and in person applications so that when people lose jobs they can easily apply for assistance and do not have a substantial loss of income. Most economists agree that this type of direct government spending has the biggest multiplier effect in the economy.

Candidate did not respond.

3

What policies and/or legislation would you introduce to best address racial inequity in Florida's criminal justice system?

I think it is time for our judicial system to include a review panel with sentencing oversight to assure that judicial sentencing is fair and equitable regardless of race. This review panel should be made up of 7 members appointed by the governor with rotating terms of 4 years and a 1 term limit.

- Legalize recreational marijuana.
- Release all prisoners/probationers who are incarcerated/on probation for use/ possession small amounts of drugs.
- Expunge records for all who have been arrested/jailed/in prison for use/ possession small amounts of drugs.
- Commission a study to examine the effectiveness of no money bail system as implemented in CA.
- Eliminate all 3 strikes you're out laws.
- Eliminate all mandatory minimum sentences.
- Treat drug use as a health issue not a criminal issue.
- Decriminalize poverty i.e. eliminate escalation of non-payment of fines into criminal offenses, license suspensions.
- Repeal stand your ground

Candidate did not respond.

4

What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office? (Your response may expand on a previous answer or relate to a new topic).

The two most important challenges facing Florida are the restarting of our economy in this Covid-19 environment; as well as Florida's fragile ecosystem. Regarding the economy, we need to allow businesses to safely re-open so people can get back to work, while at the same time developing universal best medical practices that protect our "at risk and elderly" population and minimize the spreading of the disease. We need to help businesses navigate the new normal telework. As to the ecosystem I reference you to my responses in question #5.

- Health Care/Medicaid Expansion: COVID-19 exposed FL's cutting health services from \$1.1 B in 2010 to \$960 M in 2020. This caused an exodus of experts with institutional knowledge necessary to guide the state during this crisis. We must restore funding to health services and hire experts to deal with the pandemic until we have an effective vaccine and cure/treatment. We must expand medicaid, fund rural and children's hospitals, state mental health facilities and graduate medical training at teaching hospitals.
- Economy/Unemployment/Budget - We must fix FL's multi-Billion dollar budget shortfall due to COVID-19, the loss of tourists, sales, and unemployment. People will not visit FL or shop if they are not safe, We must stop COVID-19.

Candidate did not respond.

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## DISTRICT 90

### JOSEPH A. CASELLO (D)\*



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Our democracy only works when everyone's access to the ballot is ensured. Especially during this COVID-19 crisis and with widespread disruptions to the US Postal Service, 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 adequately supplied with PPE and sanitizers.

First and foremost we need to keep battling the spread of COVID-19 so that businesses can get back to life as usual. We've seen cases continue to trend down in our state, but we must continue to follow CDC guidelines and listen to the experts in order to reopen safely. That's why I support emergency preparedness measures such as a statewide mandatory mask order in public places. Additionally, Florida's unemployment insurance benefits system is in a state of disaster, and getting to the bottom of this problem must be priority number one for the next Legislative Session.

We need to work toward racial justice by taking a holistic approach which respects all members of our community and takes systemic racial biases into account. I support leveling the playing field by improving and fully funding our public education system, cracking down on racial disparities in sentencing, decriminalizing marijuana, investigating all claims of excessive force by law enforcement officers and implementing other measures that would promote fairness in our criminal justice system.

The fight against COVID-19 will continue to be the greatest challenge of our time. We must not prematurely roll back social distancing guidelines until the spread is under control. One of the first things the Legislature needs to address when it reconvenes is how to prepare for future pandemics. We must fix Florida's unemployment benefits system, which was designed to fail during normal times, and has been a grave disaster for Floridians in need since the onset of the COVID crisis. Another priority for me is creating a larger state funding pool to help small businesses keep employees on payroll during catastrophic events. We need to study how state government can best help residents prepare for future pandemics and other disasters.

## DISTRICT 91

### SAYD HUSSAIN (R)



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When I was in High School, I partnered with the League of Women Voters to host a voter drive in Fort. Lauderdale outside of a soccer game. As a young man, I understood the power that voting is on a race but even more important, is understanding who you are voting for rather than just who told you who to vote for. As a candidate myself, I want folks to have the opportunity to vote and have access to vote especially during this COVID-19 National Crisis. I propose legislation to partner with the technology sector to build our election technology to be secure and safe. I support additional training of poll workers to include cybersecurity. I support Cross-state data matching to prevent voters from accidentally voting twice.

Florida needs to develop a payment protection program to allow small business owners to be able to pay their employees instead of laying off their workers. This policy has been effective in Europe where layoffs are low and when the economy opens back up, people go back to their normal jobs. Handling unemployment has been a failure in the state, leaving thousands without any income security to feed their families, WE NEED TO DO BETTER! Furthermore, some workers are being paid more with unemployment, meaning they are less likely to go back to work and I don't blame them at all for making that decision. If the state closes Small Businesses, the state should offer owners access government loans to pay for their rent and expenses.

One major policy proposal is increasing funding for public defenders. Time after time again, Public Defenders agree they have too many cases and never enough time to learn the defendant's name before being heard in trial. This is not a fair system of justice and I believe we can do better to respect the due process of all Americans. I will also support working with the Florida Department of Corrections and the ACLU to work on a compromise solution to meet the needs of Floridians in regards to Criminal Justice. Mandatory Minimums should end as well as a one size fits all approach just does not work and I won't consider being a fair system of due process.

HOA/Condo Association Transparency is an absolute priority. Far too long the associations have ruled without any regulations from the state. I will submit legislation to reform 718 & 720 state statutes and amend them to be more homeowner friendly and increase transparency. I will call this legislation, the Bill of Rights for Homeowners. My longterm plan is to create a state agency to manage HOA/Condo Associations in Florida where homeowners can file a complaint, learn more about their rights, and offer guidance on how to defuse a complaint. The agency can fine the property management if they are found to be breaking the laws. Secondly, offer services for seniors living on social security. I am currently developing my proposal.

## DISTRICT 91

### EMILY ANN SLOSBERG (D)\*



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I am a proponent of widespread mail-in voting and I support the Supervisors of Elections sending out correspondence to register people to vote by mail. This is a safe way for people to vote and encourages people to vote! The only issues I have with mail-in voting is with the federal government's management of the postal service. We need to make sure everyone's vote counts! When I get back to Tallahassee, I also want to explore statutory options for Supervisors of Elections to expand voting options in assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Residents in if the ALFs and nursing homes were unable to vote at all if they did not request a VBM ballot before statutory deadline for the primary election.

First and foremost, so many small businesses have gone out of business due to COVID-19 and we need to make swift moves to make small business loans more accessible before other businesses drown. It's time to stop giving handouts to big business and start looking out for the small businesses and working class. It's also time to eliminate corporate welfare. Incentives in Florida are given out by Enterprise Florida whose board members, C-level executives from large corporations, receive the majority of the incentives. We need to eliminate or repurpose Enterprise Florida to actually fuel our economy with innovation and new business.

Our criminal justice system has needed a complete overhaul for a while – not just with the way our communities are policed, but within the prisons and courts. Last year a handful of criminal justice reform bills didn't pass that would have been a step in the right direction. SB 468 would have address eliminating mandatory minimums for non-violent drug offenders. SB 550 would have made it easier for felons to enter prison diversion programs. In addition to criminal justice reform, the state needs to address the mental health and substance abuse problems that many people who get sucked into the criminal justice system face.

1. There needs to be stronger protections for employees with certain health conditions and those over 65 who are more at risk to COVID-19 and unable to physically return to a workplace.
2. There also needs to be a complete and comprehensive overhaul of the broken unemployment system, which is currently designed to kick people while they are down. The state needs to at least double the amount of unemployment benefits to a livable wage and remove the excessive work search requirements. I will also push for a new open-bid process to finding a new vendor to manage the online portal.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE**  
Monday, October 5, 2020

**EARLY VOTING**  
Monday, October 19, through Sunday, November 1, 2020  
(7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

*Photo ID Required*

**DEADLINE TO DROP OFF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT IN OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020  
Satellite Offices:  
5:00 p.m.  
Main Office on Military Trail, West Palm Beach:  
7:00 p.m.

**GENERAL ELECTION**

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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. The 2020 salary for Supreme Court justice is \$220,600.



## JUSTICE CARLOS G. MUÑOZ

Justice Muñoz was appointed to be the 89th Florida Supreme Court justice by Gov. Ron DeSantis. His current term ends Jan. 4, 2021. Before this appointment, he served as general counsel to the U.S. Department of Education. Previously, he served as deputy attorney general and chief of staff to former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi. Prior government roles include serving as deputy general counsel for Florida Gov. Jeb Bush’s administration, as general counsel for the Florida Department of Financial Services, and as deputy chief of staff and counsel in the Florida House of Representatives for then-speaker Marco Rubio. Muñoz also worked in private practice at the law firms of Hogan & Hartson, GrayRobinson, Bancroft Associates and McGuireWoods. For several months in 2006-07, he was policy director for the Republican Party of Florida. He earned his law degree from Yale Law School in 1997, where he served as editor of the Yale Law Journal. Before attending Yale, he was a civil rights analyst at the U.S. Department of Justice. After graduating from Yale, he served as a law clerk to Judge Thomas Flannery on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and to Judge José Cabranes on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He was the first Florida Supreme Court appointee in decades without judicial experience. He earned his bachelor’s degree with high honors in 1991 at University of Virginia. He is a member of the Federalist Society.

# 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 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 2020 salary for a DCA judge is \$169,554.



## JUDGE ALAN O. FORST

Judge Forst was appointed to the Fourth District Court of Appeal by Gov. Rick Scott in 2013. His current term ends Jan. 4, 2021. Prior to this appointment, Forst served as Chairman of the Florida Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission/Unemployment Appeals Commission, appointed to two terms by Gov. Jeb Bush and a third term by Gov. Charlie Crist. Before that, he was in private practice. Earlier in his career, he spent more than two decades in Washington, D.C., serving under Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton at the Departments of Justice and Labor; as counsel to the Vice Chair/Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board; and as special assistant/counsel to Chairman Clarence Thomas at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He held several additional posts in Washington. He earned an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and his law degree from the Columbus School of Law of the Catholic University of America. He is a member of the Federalist Society.



## JUDGE MARK W. KLINGENSMITH

Judge Klingensmith was appointed to the Fourth District Court of Appeal by former Gov. Rick Scott in 2013. His current term ends Jan. 4, 2021. Prior to holding this position, he was appointed by Scott to the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court in 2011. Klingensmith currently serves on the Steering Committee, Florida Civil Trial Practice, The Florida Bar Publications and served on the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee of The Florida Bar from 2003-09. He is a member of the Florida Conference of District Court Judges and was a member of the DCA Education Committee from 2014-17. He has published professional articles including “Merit Selection For Florida’s Trial Judges: Opportunity Lost, Or Lessons Learned?” in the Stetson Law Review in 2019. Klingensmith earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Florida in 1982, his law degree from UF in 1985, and a Master of Laws from Duke University in 2016. He was editor-in-chief of the Florida Journal of International Law from 1984-85 at UF.



## JUDGE MARTHA C. WARNER

Judge Warner was appointed to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in 1989 by former Gov. Bob Martinez, and served as Chief Judge from July 1999 to June 2001. Her current term ends Jan. 4, 2021. Prior to the Fourth District Court of Appeal, she served as a Circuit Court Judge in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Prior to that, she was in private practice. Her judicial and bar activities include serving as President of the Florida Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges from 2008-09 and the Supreme Court Committee on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability from 1998 to 2016, serving as its chair from 1998 to 2008. Warner is a recipient of the Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section James C. Adkins Award for Outstanding Contributions to Field of Appellate Practice (2010), and the Supreme Court of Florida Chief Justice’s Award of Excellence (2006). Warner earned her undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, from The Colorado College in 1971, her law degree with high honors from the University of Florida in 1974 and a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process in 1995 from the University of Virginia.

# CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

The Florida Constitution provides that a Circuit Court serve each judicial circuit established by the Legislature; there are 20 circuits. Within each, there may be varying numbers of judges depending on the area's population and caseload. To be eligible for the office of Circuit Court judge, a person must be an elector of the county and must have been a member of The Florida Bar for five years. Circuit Court judges are elected by the voters of the circuits in nonpartisan contested elections against others who choose to qualify as candidates for the position. Circuit Court judges serve six-year terms, and are subject to the same disciplinary standards and procedures as Florida Supreme Court justices and District Court appellate judges. The 2020 salary for Circuit Court judges is \$160,688.

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

1

Please name three personal traits that describe the knowledge and disposition you would bring to the court.

2

Describe how you would manage and prioritize large caseloads.

3

As an attorney, have you tried cases in front of a judge and jury, and how many?

4

What is your preferred method for funding the courts in Florida?

## GROUP 30

### JAIMIE GOODMAN\*



**OCCUPATION:**  
Circuit Court Judge

**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Palm Beach County

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Integrity, experience, and hard work. As an attorney and Judge, I have maintained, for over twenty years, an AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating for professional excellence, legal ability, and ethical standards. As a Judge, I put my heart and soul into my service on the bench. I take pride in my extensive preparation as a jurist for the thousands of cases that come before me.

As a Circuit Court Judge for over five years, I have experience successfully managing and prioritizing large caseloads. I have one of the best track records in the Circuit Civil Division for managing caseloads. I have effectively utilized case management conferences, expedited discovery schedules and detailed pre-trial orders on the more complex medical malpractice and product liability cases. I spend weekends going through my pending cases to monitor our case management process.

Yes, I tried 26 jury trials as a lawyer in private practice. As a Judge, I presided over 49 jury trials to verdict. Total jury trials - 75. In addition, I presided over 100 bench trials and evidentiary proceedings.

The funding of the courts is governed by Article V Section 14 of the Florida Constitution. The state provides the funding for the trial court system. However, the county is required to fund the cost of communication services as well as the cost of construction or lease, maintenance, utilities, and security of facilities for the trial courts.

### ADAM MYRON



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I am calm and courteous, and I use common sense. My demeanor and temperament is uniquely suited for a career as an impartial public servant. I recognize that most people meet a judge on one of the worst days of their life. A judge has to be fair and impartial, and make tough decisions, but at the same time a judge has to have empathy and compassion and treat everyone with kindness, civility, and respect. I will bring professionalism and decency into the courtroom.

Over the years, I have handled many complex cases. In that time, I've learned that in order to manage and prioritize a large caseload, the only thing that works is work itself. I am calm, organized, consistent, and dedicated; and I would apply that work ethic as a judge.

In complex civil litigation, cases rarely go to trial and jury trials are even more rare because of the enormous cost and associated risk. Nevertheless, I have been fortunate to be lead counsel on three cases tried before a judge: a complex contract and business tort case, a complex probate adversarial proceeding, and a breach of contract case. Two resulted in judgments for my clients. In the third, I represented the defendant, and the plaintiff received only a fraction of the claim.

Approximately 0.6% of the State's total budget is allocated towards funding the judicial branch. Without adequate funding, our courts are at risk of inadequately meeting the needs of those who seek justice. However, there are several things that can be done to help ensure the fair application of justice, even with a limited budget. For example, programs on the topic of implicit bias can educate people about root causes of disparity and pave the way for greater equity in the court system.

## 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 U.S. 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.

# PALM BEACH COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES

The Sheriff is a constitutional officer elected to a four-year term and is the chief law enforcement officer in Palm Beach County. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the operation of county correction and detention facilities and all law enforcement services in the unincorporated areas of the county as well as in some municipalities. The Sheriff's Office budget for FY 2020 was 47.9% of Palm Beach County's general fund budget. The 2020 salary is \$180,952.

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

**1** What can be done to improve reentry skills?

## SHERIFF

### LAURO E. DIAZ (R)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**

Palm Beach County

**AGE:** 58

**WEBSITE:**

DiazForSheriff.com

These are challenging times. Our society and our culture are demanding change. Traditional policing models that have existed for more than a century must change or risk devolution. Current law enforcement training models are focused on meeting state requirements for high liability. I say we can do better. I would implement training programs that will exceed minimum standards. Each deputy will receive training in diversity, inclusion, and de-escalation techniques.

Agencies that do not change risk devolution and lack of support from the community. Punishment and rehabilitation is a shared concern. My first day in office we will begin several fresh, new programs aimed at forming alliances in the community and implement restorative justice initiatives. We will work closely with the state attorney's office in "reimagining" our practices and "integrating" our efforts with new social programs that aim to rehabilitate rather than incarcerate.

We must break the cycle of systemic practices that fail to elevate our level of service to the community. My budget will cut programs that do not meet these needs and institute programs that elevate training for all employees. Training that incorporates de-escalation, a varied use of force continuum. Creating a proactive threat assessment model, highly trained professionals that identify at risk individuals in our society (and in our schools). We will initiate town hall meetings each month.

- 1) I will develop the first citizen review board that will meet each month to review agency actions, demand transparency. Each voice in our community must be heard.
- 2) I will launch a program for monthly town hall meetings. I will be accessible, available and transparent to the community.
- 3) The community will be invited to work with us in delivering change that demands equality and fairness. Together, we will meet these demands in becoming an agency of the people and for the people.

## SHERIFF

### RIC L. BRADSHAW (D)\*



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**

West Palm Beach

**AGE:** 72

**WEBSITE:**

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We have a re-entry system in which we partner with local organizations to prepare inmates to transition back in to society and provide them with - pre and post-release services. I regularly look to improve and update these programs to provide the most successful service possible.

My job is to enforce the law. I do everything within my power to ensure inmates receive the proper services and programs so that when they are released back in to society they have had every opportunity to learn how to become a productive and law-abiding member of society.

If the budget permitted, I would continue to increase our officer training programs, fund more community policing, and ensure we have the most up-to-date equipment to keep our residents safe.

- Adopt certain proposals through the #8cantwait.
- We as an agency developed the concept of Tactical Pause which has been shared with other law enforcement agencies throughout the country.
- Continue Community Policing programs.

**2** How would you evaluate punishment and rehabilitation?

**3** If the budget permitted, what programs would you recommend?

**4** Name three things that can combat racial discrimination and build trust in the community for law enforcement.

# PALM BEACH COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES

The Clerk & Comptroller is a public trustee responsible for safeguarding public records and public funds. The Florida Constitution established the Clerk & Comptroller as a constitutional officer, directly elected by and accountable to county citizens. The Clerk & Comptroller serves as the county's Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Auditor; County Recorder; Clerk of the Circuit Court; and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. The Clerk is also responsible for managing the county's jury system, processing passports, processing marriage licenses, maintaining a domestic partnership registry, and conducting foreclosure sales and tax deed sales. The 2020 salary is \$171,525.

## QUESTIONS



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



## CLERK & COMPTROLLER\*\*

### JOSEPH ABRUZZO (D)

**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Boynton Beach  
**AGE:** 39

I am focused on how to improve the workplace for employees of the office. One program I am looking at is the creation of a childcare stipend for employees with children. With the changes in the workplace coming due to the impacts of COVID-19 and the fact that many in the office also serve as head of household, this would be a vast improvement to the current policy.

Funding has historically been a challenge for the office. I plan to go to Tallahassee to advocate for additional revenue opportunities for the Clerk of Courts so that we can better serve the public. I have the experience and relationships needed to meet this objective and advocate for the office effectively.

This is a top priority. Voter's overwhelming approved Amendment 4 and we need to implement it. This requires a coordinated approach with the State Attorney's office, Supervisor of Elections and Public Defender. I have strong working relationships with all three so we can restore voters' rights as quickly as possible.

**1** If funding was available, what programs and improvements would you undertake?

**2** What is your evaluation of the current funding sources for the office?

**3** What is your position on granting returning citizens the vote?

The Tax Collector is a constitutional officer elected to a four-year term. The Tax Collector's Office serves as an independent agency, free from influence by local or state agencies that have the power to levy taxes. The office collects property taxes for every local government agency that has the power to levy taxes, and administers local business tax receipts and tourist development taxes. The Tax Collector also serves the state as an agent for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Revenue. The 2020 salary is \$171,525.

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

## TAX COLLECTOR



### ANNE M. GANNON (D)\*

**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:** Delray Beach  
**AGE:** 72  
**WEBSITE:** ReelectAnneGannon.com

Existing software for property tax collections is adequate. We have moved to an appointment process only in our offices due to the virus. Increasing the capacity of the software for appointments is an integral part of our business plan since implementing appointments.

As we transition to an appointment only service office and utilize technology more efficiently, it's paramount we keep customer service the top priority. Ensuring appointments are available and that taxpayers can receive the information they need online are a top priority.

Our turnover rate is normal in our field. We have 329 employees and strive to provide a safe, healthy working environment. We have spent about \$160,000 to sanitize offices. Our business processes and procedures are constantly being updated as a result of statutory changes and process improvement.

**1** Is the existing technology adequate? What technology will be needed in the future?

**2** What public service improvements need to be made?

**3** How would you lower employee turnover rates?

## TAX COLLECTOR



### FRANK CIATTO (NPA)

**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:** Jupiter  
**AGE:** 49  
**WEBSITE:** Frank4Change.com

The existing technology is inadequate. This is evidenced by the incredibly long lines and wait times that we have all experienced while performing even the simplest transactions at the Tax Collector's Office, and when we mail in our payments and funds are lost or misappropriated. I have personally witnessed this and am certain that the cause is not the hard-working employees at the TCO, but the woefully inadequate technology the office utilizes. Software and process improvements are essential.

A complete culture change within the Tax Collector's Office is needed regarding how employees are treated, and the mindset of the leadership team. That can be accomplished by changing the current viewpoint that the office should be run like a business, and focus more on what it truly is, a public service. As public servants, we should always strive to provide the highest level of customer service, but even more than that, to ensure the public's best interests are served ahead of personal gain.

At this time, the immediate focus must be on the health and safety of our employees, as well as the public we serve. We should all feel safe at work, and that there is concern for our well-being. Beyond that, it is my firm belief that every single employee must feel valued for the contributions they make in achieving the goal of incredible customer service. I will foster a team mentality wherein we all serve the public together and will provide long overdue opportunities for advancement.

# 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.

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

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

### DISTRICT 1\*\*

#### MARIA G. MARINO (R)



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Palm Beach Gardens

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### DISTRICT 3\*\*

#### JONATHAN MAURICE MAPLES (R)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Lake Clarke Shores

**AGE:** 36

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### DISTRICT 3\*\*

#### DAVE KERNER (D)\*



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Lake Worth

**AGE:** 36

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(561) 529-1326

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DaveKerner.com

**1** What is your opinion of "impact fees" vs. "mobility fees"?

Candidate did not respond.

With recent challenges from municipalities, this is likely an issue that will be decided in the courts. Ideally, there can be some compromise that allows cities, within the county, to have some influence in the proportional use of available resources.

Due to pending litigation against the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, I cannot comment on this issue, except to say that Palm Beach County's Charter is clear on this issue. The voters of Palm Beach County enacted our County Charter and the will of the voter should be upheld.

**2** What staff support and funding should be added to the county Inspector General's Office?

Candidate did not respond.

The robust oversight of an Inspector General's Office is necessary, and should be fully staffed and funded. Every opportunity to reduce waste, fraud, and budgetary abuse, allows more resources to go to necessary programs, and saves the taxpayers dollars.

I am proud to have led the effort in 2018 to add additional positions to the County Inspector General's Office, at the IG's request. The voters voted overwhelmingly to provide this oversight to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and the 39 municipalities within Palm Beach County.

**3** What are your three priorities if elected?

Candidate did not respond.

- Building and strengthening families, through community based programs, and education.
- Fostering an environment for business to flourish, including addressing the affordable workforce housing crisis.
- Increasing the vital resources for mental health programs.

My priorities since I entered public office as a County Commissioner have been: 1) Integrity in office and demeanor, 2) effectuating the will of the residents, and 3) slowing development to a level that allows public services to be effectively delivered to our county (i.e. police and fire services).

**4** What are your views on the Florida Legislature's preemption of home rule?

Candidate did not respond.

While Home Rule can be an important tool, given Florida's diverse population, and land use composition, the abuse of it by activists, to stem the will of statewide votes and policies can be a disadvantage.

While serving in the legislature (2012-2016), I consistently voted against preemption. Local government governs the best. The legislature is just terrible at it. I think our values as a community are better reflected by local leaders, which is why I left the House of Reps in 2016 to run for BOCC.

**5** How can Palm Beach County address and help mend racial discrimination?

Candidate did not respond.

As an African American man, I can tell you that the beginning of healing lies in understanding one another. That only comes through personal conversations, steeped in empathy and compassion. The road to healing begins with the short walk to the friend or neighbor who is different than you.

I have served as a police officer for 7 years of my life. I recognize the institutional barriers that serve as a barrier to positive police and community interactions. Policy leaders, like myself, need to continue to advocate for community policing, accountability, and a diverse police force.

# PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION

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 2020 salary for a county commissioner is \$101,006.

DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 7**	DISTRICT 7**
<p><b>DAVID IRVING SHINER (R)</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> Delray Beach</p> <p><b>AGE:</b> 43</p> <p><b>CAMPAIGN PHONE:</b> (561) 279-5733</p> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> VoteDavidShiner.com</p>	<p><b>MARIA SACHS (D)</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> Boca Raton</p> <p><b>AGE:</b> 71</p> <p><b>CAMPAIGN PHONE:</b> (561) 945-8800</p> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> MariaSachs.com</p>	<p><b>MACK BERNARD (D)*</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> Boynton Beach</p> <p><b>AGE:</b> 42</p> <p><b>CAMPAIGN PHONE:</b> (561) 398-1431</p> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> MackBernard.com</p>	<p><b>CANESTE SUCCE (NPA)</b></p>  <p><b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE:</b> Lake Worth</p> <p><b>AGE:</b> 57</p> <p><b>CAMPAIGN PHONE:</b> (561) 860-4015</p> <p><b>WEBSITE:</b> SucceCaneste.com</p>
<p>While Palm Beach County utilizes impact fees to help and maintain and build a better infrastructure, as a new commissioner I would be open to keeping the current structure or going to a combination of an impact/mobility fee structure. It is important to ensure that as Palm Beach County continues to grow and prosper there are mechanisms in place to continue to provide for programs and infrastructure to continue to make the lives better of those who live, work, and vacation here better.</p>	<p>Impact Fees fees are collected on any new construction and are usually passed on to the buyer in the construction costs to offset expenses related to the impact example roads, schools and utilities. Mobility Fees are collected from the developer to encourage transit oriented development. The fees collected are for more broader transit uses example multimodal transportation. This is the future to reduce traffic congestion and to prevent urban sprawl. Both fees are important.</p>	<p>Development should cover added costs to offset the increased burden on our existing infrastructure, public facilities, and demand for service; but we can also leverage these fees to pursue alternative transportation options to reduce congestion, improve mobility, and mitigate environmental impacts.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>
<p>Without further information we cannot accurately provide an analysis on proper funding without reviewing the number of cases received and closed and open cases in the department. As your next County Commissioner, I would appreciate an opportunity to speak to the Inspector General to better understand the needs of the department and to make sure that taxpayer's money is best spent. If the analytics show there is a need for additional support and funding then I would support those needs.</p>	<p>The Inspector General's Office is sufficiently financed but if it needed additional staff it would be with audit reviews and/or ethic training</p>	<p>We need to make sure their office is fully funded and resourced by our local governments to effectively carry out its intended function. I believe our municipalities should participate in supporting the OIG as an independent body to protect taxpayers and the integrity of our elected offices.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>
<p>As your next Palm Beach County Commissioner, the three areas of focus include, preservation of the environment (including Florida's waters), public safety and community relations, and finally zoning and infrastructure (both to preserve the environment, but also make sure that the infrastructure is in place to handle the increased population – such as county services, roadways, shopping centers, etc.)</p>	<p>Public Safety, Traffic Improvements, Smart Growth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect the health and safety of the community due to COVID-19.</li> <li>• Addressing socio-economic and racial inequities.</li> <li>• Creating good paying jobs and opportunities for local residents.</li> </ul>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>
<p>As you next Palm Beach County Commissioner, I believe that Palm Beach County should be able to govern itself and has the best interests in mind for its residents. Issues in Palm beach county may differ substantially from other counties in the State of Florida and I believe that the commissioners should be in charge of governing with as minimal state interference.</p>	<p>I firmly believe local governments understand what is best for their communities. I support home rule.</p>	<p>I believe local governments should be able to govern their residents as they see fit when it comes to the services they provide, the policies they implement, and the way we solve our local problems. Local governments must be free to meet the needs of our residents, businesses, and communities.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>
<p>The issue of race relations is front and center in our society and has been an issue that needs to be addressed. We need effective communication between residents, business owners, and religious leaders to ensure justice for all, if a community feels neglected then we aren't doing our job. I am here to listen and act on the community's concerns.</p>	<p>Of course I believe in equal opportunity for all no matter race, creed, ethnicity or religion. I support racial sensitivity training and unconscious bias training to help the workplace be the leaders among society to create an equal friendly environment for all to succeed.</p>	<p>We must recommit ourselves to leading the changes that will make Palm Beach County a more inclusive, inviting, safe and secure place for everyone. I have taken a lead on calling for local and state officials to step up to support conversations about racial inequities and changes in policing.</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond.</p>

# PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

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

## DISTRICT 7\*\*

### LEONARD L. SERRATORE (NPA)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**

West Palm Beach

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A mobility fee is a one-time capital charge imposed on developers to pay for their share of the impact stemming from residential and commercial projects. Impact fees are a one-time tax imposed on all new residential and commercial construction by local governments to defray the cost of growth's "impact" on vital services such as schools, parks, roads, ambulance and fire service and other infrastructure needs. I would think impact fee would be a better choice due to the low tax base in Florida.

I feel more staff and funding is needed to investigate the County HR Department as to where it comes to hire, promoting and establishing salary for individuals commensurate with their abilities, background, experience and education. I don't feel this being accomplished by the present HR department.

COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment, opening the county and getting taxpayers back to work. Opening schools so children can get back to studies.

Home rule — the decades-old tradition that allows municipalities and counties to regulate issues within their jurisdictions — has been under withering attack in recent years. When Governor Scott implemented the law for the carry of concealed weapons with permits in parks and beaches county government declined that rule and would not allow that to happen. I say referendum put the choice to the taxpayers.

More Diversity, anti-bias training, a sense of justice, decency and even common sense.

# PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT

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.

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

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

## GROUP 1\*\*

### WAYNE RICHARDS (D)\*



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**

Palm Beach Gardens

**AGE:** 57

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Annual dredging is provided by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, however, when most people think of dredging they are usually referencing improvements of the channel and turning basin leading into the Port. The Port's channel and turning basin has not been improved since 1963- almost 60 years ago. Ships naturally are much larger now and at times require a deeper draft, however there is considerable opposition to any improvement to the channel or turning basin from environmentalists & neighboring.

This is quite unlikely to occur because the vast majority of the cruise ships in operation today simply cannot navigate our narrow channel and smaller turning basin, however, if a ship needed a safe harbor I would consent to its docking after having contacted county and state health officials and the Coast Guard to ensure the continued safety of our residents while providing humanitarian relief.

1. Rail Improvements to lessen impact on local traffic and increase efficiency of rail car movements.
2. Demolition of former Cemex silos and utilization of area for cargo handling.
3. New warehouses for many tenants.
4. Improved settling basin for sand to keep sand from accumulating in the channel which adversely impacts ability to bring in deep draft vessels.
5. Port beautification - Industrial site, however the visual impact must be improved.

As an attorney with over 25 years of legal experience and as a former engineer and current small business owner I am able to make rational informed decisions regarding the direction the Port should be heading. I am fiscally conservative and believe our mission at the Port is to assist our tenants whenever possible to allow them to be successful and to grow hence putting them in the best position to grow and hire additional employees.

**1** What is your opinion of "impact fees" vs. "mobility fees"?

**2** What staff support and funding should be added to the county Inspector General's Office?

**3** What are your three priorities if elected?

**4** What are your views on the Florida Legislature's preemption of home rule?

**5** How can Palm Beach County address and help mend racial discrimination?

**1** What funding is available for needed dredging, and what will happen if the dredging is not done?

**2** If a ship diverted to the Port of Palm Beach could risk the county population's health or safety, how would you handle the situation?

**3** What Port upgrades should the Commission consider?

**4** What specific experience and knowledge would you bring to this position?

# PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT

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 2020 salary for a port commissioner is \$9,500.

## GROUP 2\*\*

### KATHRYN M. WALDRON (D)\*



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All of our tenants' ships can safely navigate the channel and further deepening is unnecessary. However, periodic maintenance dredging is needed. Federal funding is allocated for dredging as we are a federal channel. Therefore, to ensure we continue to have funding for dredging it is imperative to have a close relationship with Washington D.C. & our Congressional delegation, particularly Congressman Hastings and Congresswoman Frankel, both of whom have endorsed me.

As 1 of 5 port commissioners and as one who governs the port, I would first contact the U.S. Coast Guard and the Custom Border Patrol, along with the appropriate first responders. The Port would work in close cooperation with all entities to ensure all CDC policies are strictly followed. The safety of the public is always paramount.

The Port is constantly upgrading its facilities. We recently refurbished Berth 1 and created Berth 17. We are in the process of upgrading our rail system which is more than 100 years old. Expansion is needed to replace and expand our rail capacity to help decrease local truck traffic. Tropical is expanding their refrigeration area so additional perishable goods can be exported. Other upgrades for consideration include garage parking for cruise ships and updating our passenger loading bridge.

The Port is a major economic driver for our county, responsible for 2,800 direct jobs and is a lifeline to the Caribbean. It is important to have a strong business background to ensure proper governance. I was elected 4 years ago to bring my business acumen and passion for community service to the dais. In addition, I bring a deep sensitivity to our environment including leading a sustainable aquaculture company. I ask for your vote and your support and I thank you for both.

## GROUP 2\*\*

### MIKE WHALEN (NPA)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
West Palm Beach  
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If the dredging is not completed then we should seek the assistance of the federal government for the necessary funding.

We must access the experience of our medical experts to analyze the situation. Research what ports the vessel has embarked from. What were the conditions. Under no circumstances can the vessel dock until all evaluations have been completed. The health and safety of our community cannot be compromised.

I am completely in favor of port expansion this will create more jobs and opportunities for the people of Palm Beach County and our communities and also expand the revenues for the port.

I am a former business owner in Palm Beach County also a finance director for a corporate company and a executive manager for a life insurance I understand budgets and checks and balance.

## GROUP 3\*\*

### RODERICK CLARKE (R)



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
West Palm Beach  
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We need to dredge in order to maintain the requirements needed. Funded could come from the private sector.

It depends on what the ship is carrying. People or equipment. Would the ship need quarantined. Would the ship be turned away depending on the cargo.

All board members have voted to include infrastructure management and maintenance into the budget. To include but not limited too rail expansion, cargo expansion and replacement of the sheet pile.

Bring to the Port of Palm Beach four years experience of Port Management at Naha Port 28 vessels capacity, Okinawa, Japan. With 20 years military experience along with Walmart Management. I will be a strong voice and advocate for our Western community. Mayors of South Bay and Belle Glades have expressed to me my opponent has failed to support inland Port intiates that could potentially benefit the citizens and businesses long term and short term. Business Management from University of Maryland.

## GROUP 3\*\*

### JEAN L. ENRIGHT (D)\*



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Riviera Beach  
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The US Army Corps of Engineer funds the maintenance dredging that normally takes place once a year. This maintenance dredging is separate from any emergency dredging that may be required as a result of storm or hurricane activity. If dredging is not done, there may be depth restricting placed on some ships wanting to enter the Port, or it maybe necessary to turn some ships away. This will result in a lost of revenue for tenants and the Port.

All federal, state and local, authorities will receive notification and the Port will comply with all required protocols.

The commission has currently included in our capital budget the following infrastructure improvements that includes: rail facility expansion, birth expansion, cargo laydown and sheet pile replacement.

My experience includes a vast knowledge of port operations, federal guidelines, and a strong relationship with port tenants, users, and industry officials.

# 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.

## QUESTIONS



\*Incumbent

**1** Do you support or oppose the current structure of the District? Explain your opinion.

**2** How important is maintaining agriculture as a base of the county's economy?

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## GROUP 2

### AUDREY FRIEDRICH



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Loxahatchee  
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The District currently ensures communication regarding the conservation of natural resources in beautiful Palm Beach County. While having elected supervisors is important, it could be helpful to consider future restructuring. One option could be to shift three of these seats to appointed positions, to be decided upon by the Governor or Commissioner of Agriculture to ensure that some seats are filled by individuals with expertise in agriculture and the sciences.

Palm Beach County is fortunate to be the home of so many farms and growers. Agriculture must continue to be an important part of the county's economy. The recent COVID pandemic has shown us we cannot take our food supply chain for granted, and we must farm efficiently. Further, agriculture provides jobs to many residents, which enables our local economy to thrive.

My family owns a plant nursery in Loxahatchee, and for many years I have attended agriculture conferences and trade shows, learning about the industry. I believe we must work closely with local farms and businesses in order to protect the natural resources of beautiful Palm Beach County. I believe I have the skills necessary for this position, as I am a small business owner myself. I am a psychologist and specialize in problem-solving and facilitating effective communication.

## GROUP 2

### ANN MARIE SORRELL



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I support the current structure of the Palm Beach Soil & Water Conservation District. It is important for the staff to continue to have the autonomy to conduct the business of the District and to continue educating our agriculture businesses on best management practices to conserve, improve and sustain the environment. It is important for the District Board of Supervisors to serve as an advisor, advocate, and governing body that provides budget oversight without placing limitations on staff.

I believe that it is very important to maintain agriculture as a base of Palm Beach County's economy as it is one of the largest economic engines of our county and of our state. Agriculture in Palm Beach County, particularly in the Glades was responsible for the livelihood of my family for many years until my grandfather retired from the sugar cane industry. Agriculture has and continues to support thousands of families in our county and must continue to be a driving force for the economy.

My experience includes working with the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge to raise funds for a new visitor center and create awareness about the Everglades; worked with the South Florida Water Management District to increase the number of SMWBE businesses doing business with the District; advocated with Glades Lives Matters; and served with West Palm Beach's Mayor Keith James on his transition team as the Co-chair for the environment and sustainability committee.

## GROUP 3

### CHAD ALVAREZ



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
West Palm Beach  
**AGE:** 43  
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I support the current structure of the district. Special districts in the U.S. provide important services local governments do not provide. The Soil and Water Conservation district offers us a single focus on critical natural resources, healthy land and clean water for P.B. County.

Agriculture's impact on Florida and P.B. County is huge. It is the second largest industry in the Palm Beaches and Florida, with over \$160 billion in total output. Palm Beach County leads the southeast United States and is one of the largest counties in the United States in agricultural sales.

Born and raised in South Florida, I have significant experience with the environment. Among others, I have led meetings and protests with members of congress when the E.S.A. was being dismantled. I believe that clean water is a right. I will work to keep this state a healthy green and blue.

## GROUP 4

### ROB LONG\*



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Delray Beach  
**AGE:** 35  
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I support the current structure of the Palm Beach Soil & Water Conservation District. We consult with local growers (at no cost to them) to help optimize their irrigation systems, which ultimately results in the conservation of millions of gallons of water. Our District's Ambassador to the Wetlands program partners with Mounts Botanical Gardens and the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge to get thousands of Palm Beach County high schoolers outside to learn about conservation.

Extremely important - which is why we actively partner with farmers to optimize their water consumption. Palm Beach County is the largest agricultural county east of the Mississippi and has \$10 Billion in economic impact. This vital industry has sustained Florida through the housing collapse and declines in tourism. We should support and celebrate our farmers, who take on huge risks every year and deal with enormous competition.

My background as an environmentalist, engineer, activist, and business owner have given me the perspective and skill set to lead this extremely important, yet often misunderstood special district. It's been an honor with work with the PB S&WCD staff and I'm very proud of what we've been able to accomplish together over the last 4-years. I hope to serve for four more.

## GROUP 4

### CANDACE A. ROJAS



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Every system could benefit from improvement without changing the district completely. I agree with many aspects of the current structure. I am not in favor of our current administrator having responsibilities for Palm Beach and Broward County. I believe Broward County should hire their own administrator. In addition, I would change the current time and venue of monthly meetings to ensure that all stakeholders are available for input. I am in favor of starting new committees.

Maintaining Agriculture is vital to Palm Beach County. During COVID19, we learned that food supply chains may fail and therefore we must rely upon own land and local farmers for food sources. We must continue to improve water quality and protect the coastal waterways from saltwater intrusion, sea level rise.

I am a neutral voice for our citizens and county commissioners. I will rely on experts and research to determine the best solutions for matters of Conservation, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment. I will use my voice to engage stakeholders to make smart choices for our water and soil!

# PALM BEACH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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.

## GROUP 3

### ADAM P. BAER



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Lake Worth  
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It is not the structure of the District that is the problem. It is currently how it is being run. We need a person who can balance the needs of the environment and at the same time protect the farmers and workers of the area. Any political position does not exist in a vacuum, rather it needs to be fluid and constantly attentive to the circumstances and needs of all aspects of the community.

It is very important, but there is always a way of balancing and protecting a persons job and livelihood without it being at the expense of the environment.

I have been an attorney since 2004, I learned early on in my career that the best way to be effective is to listen and be open minded to all ideas.

## GROUP 3

### NICHOLAS T. O'NEAL



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
West Palm Beach  
**AGE:** 40  
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I support the current structure. It is vitally important to continue activities that maintain productive techniques in soil & water preventions, reductions & maintenance. Education is key! The more residents are aware of the local, state, national & global impact of sustainable natural resources, the greater their community engagement in the goal of the district. If change is real, there is always more that needs to be done to make it happen. I am committed to more efficient avenues for the district.

Wild life and human dependence on agriculture in order to sustain life. Soil and water provides the foundation to produce safe and reliable food and medication. Our farmers contribute to the economy in goods and other services locally, which produces consumer products. We are conscious to support local businesses. The more local businesses are supported, the greater the financial impact on the county's economy. It allows the county to provide essential services to residents and businesses.

I currently serve as a West Palm Beach Housing Authority Commissioner and Board of Director for Habitat for Humanity, thus I understand the role & responsibility of providing oversight & advocacy on behalf of the agency. I have spoken to mayors and city commissioners on behalf of habitat and its role in their city's vision for housing. I have written letters to State & Federal Representatives & Senators advocating for funding and policy change concerning public housing.

## GROUP 3

### JON E. SHAW\*



**PLACE OF RESIDENCE:**  
Boynton Beach  
**AGE:** 64  
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Yes, I support the mission and was honored to be appointed to the Palm Beach Soil & Water Conservation District Board and to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer since February 2019. I would like to serve a full term and continue to support the mission to educate Palm Beach County residents, land users and businesses on ways to protect our natural resources, promote best management practices and conserve, improve and sustain the environment.

The Board serves the important function of working with local businesses and agencies to provide conservation services throughout Palm Beach County, without levying taxes or issuing bonds. Many residents are unaware that Palm Beach County has significant land ownership in the Agricultural Reserve in the western portion of the County. These lands are leased for agricultural production and provides a bountiful supply of fruit and vegetables as well as nursery plants to the local market.

I have been working in Palm Beach County for over 35 years as a Professional Geologist specializing in water resources management and water quality protection. Much of that work involved the environmental restoration of The Everglades. I served on the Palm Beach County Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board filling the seat as a Hydrogeologist for 25 years. I currently work on projects associated with the management of Lake Okeechobee.

## CANDIDATES ELECTED PRIOR TO 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Either they were unopposed or they won at least 50% plus 1 vote in the August primary.

<b>Property Appraiser</b>	Dorothy Jacks* (D)
<b>Supervisor of Elections</b>	Wendy Sartory Link* (D)
<b>School Board (Nonpartisan)</b>	
District 1	Barbara McQuinn*
District 2	Alexandria Marie Ayala
District 5	Frank Anthony Barbieri, Jr.*
<b>State Attorney Circuit 15</b>	Dave Aronberg* (D)
<b>Public Defender Circuit 15</b>	Carey Haughwout* (D)

### Circuit Judge Circuit 15 (Nonpartisan)

Group 5	Rosemarie Scher*
Group 8	Gerard Joseph Curley Jr.*
Group 12	Gregory M. Keyser*
Group 16	Jeffrey Gillen*
Group 20	James E. Nutt*
Group 21	Carolyn Ruth Bell*
Group 27	Glenn D. Kelley*
Group 32	Samantha Schosberg Feuer*
Group 34	Karen Miller*
Group 35	Charles E. Burton*

### County Court Judge (Nonpartisan)

Group 3	Reginald R. Corlew
Group 11	Paige Gillman
Group 12	Debra Moses Stephens*
Group 14	Robert Panse

\* Incumbent

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA CONSTITUTION

## AMENDMENT 1

### Citizenship Requirement to Vote in Florida Elections

*Originated by Citizen Initiative, sponsored by Florida Citizen Voters*

(Funding Undisclosed)

#### QUICK SUMMARY:

Amends the Florida Constitution to state that only citizens of the United States are qualified electors in Florida. There is no functional or financial impact on elections, because the Constitution already mandates that U.S. citizenship is a requirement.

#### A YES VOTE WOULD...

Change the wording that says “every” eligible U.S. citizen residing in Florida may vote here to “only” eligible U.S. citizens residing in Florida may vote here.

#### A NO VOTE WOULD...

Keep the current Constitutional language, which says “every citizen” of the United States residing in Florida, and legally registered to vote in Florida, may do so.

#### SUPPORTERS OF THIS AMENDMENT:

Florida Citizen Voters

#### OPponents OF THIS AMENDMENT:

League of Women Voters of Florida

## AMENDMENT 2

### Raising Florida’s Minimum Wage

*Originated by Citizen Initiative, sponsored by Florida for a Fair Wage*

(Funded by Florida attorney John Morgan)

#### QUICK SUMMARY:

Raises current \$8.56/hour minimum wage to \$10/hour effective Sept. 30, 2021. Each Sept. 30 thereafter, it would increase by \$1/hour until it reaches \$15/hour on Sept. 30, 2026. Starting Sept. 30, 2027, increases would revert to annual adjustments for inflation.

#### A YES VOTE WOULD...

Incrementally increase the state minimum hourly wage from \$8.56 in 2020 to \$15 in 2026.

#### A NO VOTE WOULD...

Maintain Florida’s minimum wage at \$8.56/hour, keeping labor costs at current levels.

#### SUPPORTERS OF THIS AMENDMENT:

AFL-CIO  
Florida for a Fair Wage  
Organize Florida  
League of Women Voters of Florida

#### OPponents OF THIS AMENDMENT:

Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association

## AMENDMENT 3

### All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor and Cabinet

*Originated by Citizen Initiative, sponsored by All Voters Vote, Inc*

(Largest Donor: Mike Fernandez)

#### QUICK SUMMARY:

A single nonpartisan primary would replace a closed party primary for state Legislature, Governor/Lieutenant Governor, and Cabinet posts. The top two vote-getters would advance to the General Election. All state candidates would be shown on a single primary ballot, and all voters, regardless of party affiliation, could vote on all of them. This would take effect Jan. 1, 2024.

*[If only two candidates qualify, no primary would be held and the winner would be determined in the General Election. A candidate’s party affiliation may appear on the ballot, as provided by law.]*

#### A YES VOTE WOULD...

Establish a top-two open primary system for Florida Legislators, Governor/Lieutenant Governor and the Cabinet (the Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services).

#### A NO VOTE WOULD...

Leave in place Florida’s current system of closed party primaries in all partisan races.

#### SUPPORTERS OF THIS AMENDMENT:

All Voters Vote, Inc.  
Florida Fair and Open Primaries

#### OPponents OF THIS AMENDMENT:

AFL-CIO  
Democratic Party of Florida  
Florida State Conference NAACP  
Florida Conservation Voters  
Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Green Party of Florida  
League of Women Voters of Florida  
Organize Florida  
Republican Party of Florida  
People Over Profits  
Florida People’s Advocacy Center

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA CONSTITUTION

## AMENDMENT 4

### Voter Approval of Constitutional Amendments

*Originated by Citizen Initiative, sponsored by Keep Our Constitution Clean*

(Funding Undisclosed)

#### QUICK SUMMARY:

Before it could become effective, an amendment or revision to the Florida Constitution would have to be approved by the voters in two successive General Elections. A supermajority, or 60 percent, would remain the threshold for approval both times. Currently in Florida, if 60 percent of voters approve an amendment at one election, it becomes part of the Constitution. Amendment 4 would greatly increase the difficulty of changing the Constitution by direct democracy.

#### A YES VOTE WOULD...

Require voter approval of a constitutional amendment to occur twice, in two successive General Elections, for the amendment to take effect.

#### A NO VOTE WOULD...

Enact a constitutional amendment after voters approve it once, the current practice.

#### SUPPORTERS OF THIS AMENDMENT:

Keep Our Constitution Clean  
Florida Chamber of Commerce

#### OPPONENTS OF THIS AMENDMENT:

ACLU  
AFL-CIO  
Common Cause  
League of Women Voters of Florida  
Organize Florida  
Southern Poverty Law Center  
Florida Immigrant Coalition  
Florida Rights Restoration Coalition  
New Florida Majority  
Service Employees International Union

## AMENDMENT 5

### Limitations on Homestead Property Tax Assessments; Increased Portability Period to Transfer Accrued Benefit

*Originated by the Florida Legislature*

#### QUICK SUMMARY:

This amendment would extend — from two to three years — the period when an owner may transfer “Save Our Homes” benefits to a new primary residence. It addresses the reduced SOH portability window resulting from late-year home sales.

*[The 1992 “Save Our Homes” citizen initiative limited homestead valuation increases, on which property taxes are based, to 3 percent annually, rather than market value.]*

#### A YES VOTE WOULD...

Extend the period during which an owner may transfer “Save Our Homes” benefits to a new primary residence to three years from two years. This would reduce property tax revenues available for school and non-school services and limit local government control over budgets, preempting Home Rule.

*[The Florida Revenue Estimating Conference determined passage would reduce local property taxes by \$1.8 million beginning in FY 2021-22 and eventually grow to a \$10.2 million annual reduction.]*

#### A NO VOTE WOULD...

Retain the two-year period during which an owner may transfer “Save Our Homes” benefits to a new primary residence.

#### SUPPORTERS OF THIS AMENDMENT:

Florida Legislature

#### OPPONENTS OF THIS AMENDMENT:

League of Women Voters of Florida

## AMENDMENT 6

### Ad Valorem Property Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent Combat-Related Disabilities

*Originated by the Florida Legislature*

#### QUICK SUMMARY:

This amendment would allow a property tax discount on a homestead residence to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased combat-disabled veteran. The discount would be in effect until the spouse remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the property.

*[If the spouse sells but does not remarry, the spouse’s new primary residence may receive a homestead tax discount not exceeding the dollar amount from the most recent ad valorem tax roll.]*

#### A YES VOTE WOULD...

Transfer the homestead property tax discount for combat-disabled veterans to their spouses upon the veteran’s death,

until the spouse remarries or disposes of the property. This would reduce property tax revenues for school and non-school services and limit local control over budgets, preempting Home Rule.

#### A NO VOTE WOULD...

Maintain the current system, where the homestead property tax discount expires upon the veteran’s death and is not extended to their spouses.

#### SUPPORTERS OF THIS AMENDMENT:

Florida Legislature

#### OPPONENTS OF THIS AMENDMENT:

League of Women Voters of Florida

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING

## THREE WAYS TO VOTE

### VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)

Contact the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections for a Vote by Mail ballot.

1. By phone: (561) 656-6208
2. Online: [www.PBCElections.org](http://www.PBCElections.org)
3. By mail: The request must be received by October 24th.

#### Completed ballots can be:

- A. Mailed directly back to the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) in West Palm Beach. It must be received on or before Election Day.
- B. 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.
- C. Put into drop boxes provided at early voting locations and the offices of the Supervisor of Elections.
- D. Turned in and cancelled at the poll on Election Day if you choose to vote in person.

Your Vote by Mail request is valid for two General Election cycles when you designate "All (elections) as permitted." This year Vote by Mail ballots in Palm Beach County will have prepaid postage.

### MAKE SURE YOUR MAILED-IN VOTE IS COUNTED

#### Here's how to check:

On the [PBCElections.org](http://PBCElections.org) home page, click on "Vote By Mail"

- Click on "Track Your Vote By Mail Ballot"
- Enter your name and date of birth
- View the statuses to ensure yours is correct:

**Requested** (You have requested a VBM ballot)

**Sent** (The SOE has mailed it to you)

**Received** (Your completed ballot has been received by the SOE)

**Counted** (This status might not appear until Election Day)

### EARLY VOTING

**Monday, October 19, through Sunday, November 1, 2020,  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Visit any of the designated early voting sites in Palm Beach County. See list on page 29. Photo ID, with signature, required.

### ELECTION DAY

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Vote at the polling location designated on your Voter Card. Photo ID, with signature, required.

You may bring this Voters' Guide, a Sample Ballot or notes with you into the voting booth.



Remember, Bad Government Officials are elected by Good People who DON'T vote.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020**  
**(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

**Belle Glade Branch Library**

725 N.W. 4th St., Belle Glade

**Delray Beach Community Center**

50 N.W. 1st Ave., Delray Beach

**Ezell Hester Community Center**

1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach

**Florida Atlantic University**

777 Glades Road, Housing and Residential Education  
(Room 109), Boca Raton

**Gardens Branch Library**

11303 Campus Drive, Palm Beach Gardens

**Greenacres Community Center**

501 Swain Blvd., Greenacres

**Hagen Ranch Road Branch Library**

14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach

**Jupiter Community Center**

200 Military Trail, Jupiter

**Lantana Branch Library**

4020 Lantana Road, Lake Worth

**South County Civic Center**

16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach

**Spanish River Branch Library**

1501 N.W. Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton

**Summit Main Library**

3650 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach

**Supervisor of Elections Glades Branch Office**

2976 State Road 15 (second floor), Belle Glade

**Wellington Branch Library**

1951 Royal Fern Drive, Wellington

**Wells Recreation and Community Center**

2409 Avenue H West, Riviera Beach

**West Boca Branch Library**

18685 State Road 7, Boca Raton

**West Palm Beach City Hall Flagler Gallery**

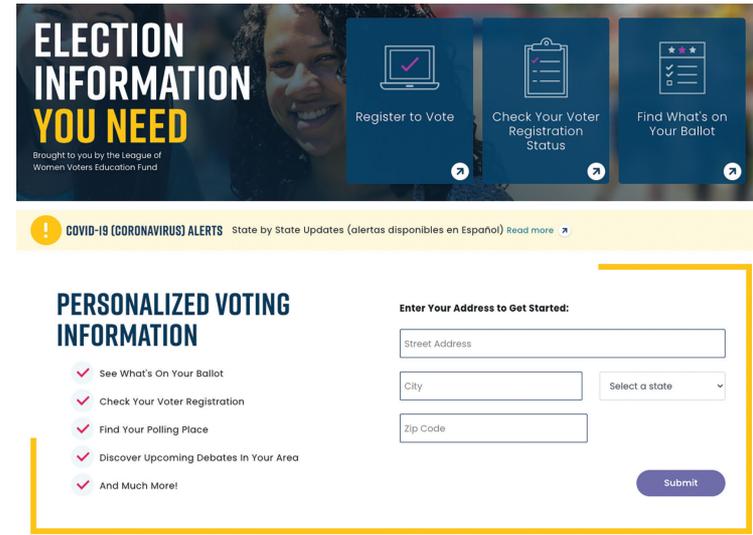
401 Clematis St., West Palm Beach

### **TO CONFIRM THESE LOCATIONS**

Visit [www.pbcelections.org](http://www.pbcelections.org) to find the address for each early voting location.

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# HOW TO USE VOTE411.ORG



Enter your address to find your polling place, election details and candidate information; build your ballot; and much more!

With our online Voters' Guide, you can see the races on your ballot, compare candidates' positions side by side, make your selections and get a text or email of your preferences, which you can refer to when completing your mail-in ballot, or print and take with you to the polls.

## JOIN THE LEAGUE

### ..... PUT YOUR PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE AND WORK FOR CHANGE .....

As a member of the League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County, you can help your community by **empowering voters** and **defending democracy**. The largest league in the nation, we join with more than 700 state and local leagues to make our voices heard in Florida and Washington, D.C.

Among our accomplishments, we have registered thousands of high school students and hundreds of newly naturalized citizens to vote while helping to create a path for returning citizens to vote. We responded to questions on voting and ballot amendments, educated residents on **mail-in voting**, moderated **candidate forums** and delivered presentations to groups on a host of issues important to voters.

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.

**Membership is open to all regardless of gender, race or religion.** Levels include student, individual, household and Susan B. Anthony.

Visit [LWVPBC.org](http://LWVPBC.org) and click on JOIN. Get involved today.



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