

Sarasota County Scorecard from TPM for Nov 2018 General Election

Our volunteer vetters viewed the candidates, amendments and other issues in light of these three principles: Constitutionally-limited Government, Fiscal Responsibility and Free Market Solutions. Our research includes both pros and cons and analysis.

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Office	Candidate Name	Constitutionally Limited Government			Fiscal Responsibility	Free Market Solutions			Total Score	% Score
		2nd Amendment	Pro-life	Immigration	Taxes/ Spending	Educ. Choice	Healthcare	Pro-Biz		
US Senate	Rick Scott (R)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	34	97%
US Rep Dist 16	Vern Buchanan(R)	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	34	97%
US Rep Dist 17	Greg Steube (R)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35	100%
Governor	Ron DeSantis (R)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35	100%
Attorney General	Ashley Moody (R)	5	5	5	5	2.5	5	5	32.5	93%
CFO	Jimmy Patronis(R)	5	5	2.5	5	4	4	5	30.5	87%
Ag Commissioner	Matt Caldwell (R)	5	5	5	5	2.5	5	5	32.5	93%
State Sen Dist 23	Joe Gruters (R)	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	34	97%
State Rep Dist 71	Will Robinson (R)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35	100%
State Rep Dist 72	Ray Pilon (R)	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	30	86%
State Rep Dist 73	Tommy Gregory(R)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35	100%
State Rep Dist 74	James Buchanan (R)	5	2.5	5	4	5	5	4	30.5	87%
Co Comm Dist 2	Christian Ziegler (R)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35	100%
Co Comm Dist 4	Maio/Beggs	No recommendation								
Charter Review Board Dist 1	Neil Rainford (R)	Our recommendation is based on the research of trusted community leaders								
Charter Review Board Dist 2	Richard Dorfman (R)	Our recommendation is based on the research of trusted community leaders								
Charter Review Board Dist 5	Deb LaPinska (R)	Our recommendation is based on the research of trusted community leaders								

Hospital Board Seat 2	CD	Joe DeVirgillio (R)	The Republican Party of Sarasota County recommends this candidate
Hospital Board Seat 1	ND	Jim Meister (R)	The Republican Party of Sarasota County recommends this candidate
Retain Justice		Alan Lawson	YES. Our vetter: "Alan Lawson is generally aligned with what is viewed as the conservative minority on the court."
Retain?		Other judges	Vote to NOT retain. We generally don't vote to retain justices or judges because judges voted for a "gag rule" preventing the public from knowing their views.
County Bond Referendum: Bonds for Legacy Trail Extension		NO	The Republican Party of Sarasota County makes no recommendation. We say vote No. This raises taxes; we ask our officials to live within their means.
County Charter Amendment: Process for Citizen Initiated Petitions to be placed on the Ballot		NO	This removes control or power from citizens. Our concern with this amendment is it doubles the amount of signatures needed to put a Charter Amendment on the ballot from 5% to 10%.
County Charter Amendment: Amendment Proposals to be Placed on Next Gen'l Election Only		YES	The Republican Party of Sarasota County recommends this amendment.
County Charter Amendment: Reacquire Siesta Key Beach Rd as Public Right of Way		NEUTRAL	The Republican Party of Sarasota County makes no recommendation on this amendment.
County Charter Amendment: Preserve County-owned Parks, Preserves, Beach and Water Access		YES	The Co Commissioners now can sell any County-owned property and vacate rights of way. This amendment would prohibit the County from selling or giving away County-owned parks and preserves.
County Charter Amendment: Change County Commission Elections to Single- Member Districts		NO	This amendment would allow special interests to more easily overpower neighborhood candidates and more easily control a majority of County commissioners. Instead of voting on 5 commissioners voters would only vote on the commissioner in their own district. Also--the commissioners, though elected by only their district, would be required to represent the entire county.

Some City/Co Measures		No recommendation on these issues affecting limited areas
Amendment #	Position	Title
Amendment 1	YES	Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption
Amendment 2	YES	Limitations on Property Tax Assessments
Amendment 3	NO	Voter Control of Gambling in Florida
Amendment 4	NO	Voting Restoration Amendment
Amendment 5	YES	Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees
Amendment 6	NO	Rights of Crime Victims; Judges
Amendment 7	NO	First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities
Amendment 9	NO	Ban Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Ban Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces
Amendment 10	NO	State and Local Government Structure and Operation
Amendment 11	NO	Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes
Amendment 12	YES	Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers
Amendment 13	NO	Ends Dog Racing (misleading title)