

2018 *General* *Election* Guide

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide was produced by the staff at the Ponte Vedra Recorder to prepare area voters for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

A significant portion of the information in the guide was submitted by the candidates. For candidates the Recorder was unable to get in touch with, background information was obtained from campaign websites. Information pertaining to the election was also provided by the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections.

Also in this guide, readers will see stories by the Recorder and contributors, as well as photos taken by staff at recent political events.

PRECINCT LOCATIONS IN THE AREA

■ **401:** Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

This is also an early voting site that transitions into a precinct come election day.

■ **402:** Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 545 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ **403:** Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church, 4510 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ **404:** Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ ***405:** Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Residents north of the Nocatee Parkway and in Sawmill Lakes previously voted at Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church.

■ **406:** St. Francis in the Field, 895 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

■ **407:** Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ **408:** The Palencia Club, 600 Palencia Club Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32095

Note: Precincts denoted with an * indicate a change in the polling location.

On election day, voters are required to vote at their assigned polling place based on their address. To find your polling place, visit the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections website at www.votesjc.com and click "My Voter Status" in the "Quick Links" section of the homepage.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting starts Oct. 24 in St. Johns County. Early voting dates are Oct. 24 to Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at all locations. This election is open to all registered voters in St. Johns County.

There are seven early voting locations throughout St. Johns County. Voters may cast their ballot at any of the locations, regardless of where they reside.

■ Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ Supervisor of Elections Office, 4455 Ave. A, Suite 101, St. Augustine FL 32095

■ Southeast Branch Library, 6670 U.S. 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086

■ St. Augustine Beach City Hall, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080

■ St. Johns Golf & Country Club, 205 St. Johns Golf Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32092

■ Julington Creek Annex (Conference Room), 725 Flora Branch Blvd., St. Johns, FL 32259

■ W.E. Harris Community Center, 400 E. Harris Street, Hastings, FL 32145

Remember to take your current and valid photo and signature ID with you when you vote. If you do not have proper ID, you must vote a provisional ballot.

For more elections information, call (904) 823-2238 or visit www.votesjc.com.

Ponte Vedra resident challenging Rutherford for Florida's 4th Congressional District

By Jon Blauvelt

As the Nov. 6 general election approaches, one race of local interest is the seat for Florida's 4th Congressional District, which represents Nassau County and portions of St. Johns and Duval counties. Currently held by Congressman John Rutherford and historically a seat with a Republican stranglehold, the Democratic candidate in the race is a nearly 10-year resident of Ponte Vedra who firmly believes he has a chance in flipping the district from red to blue.

"This is not a long shot," Ges Selmont told the Recorder. "The data shows that we are right on John's heels."

Selmont is referring to two straw polls that took place in July and August as part of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Politics in St. Johns events. Administered by the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections office, the straw polls resulted in Rutherford receiving a combined 283 votes, and Selmont receiving 243.

History, however, is not on Selmont's side, as Republicans have won the seat in lopsided fashion, especially in recent years. In 2016, Rutherford defeated his Democratic opponent, David Bruderly by nearly 175,000 votes, and in 2014, former Rep. Ander Crenshaw, a Republican who served the district from 2001 to 2016, defeated Independent opponents by more than 142,000 votes. Not to mention, Rutherford has name recognition as the former sheriff of Duval County and incumbent.

Selmont, however, believes the district is changing.

"This is not a red area; it's a purple area," he said. "There are tons of northern migration into the First Coast and in just the last two years, the population has changed. That's a good thing. Our elected officials should reflect the population."

As to be expected, the candidates in this race have differing priorities and opinions on issues of local and national interest. The Recorder asked the candidates to weigh in on their priorities and strategies to address the district's fledgling beaches, gun control and school safety.

Priorities and issues

An attorney, entrepreneur and most recently a special advisor to the president of Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Selmont's No. 1 priority is to be a congressman for the Beaches, noting that the 4th district is mostly coastal.

With that population in mind, Selmont plans to protect what he said is most important to the people of the Beaches, including the region's beauty, low taxes and environment. A significant priority, he said, would be to work on infrastructure for the First Coast.

On the other hand, Rutherford told the Recorder via email he would continue building on efforts to grow the economy, create jobs and increase wages to rebuild the military, serve veterans, secure borders, enforce immigration laws, reduce the cost of healthcare and improve infrastructure.

"I will continue to tirelessly advocate for the people of Northeast Florida and work with our state and local officials to keep our communities thriving," Rutherford said.

As for how to build back and maintain the beaches, Selmont said Congress must help in not only replenishing the beaches but also replenishing access. He also said Congress cannot expect local government to address climate change, so he would help in securing funding for resiliency of septic tanks, raising roadways, making bridges more resilient,

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GENERAL ELECTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

A total of 12 state constitutional amendments are scheduled to appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. The amendments, as provided by the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections, will appear as follows:

1. Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption — Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

2. Limitations on property tax assessments — Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified non-homestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, the amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and shall take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

3. Voter Control of Gambling in Florida — This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by Florida voters pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution. Affects articles X and XI. Defines casino gambling and clarifies that this amendment does not conflict with federal law regarding state/tribal compacts. The amendment's impact on state and local government revenues and costs, if any, cannot be determined at this time because of its unknown effect on gambling operations that have not been approved by voters through a constitutional amendment proposed by a citizens' initiative petition process.

4. Voting Restoration Amendment — This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the governor and cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis. The precise effect of this amendment on state and local

government costs cannot be determined, but the operation of current voter registration laws, combined with an increased number of felons registering to vote, will produce higher overall costs relative to the processes in place today. The impact, if any, on state and local government revenues cannot be determined. The fiscal impact of any future legislation that implements a different process cannot be reasonably determined.

5. Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize or Raise State Taxes or Fees — Prohibits the legislature from imposing, authorizing or raising a state tax or fee except through legislation approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature in a bill containing no other subject. This proposal does not authorize a state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and does not apply to fees or taxes imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board or special district.

6. Rights of Crime Victims; Judges — Creates constitutional rights for victims of crime; requires courts to facilitate victims' rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to government agency's interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state judges from 70 to 75 years; deletes authorization for judges to complete term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age.

7. First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities — Creates mandatory payment of education and compensation benefits to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

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FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL



ERIC EISNAUGLE

Note: Voters will be asked if Judge Eric J. Eisnaugle should be retained for office.

Judge Eric J. Eisnaugle was appointed to the court in 2017 by Gov. Rick Scott to fill a vacancy created by the elevation of now Justice C. Alan Lawson. Eisnaugle is a Florida native who is married with four children.

Prior to joining the court, Eisnaugle served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2008 through 2012, and

again from 2014 until his appointment. While in the Florida House, he served as chairman of the Civil Justice Subcommittee and as vice chairman of the Rules and Calendar Committee. He also served as a member of numerous other committees including the Judiciary Committee and the Judicial Appropriations Subcommittee.

While in private practice, Eisnaugle received an AV Preeminent rating on Martindale Hubbell and litigated a wide variety of commercial matters in Florida's trial courts. In his appellate practice, he handled commercial and liability cases before Florida's appellate courts. He also served as a

volunteer guardian ad litem representing children in Orange County, and received the Orange County Legal Aid Society's New Attorney Award of Excellence in 2010.

Eisnaugle graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2003 with honors as a member of the Order of the Coif. During law school, he served on the board of the Journal of Transnational Law and as a member of Vanderbilt's National Moot Court Team. Eisnaugle graduated summa cum laude from Florida Southern College in 2000 where he majored in business administration and economics.

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expanding drainage systems and more.

Rutherford has supported significant federal funding for beach renourishment and shore protection efforts in Northeast Florida during his first term. He noted that he helped in securing more than \$36 million for the Vilano Beach renourishment project and pledged to continue working with leaders to maintain and protect area beaches.

On the topic of gun control, Selmont believes an assault weapons ban should be implemented. On a similar note concerning school safety, he said schools need to be hardened and built with the understanding that they're targets.

Rutherford is a strong supporter of a citizen's constitutional right to bear arms. He said he supports and has voted to strengthen the National Instant Background Check System (NICS) and believes in eliminating the root causes of violence by strengthening the mental healthcare system. Rutherford also supports red flag laws that allow one to petition for a gun-violence risk protection order that takes firearms from people deemed to be a risk to harm themselves or others, while also providing those people with due process rights.

On school safety, Rutherford authored the STOP School Violence Act with Rep. Ted Deutch, which focuses on prevention by investing in early intervention, violence prevention and training for teachers, students and administrators to help them identify red flags and what to do when they arise. The legislation also strengthens mental health networks and encourages Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

"While I am pleased by the successes we have had, there is much more work to do to continue our progress in these and other areas," Rutherford said. "We owe it to the American people to continue working to create more opportunities for our citizens and uphold their constitutional rights."

Selmont, on the other hand, believes a change is in order and said there is "pent up demand" for Democratic representation in the area.

"The biggest thing I've heard is, 'I don't like my government anymore,'" Selmont said. "There are so many people asking me to be civil, to be positive, to not attack the other side ... that's the No. 1 thing I'm hearing, to be better.

For more information on the race for Florida's 4th Congressional District, which also features two Independent candidates, flip to page 22.

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St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee unveils new headquarters

By Samantha Logue

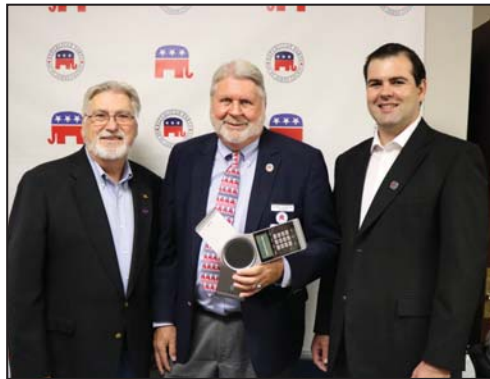
In preparation for the upcoming 2018 midterm election, the St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee held an open house Friday, Oct. 5 to officially unveil its new headquarters at 2155 Old Moultrie Road in St. Augustine.

"We were just extremely fortunate to get 2,800 square feet that's laid out in a perfect configuration for running a political party," said Jerry Cameron, chair of the St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee. "We've got a phone bank room, a reception area ... and this looks to me more like a state or national headquarters than a REC headquarters."

St. Johns County Commissioner Jimmy Johns and Florida Rep. Cyndi Stevenson were on site to celebrate the occasion, as was Lt. Col. Michael Waltz, the Republican candidate for Florida's Congressional District 6 seat, which was recently vacated by Republican gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis.

Waltz, a combat decorated Green Beret who led the search for Pvt. Bowe Bergdahl following his desertion, stressed that Republicans should not get complacent going into this year's election.

"A lot of people think, 'Oh, it's Ron DeSantis' seat. You made it through the primary, Mike. Great job,' but the Dems are coming after this seat," he said, highlighting Florida's status as a key swing state in presidential elections and the tentative nature of the Republicans' current control of the House of Representatives.



ABOVE: Congressional candidate Michael Waltz speaks at the unveiling of the new St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee Headquarters on Oct. 5.

LEFT: St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee Chair Jerry Cameron (center) celebrates with James Pennington Sr. (from left) and James Pennington Jr.

Photos by Samantha Logue

"I plan to fully support the commander in chief," he added, "and I'm telling you, if we lose the House, it's going to be im-

peachment, open borders, abolishing ICE, repealing the tax cuts and going to socialized medicine. That's Nancy Pelosi's agenda and I'm not going to let that happen."

Alluding to the contentious governor's race between DeSantis and Democrat Andrew Gillum, Waltz also stressed the importance of maintaining Republican control at the state level, stating: "We've all seen what Ron is facing with Gillum, a socialist. Straight up, (Gillum) runs to the left of Bernie Sanders, and (DeSantis) has got a fight on his hands and I have a fight on my hands. You all are the ground troops in this fight for our

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St. Johns County State Committeewoman Elizabeth Chatham attends the open house with husband Chris Chatham.

U.S. SENATOR

BILL NELSON
Democrat



Sen. Bill Nelson, a Florida native whose family came to the Panhandle in 1829, began his public service career in 1972 with his election

to the Florida Legislature. He then served six terms in U.S. Congress representing Orlando and the Space Coast, becoming an early champion of the environment.

In 1994, Nelson was elected to the Florida Cabinet as state treasurer, insurance commissioner and fire marshal. During his six years in the post, he proved to be a common-sense problem solver and strong consumer advocate. Nelson was first elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2000. Since then, he has stood up to insurance companies, Wall Street banks and big oil. Additionally, Nelson has created a blueprint forward for America's space agency.

Now in his third term, Nelson is continuing to fight for lower taxes, better education, Medicare and Social Security. For more information, visit www.billnelson.senate.gov.

From www.billnelson.senate.gov

RICK SCOTT
Republican



A Bloomington, Illinois native, Rick Scott is a Republican currently serving as the 45th governor of the state of Florida.

Scott grew up in public housing as his adoptive father, a World War II veteran and truck driver, and his mother, a store clerk, struggled to financially support their family. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Ann, Scott joined the Navy and used the G.I. Bill to go to college and eventually open his first business — a donut shop. He ultimately ran the world's largest healthcare company with hundreds of thousands of employees from across the world. Scott is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Kansas City, later receiving his law degree from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law.

Since being elected governor, Scott has championed more than \$10 billion in tax cuts and reduced more than 5,200 regulations. Since 2011, he has helped navigate the state of Florida through several natural disasters including Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew and Irma.

For more information on Scott, visit www.rickscottforflorida.com.

From rickscottforflorida.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Florida Constitution, just like the U.S. Constitution, is the “people’s document,” and it is the one part of our state government that we control directly. It is our right to amend or not amend this document as we see fit.

On our current ballot, there are a dozen proposed amendments to our constitution. Each one deals with permanent changes to existing law. It will be up to voters to decide what should pass, or fail, and it is our responsibility to research these amendments before voting.

As a former lawmaker, when proposing bills, it was important that the legislation be germane to a single topic. Unfortunately, many of the proposed amendments deal with multiple issues that cannot be voted on separately. When deciding how to vote, you should ask yourself if you agree with every part of the proposed amendment. If you like only part of it, it may be better not to support the proposal as a whole.

And finally, even if you agree with every

single part of the amendment, you should decide if the proposal should be in the Florida Constitution or should it rather be legislated into Florida Statutes as law.

Once the Florida Constitution is amended, it is extremely difficult to change it back. It is not uncommon for unforeseen consequences to appear years later once the amendments are adopted. Activist judges have also misinterpreted the will of the people even when it seemed clear to voters. To make changes later, it would have to go back through the amendment process and would have to receive a 60 percent approval by voters, which may take years. On the other hand, if laws are made through the legislature and placed in Statute, they can be changed during the next annual or special session.

Regardless of how you vote, make sure that you know all the issues. We should all protect the “people’s document” to reflect our most important needs.

Ronald “Doc” Renuart, Ponte Vedra Beach
Former Member of the Florida House of Representatives

Amendments

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9. Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces — Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state’s outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor-generating electronic devices to current prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions; permits more restrictive local ordinances.

10. State and Local Government Structure and Operation — Requires legislature to retain department of veterans’ affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters’ ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature’s authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.

11. Property Rights: Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes — Removes

discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.

12. Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers — Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers; provides exceptions; prohibits certain abuses of public office for personal benefit.

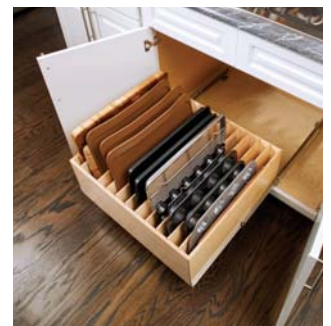
13. Dog Racing — Prohibits gaming or pari-mutuel entities from racing dogs in connection with wagering; eligibility of such entities to conduct other authorized pari-mutuel and gaming activities is not affected; prohibits wagering on outcome of in-state live dog races.

Voters will have a choice to make for each of these amendments. Legal challenges have been made to remove Amendments 7, 9 and 11, however, they remain as of now. No. 8 has been removed and does not appear on the ballot.

Visit www.votesjc.com for more information. Also visit pontevedrarecorder.com and search “constitutional amendments” to read an article written by reporter Samantha Logue in September about the amendments.

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RON DESANTIS

Republican

RUNNING MATE: JEANETTE NUÑEZ

Ron DeSantis is the former U.S. representative for Florida's Sixth District who has been endorsed by President Donald Trump.

While in Congress, DeSantis has led efforts to impose term limits cut taxes, repeal ObamaCare, relocate America's embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, assist veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress, prevent American tax dollars from being sent to Iran, combat radical Islamic terrorism, stop illegal immigration and defund

sanctuary cities.

A native Floridian with blue-collar roots, DeSantis worked his way through Yale University, where he graduated with honors and was the captain of the varsity baseball team. He also graduated with honors from Harvard Law School. While at Harvard, DeSantis earned a commission in the U.S. Navy as a JAG officer. During his active-duty service, he supported operations at the terrorist detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and deployed to Iraq as an adviser to a U.S. Navy SEAL commander in support of the SEAL mission in Fallujah, Ramadi, and the rest of Al Anbar province. His military decorations include the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service and the Iraq Campaign Medal. He has also served as a federal and military prosecutor.

DeSantis is married to his wife, Casey, an Emmy Award-winning television host. They have a daughter, Madison, and son, Mason.

For more information, visit rondesantis.com.

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ANDREW GILLUM

Democrat

RUNNING MATE: CHRIS KING

Andrew Gillum was born in Miami where his mother drove a school bus and his father was a construction worker. After being the first in his family to graduate from college, the Miami native went on to become the youngest person in history to be elected to the Tallahassee City Commission, before later becoming mayor. He has in total contributed 15

years of public service.

As mayor, Gillum developed the local economy, fought the gun lobby in court to promote reform and defended the rights of immigrants. Under his leadership, Tallahassee advanced workforce training programs for underrepresented workers as one of only 50 cities in the nation included in President Obama's TechHire program. Gillum also helped lower violent crime in the City by more than 8 percent through increased investments in law enforcement, community policing, re-entry programs and an expansion of social service funding.

Gillum is running for governor to rebuild the state's economy, revitalize public education, protect and expand healthcare access and address the climate change crisis with a clean energy economy.

For more information, visit www.andrewgillum.com.

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KYLE "KC" GIBSON

No party affiliation

RUNNING MATE:

ELLEN WILDS

Kyle "KC" Gibson was born in Tallahassee on Dec. 21, 1969, to George and Joan Gibson, two music educators in the Florida school system.

During a class field trip to Florida's Capitol in 1978, Gibson had a chance to meet and speak with the late Gov. Reubin O'Donovan Askew. It was at that moment that Gibson knew he wanted to serve as Florida's governor one day. Several years later, as a student at Florida Atlantic University, Gibson had a chance to take a class taught by the former governor where he shared his childhood encounter some 20 years earlier. Shortly after filing his intent to run, Gibson had yet another chance to speak with Gov. Askew. After graduation, Gibson followed in the footsteps of his parents and served as an educator in Broward and Indian River counties.

In 1998, Kyle answered his call to the ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Church where he eventually earned the Master of Divinity from Turner Theological Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He has served congregations in Georgia and Florida as the senior pastor since 2001.

On Jan. 1, 2000, Gibson married Tamara, his soul mate, at a watch night service. Tamara is a Registered Nurse and shares in Gibson's vision for a healthy Florida.

That vision includes civil rights restoration, job creation for Florida and investing in the future of the state's youth, among other goals. Visit www.kcin2018.com for more information.

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DARCY G. RICHARDSON

Reform Party

RUNNING MATE: NANCY ARGENZIANO

A 25-year resident of Jacksonville, Darcy G. Richardson believes it's time to end the hyper-partisanship and needless polarization of American politics. He wants to bring a genuine independent voice to Tallahassee that speaks for everyone in the Sunshine State, rich and poor alike.

In addition to having more than 15 years of experience working in the financial services industry, Richardson is the author of more than a dozen books on American history and politics. His work earned an Outstanding Academic Title (OAT) award in 2005 and was highlighted in Newsweek magazine's July 2010 issue.

In addition to managing one of Minnesota Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy's campaigns and serving as a senior advisor in another, Richardson ran for Pennsylvania auditor general in 1980 and for the U.S. Senate eight years later on the Consumer Party ticket.

In 2012, he offered himself as a protest candidate in several Democratic presidential primaries, briefly challenging Wall Street's influence on the Democratic Party and the nation's body politic.

Richardson has appeared as guest on numerous nationally-syndicated radio talk shows, ranging from the progressive "Thom Hartmann Show" to Joseph Farah's conservative "WorldNetDaily Radioactive" program. His writings are included in the collections of the Bill Clinton presidential library at the University of Arkansas, the Gerald R. Ford Library and the new Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library.

Submitted by the candidate



BRUCE STANLEY

No party affiliation

RUNNING MATE: RYAN HOWARD MCJURY

Bruce Stanley is a 16-year resident of Florida who says he has witnessed the side effects of unaffordable property values, the loss of options resulting from overdevelopment and the impact of the economic crisis. Stanley is a self-employed business owner of 11 years; a three-year Miami-Dade Green Party officer, co-chair and secretary; a steering committee member of Miami Climate Alliance; a political advocacy coordinator for ReThink Energy South Florida; and a winner of the Miami New Times' "Best Film Festival of 2016" for producing "Rise up Miami: A 2-Day Radical Film Fest."

The campaign he is most proud of working was to stop the development of a Walmart Supercenter in Midtown Miami, adjacent to the Wynwood Arts district. Stanley helped contribute video content and attended and livestreamed several hearings on the issue at Miami City Hall.

Stanley views the state of Florida as a system and a project. He hopes to make the state sustainable for its existing residents over the long-term. For more information, visit www.brucestanley.com.

From www.brucestanley.com

Note: Ryan Christopher Foley (Lt. Gov. John Tutton Jr.) is a No Party Affiliation candidate running for governor of Florida. He has not responded to the Recorder, and no information could be found about his candidacy online.

ATTORNEY GENERAL



ASHLEY MOODY
Republican

Ashley Moody is a fifth-generation Floridian and was born and raised in Plant City, Florida. She attended the University of Florida, where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting, and Juris Doctor. She later attended Stetson University College of Law, earning a Master of Laws in international law.

She began her legal career with Holland & Knight, where she practiced commercial litigation. While at Holland & Knight, she was named one of Tampa Bay's "40 under 40" distinguished lawyers for her professional and civic contributions. Moody subsequently joined the United States Attorney's Office prosecuting drug, firearm and fraud offenses. While a federal prosecutor, Moody was commended by the DEA for prosecutorial excellence and outstanding initiative in drug law enforcement.

In 2006, at the age of 31, Moody became the youngest judge in Florida when she was elected circuit court judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. Moody served as a circuit court judge for over a decade and, during that time, founded the Attorney Ad Litem program, recruiting volunteer attorneys to stand in the place of parents who did not appear in court with their children, and developed a mentoring program for at-risk children within the juvenile delinquency system.

Moody also served as an adjunct professor at Stetson University College of Law during her time on the bench. In 2015, Moody was awarded the Florida Supreme Court's Distinguished Judicial Service Award for her significant contributions to pro bono legal service.

Moody lives with her husband, Justin, a federal law enforcement agent, in Tampa, Florida with their two sons, Brandon and Connor. For more information, visit www.electashleymoody.com.

Submitted by the candidate



SEAN SHAW
Democrat

Raised in North Florida, Rep. Sean Shaw was taught the importance of public service from a young age by his father, Leander Shaw, the first African-American chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

During law school at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Shaw clerked for a United States District Court judge focusing on constitutional law and the protection of civil rights.

After law school, Shaw worked in private

practice representing workers, families and small businesses during some of their most trying times. As Florida's Insurance Consumer Advocate, Shaw was an insurance industry watchdog protecting consumers against abuses from insurers. He led the process of negotiating lower rates for homeowners, pushed for faster response times from insurers after emergencies and ensured rates were fair and justified.

He currently represents State House District 61 in Tampa, where he has fought for more funding for public education, for criminal justice reforms and for common sense gun safety legislation to make communities safer.

For more information, visit seanshaw.com.

Submitted by the candidate

JEFFREY MARC SISKIND
No party affiliation

Jeffrey Marc Siskind graduated from Harvard University with a bachelor's degree in 1982 and a master's degree in 1983. He has served as an attorney with Siskind Legal since 1997 and has been a Florida resident since 2001.

Siskind believes electing a non-partisan candidate to serve as Florida's attorney general will lead to decision-making unfettered by party politics. Siskind defines the attorney general position as the people's ultimate lawyer, paid for by tax dollars and charged with supporting law enforcement and public servants, protecting victim and consumer rights, senior citizens and the



environment, prosecuting hate crimes, bad corporate behavior, corruption and fraud, while helping improve the function of other state agencies. He believes in the woman's right to choose and the rights of the LGBT community.

Siskind also believes attorney generals should

constantly strive to improve the system by closely coordinating with practicing attorneys, bar associations and other civic organizations. For more information, visit www.votesiskindag.com.

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



JIMMY PATRONIS
Republican

Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis is a fourth-generation Floridian, born and raised in Panama City. He and wife Katie are proud parents to two sons, Theo (10) and Johnny (7). Patronis is a partner in Capt. Anderson's, his family's historic seafood restaurant in Panama City Beach, which has served generations of locals and Florida visitors.

Patronis' public service career began with internships in the Florida Senate and the United Kingdom's House of Commons. Following his college graduation, Patronis was appointed to the Florida Elections Commission and he was later re-appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush. Patronis represented Northwest Florida for eight years in the Florida House of Representatives. He was appointed to serve on Florida's Public Service Commission, as well as the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets once every 20 years to propose changes to the state constitution.

While serving the community, Patronis has chaired the Greater Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council, served on the board of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Bay County Chapter of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association and as national president for the Florida Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He is a former trustee of the Gulf Coast Medical Center and former director of the Bay Medical Center's Foundation and Gulf Coast Community College Foundation Board. Patronis was instrumental in the establishment of the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport in Panama City, which serves nearly 1 million passengers per year.

Patronis earned his associate degree in restaurant management from Gulf Coast Community College and a bachelor's degree in political science from the Florida State University. For more information, visit www.joinjimmy.com.

From www.joinjimmy.com



JEREMY RING
Democrat

In 1996, when he was 25 years old, Jeremy Ring opened the first East Coast office of the internet company Yahoo out of his apartment in New York City.

Over the course of the next five years, he worked with his friends to build Yahoo from a small start-up into a multi-billion-dollar venture. Their goal was to change the world by modernizing the way people accessed information. In the process, Yahoo created thousands of jobs and gave

birth to an entirely new sector of the American economy anchored in innovation and technology.

When he moved to Florida to raise his family, Ring brought this vision and experience along with him. After being elected to the Florida Senate in 2006, he worked over the course of the next 10 years to craft bipartisan legislation aimed at planting the seeds of an innovation ecosystem in the Sunshine State. Ring started by securing investment capital for the ideas developed within Florida's public university system. He then ensured that these ideas were given the opportunity to grow into marketable products and technologies by creating pathways for commercialization and establishing funds for later-stage investment.

As a direct result of the programs Jeremy worked to design and then promote among his colleagues in the legislature, more than 60 tech start-ups based in Florida have made their way from our state's "innovation incubators" to the broader market. Among Ring's proudest achievements as a public servant has been the establishment and expansion of The Florida Growth Fund, which invests in homegrown Florida companies. The fund has allowed small businesses across the state — and Florida's economy as a whole — to expand, diversify and mature. It currently has over \$750 million of capital under management.

Ring wants to continue this mission through continued investment and smart leadership.

Submitted by the candidate



Photo by Samantha Logue

Florida Rep. Cyndi Stevenson encourages Republican attendees to get out and vote during the unveiling of the new St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee Headquarters on Oct. 5.

Headquarters

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country, and I couldn't be more honored to be on your team."

Stevenson, who is running for re-election to State House District 17, agreed with Waltz that Republican complacency in November could mean disaster for both Florida and the country.

"We need the cabinet, we need the governor and we need Mike Waltz in our Congress," she said. "We can't afford to lose DeSantis as our governor and lose an ally for Trump in Washington. (Democrats) are specifically targeting Republican state legislatures for this very reason. ... We're seeing growth like we've never seen before, but we should not take it for granted because we're comfortable."

Rutherford campaigns at fundraiser in Ponte Vedra Beach

Regardless of one's political persuasion, the midterm elections are drawing significant attention, as evidenced at a recent fundraiser for Congressman John Rutherford (R-FL) hosted by Dale and Janet Westling with Andy and Toni Crawford in Sawgrass Country Club.

Approximately 60 people attended the Sept. 24 event to hear from Rutherford, who is running for his second term as representative of Florida's 4th Congressional District after serving as the sheriff of Duval County for 12 years.

Though admitting stark contrasts

between the Democrats and Republicans, Rutherford insisted there remain opportunities to work across the aisle. Doing so is how he said he managed to pass three bills in less than two years. Most notable, he said, is the STOP School Violence Act for which he was recognized by the Security Industry Association as the 2018 Legislator of the Year.

During his first term, Rutherford initially served on the Homeland Security and Veteran Affairs committees. He now sits on the Appropriations and Judiciary committees.

Submitted by Francesca Rutherford



ABOVE: St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff Matt Cline (from left), Dale Westling, Janet Westling, Congressman John Rutherford and 7th Judicial Circuit State Attorney R.J. Larizza gather at a fundraiser for Rutherford on Sept. 24 at the Westling residence in Sawgrass Country Club.



LEFT: Rutherford addresses attendees at the event.

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MATT CALDWELL
Republican

Matt Caldwell is a seventh-generation Florida native whose family has a long history of being farmers, small business owners, ministers and doctors.

He was born in Gainesville but grew up in Lee County where he eventually met his wife, Yvonne. They live in North Fort Myers, where Yvonne serves as a teacher and they raise their daughter, Ava.

After attending local schools in Lee County, Caldwell received his associate degree from Edison College and his Bachelor of Arts in history from Florida Gulf Coast University.

He then began his career as a real estate appraiser with Maxwell, Hendry & Simmons in Fort Myers. He has attained the highest state certification in his field and is qualified as an expert witness in multiple states and federal court.

Caldwell's desire to serve his community took him to Tallahassee when he was first elected to the Florida House in 2010. He currently chairs the Government Accountability Committee, which oversees subcommittees regarding natural resources and public lands, transportation and infrastructure, local, federal and military issues, and oversight of government operations, such as pensions & elections.

For more information on Caldwell, visit votecaldwell.org.

From votecaldwell.org



NICOLE 'NIKKI' FRIED
Democrat

Nicole "Nikki" Fried was born and raised in South Florida and graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree, master's

degree and a law degree. At UF, she served as student body president, the first woman to hold the position in nearly two decades prior.

Fried worked for the Alachua County Public Defender's office after law school, where she

was the head of the Felony Division. In private practice, Fried defended homeowners against foreclosure during the 2007-2008 housing crisis, fighting big banks to keep families from evictions.

As an advocate, Fried has fought for access to medical marijuana, Broward County Public Schools and funding for foster children with special needs.

Fried lives in Fort Lauderdale.

Visit nikkifried.com for more information on Fried.

Submitted by the candidate

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE



ALAN LAWSON

Note: Voters will be asked if Justice Alan Lawson of the Supreme Court of Florida should be retained in office.

Justice Alan Lawson has served in the Supreme Court of Florida since 2016; as chief judge in the Fifth District Court of Appeal from 2006 to 2016; as a judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit from 2002 to 2005; as assistant county attorney in Orange County from 1997 to 2001; as general counsel for Verses Wear, Inc. in 1996; and as associate and partner of Steel Hector & Davis in Miami and Tallahassee from 1987 to 1995.

He currently serves on the Budget Oversight Committee, Trial Court Budget Commission; Standing Committee on Fairness & Diversity; Code & Rules of Evidence Committee; Probate Rules Committee; and Space Planning Committee. His past bar and extrajudicial offices and activities include serving as chair of the Florida District Court of Appeal Budget Commission from 2013 to 2016 and a member of the Appellate Court Technology Committee from 2008 to 2016, among several others.

Lawson holds degrees with highest honors from Florida State University, Clemson University and Tallahassee Community College. He has received a Martindale-Hubbell "A.V." attorney rating, a Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Outstanding Jurist Award in 2005, a University Graduate Award and Fellowship from Florida State University, Book Awards in Evidence and Legal History from Florida State University and a Hartzog Award and Scholarship from Clemson University.

Lawson has participated in a number of civic activities, including his role as volunteer and board member at House of Hope. He has also served as a member of the Orthodox Church of St. Stephen and the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando.

A Lakeland native, Lawson was born in 1961. He and wife Julie have two children.

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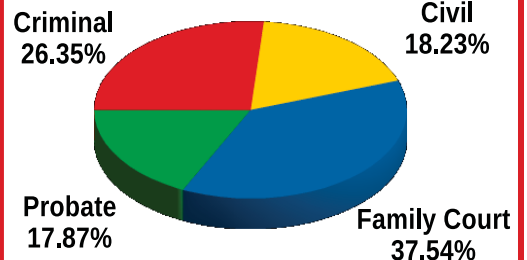
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 17)



JAIME D. PERKINS

No party affiliation

Jaime D. Perkins was born and raised in St. Augustine and graduated from St. Augustine High School. She is the mother of one son, 13-year-old Micah, who is an honor student in the St. Johns County Public School System.

As a local business owner, Perkins is the senior consultant at her project management agency, JDP & Associates, where she provides professional services to businesses within the public and private sector. Perkins has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Phoenix, Jacksonville and worked many years in the retail and mortgage banking industry.

In the community, Perkins has served as the infrastructure chairperson on the West Augustine CRA, public relations coordinator for West Augustine Youth Development and public relations chairperson for People Helping People Community, INC.

Submitted by the candidate



CYNDI STEVENSON

Republican

Cyndi Stevenson is a Florida native and more than 30-year resident of Northeast Florida. She is a graduate of Stetson University and a CPA. She was elected in April 2015 as state

representative for Florida House District 17. In her session as a state representative, she voted to reduce state taxes by over \$400 million and passed legislation to prevent children from abuse and neglect, prevent insurance fraud and reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses.

She secured funding to help rebuild beaches from the impacts of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma and defended schools from an influx of students from other counties with an amendment to the School

Choice Bill. To improve public safety, she supported a three-day waiting period for all gun purchases and raising the legal age to purchase guns to 21 with exceptions for military and law enforcement. She supported funding for additional mental health services for youth and increased funding for school security improvements, such as safety glass and security cameras.

Stevenson is an advocate for Florida's historic and natural resources and keeps a sharp focus on the needs of her rapidly growing district. That includes protecting the top ranked school district, funding for water projects and road improvements such as the 9B extension. She enjoys boating, bicycling and time at the beach with her husband Henry. Their sons, Paul and Wes, graduated from Nease High School and the University of Florida. Visit www.Vote4Cyndi.com for more information.

Submitted by the candidate

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 4)



JOCELINE BERRIOS

No party affiliation

Joceline Berrios is an independent, no party affiliation candidate who has served in the U.S. military and as a public school teacher. Berrios is dedicated to fighting for affordable health care and medications, affordable housing, a higher minimum wage, increased mili-

tary pay and Social Security benefits. Berrios also believes public schools need more funding, higher teacher pay and increased safety. The congressional candidate supports Net Neutrality with a free and open internet, and will fight for single payer Medicare for all healthcare and lower cost medications. Berrios wants to protect women's health with the same restrictions as men's health. She is for DACA, the ERA and treating immigrants humanely by keeping families together. Berrios believes in checks and balances on power and protecting civil and voting rights. For more information, visit www.berrios4congress.com.

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JOHN RUTHERFORD

Republican

John Rutherford is currently serving his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives and is seeking re-election for his second term. He sits on the House Judiciary Committee,

and the House Appropriations Committee where he serves on three subcommittees: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development; Legislative Branch; and State and Foreign Operations.

Rutherford has lived in Jacksonville since 1958, and attended Florida Junior College and Florida State University where he studied criminology. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 171st Session and the National Executive Institute. He began his career in law enforcement in 1974 as a patrolman in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO), working his way up through the JSO where he eventually served as director.

In 2003, 2007 and 2011, Rutherford was elected

sheriff of Duval County. For three terms and 12 years, he ran a 3,200-employee office, and due to his leadership, homicide and overall violent crime in Jacksonville dropped to a 40-year low. Using a model of intelligence-led and community-based policing, Rutherford and his team of law enforcement professionals dramatically improved neighborhoods and prevented crime throughout the community. He also made the mental health component of the criminal justice system a priority, reducing the recidivism rates of the mentally ill and facilitating their treatment. Rutherford also served as chair of the Legislative Committee for Florida Sheriff's Association, where he advocated before the legislature for policies that strengthened constitutional rights, supported law enforcement and enhanced public safety across the state.

Rutherford has been happily married to his wife Pat for 45 years. They enjoy their two children and six grandchildren, and they are also members of Assumption Catholic Church in Jacksonville.

For more information, visit rutherford.house.gov.

From rutherford.house.gov



JASON MICHAEL BULGER

No party affiliation

Jason Michael Bulger is a 31-year-old full-time husband and father. He and his wife were married on July 4, 2015 and have two children, Barbara, 2, and Philip, 1. Before meeting his wife and becoming a full-time family man, Bulger spent six years in the

United States Army serving as an information systems specialist in Korea and Afghanistan. After leaving the Army in 2013, he attended Daytona State College and earned an Associate of Arts degree in 2015.

Bulger is running for the office of representative of the United States for Florida's fourth district because he feels a new path is needed for this district and the country as a whole. He believes the two parties have grown so entrenched and become so effective at winning campaigns that every single seat in the House of Representatives is held by one of the two parties. This utter dominance of the landscape as a whole, he said, has created for elected officials a situation where they are responsible not to their constituents, but to their party. Bulger intends to provide objective values based on representation to the people of the district, free from the demands of party officials and corporate donors.

For more information, visit www.jasonbulgerforcongress.com.

Submitted by the candidate



GEORGE "GES" SELMONT

Democrat

George "Ges" Selmont is a Ponte Vedra Beach husband and father with a history of success in law, technology, entertainment, sports and

higher education. He has been married to his wife, Monika (also an attorney), for 17 years. They chose Northeast Florida to raise their two boys, Nate and Luke, and have happily called the First Coast home for almost nine years.

Selmont is a lifelong Democrat who has always had an interest in government and public service. He grew up in Connecticut in a family that taught him to value many things. His father, a Korean War Veteran and union member, taught him values that include honoring veterans and the rights of employees to unionize. While still in college, Ges helped the staff members in his dorm organize into the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

Over the last 25 years, Selmont has dedicated a great deal of his time to improving the lives of citizens, especially those in underserved communities. In 1998, he served as a White House intern for President Bill Clinton and then later served as special advisor to the president at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, where at Florida's first historically black college, Selmont secured \$4.5 million in funding to assist the college and surrounding communities.

Prior to relocating to Florida, Selmont was appointed to serve on municipal and state boards as well as commissions, including the Commission for Educational Technology, the Conservation Commission and Historic District Commission. He was instrumental in getting sections of roads declared State Scenic Roads. A committed volunteer throughout his life, he volunteered on presidential campaigns, regularly served weekly meals to the homeless and volunteered for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

For more information, visit selmontforcongress.com.

Submitted by the candidate

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (DISTRICT 4)

JEREMIAH BLOCKER Republican

Jeremiah Blocker was born and raised in Ocala, Florida. He comes from a family of public servants, as all four of his brothers are combat veterans in the U.S. military.

He is a graduate of the University of Florida, where he obtained a degree in history and commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Army ROTC program.

In the military, Blocker served as an Army officer for over 13 years, both on active duty and in the reserves. A veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Blocker commanded a military police company in combat operations. Blocker continues his military service in the Air Force Reserves as a judge advocate general officer with the rank of major. Awards Blocker has received include the Bronze Star Medal



and Combat Action Badge.

Blocker graduated from Florida Coastal School of Law. He has also earned graduate degrees in land use and business entrepreneurship.

Before transitioning into private practice, Blocker served as a state prosecutor in both Jacksonville and Palatka, Florida, trying over 30 cases in front of juries ranging from DUIs to violent felony cases. As a prosecutor, he served as the Drug Court liaison for the state of Florida, managing all Drug Court diversion cases.

Currently, Blocker is a partner in a small firm where he concentrates his practice in the areas of small business

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JOHN C "JACK" GORMAN No party affiliation

John C "Jack" Gorman is a merchant mariner, U.S.C.G. Licensed Master. He is a "hawsepiper," having obtained his licensure through self-study, finally obtaining the credentials that are awarded a four-year Merchant Marine Academy graduate. He has seen millions of miles at sea, affording much time to reflect on "the way things are."

Captain Gorman was on the St. Johns County Airport Authority Board for eight years — a position with design and development responsibilities. He was elected treasurer for a term. During his tenure, the St. Johns County Airport was taken off the tax rolls of St. Johns County. Also during this period, the Airport received a National Award for Excellence in Environmental Design. To further enhance the Airport's independence from requiring tax revenue



to operate, the board of directors and the airport director initiated commercial airline service flights available to the residents of St. Johns County.

The son of a Navy pilot and an elementary school teacher, Gorman has stated he is acutely aware of the critical necessity of education excellence.

He arrived by vessel in 1972, and finding St. Augustine a wonderful and unique place, has made it home since then. The preservation of the beauty and unique quality of the area has been a lifelong goal. He has proven leadership ability and seeks the county commissioner post to further this goal.

Visit johncjackgorman.com for more information.

Submitted by the candidate

CIRCUIT JUDGE 7TH DISTRICT (GROUP 15)



LINDA L. GAUSTAD

Linda L. Gaustad believes residents deserve a judge with integrity, experience, knowledge and common

sense to make potential life altering decisions. Dedication, hard work, time management, patience, commitment and efficiency are abilities she says she has perfected operating a law practice and practicing law.

Gaustad has worked one-on-one with clients over the years providing individual personalized representation. An advantage of operating a law practice, she said, has been representing individuals and businesses in the community in a wide range of practice areas. For the last 18 years, Gaustad has represented thousands of residents in the community.

Her courtroom experience includes the District Court of Appeals (criminal, civil and family); Circuit Court (criminal felony, juvenile, dependency, civil, probate and family); County Court (criminal misdemeanor, civil and small claim); administrative court (civil and traffic); and Federal Court (bankruptcy, Social Security appeals and immigration).

Gaustad is passionate about the law. She promises to have your full attention, and to be fair and impartial and apply the law to the individual facts of each case.

For more information on Gaustad, visit www.lindaforjudge.org.

Submitted by the candidate



RYAN WILL

For more than a decade, Ryan Will has served the people of his community and worked to improve residents' quality of life. As a senior member of the State Attorney's Office,

Will has successfully prosecuted the most dangerous criminals in society. A lawyer since 2005, Will is responsible for the prosecution of murder cases in the 7th Circuit. He has traveled the community handling hundreds of high profile cases and representing thousands of innocent victims.

According to Will, a depth of legal experience and commitment to the community

distinguish him in this race. These qualities, he said, have earned him support from other attorneys, law enforcement and members the community.

Natives of Volusia County, Will and his wife, Bryn, are invested in the community and committed to its future. Bryn is a kindergarten teacher in the public school system; Will frequently lectures at the police academy, local universities and high schools. He serves on the boards of numerous charities and nonprofit organizations, including Stewart Marchman Act Foundation, Teen Court and Rotary. Will and his wife are raising three young children and are active in youth athletics.

Will takes pride in his community and

fighters to keep neighborhoods safe. In 2013, he established Florida's first Playground to Prevent Neighborhood Sex Predators and used available laws to stop sexual predators from establishing residence. Since then, Will has consulted with citizens and developers to create nearly a dozen other neighborhoods that ensure the protection of our children. Soon, according to Will, the entire area west of I-95 in Daytona Beach will be closed to the relocation efforts of these dangerous criminals.

In addition to his work at the State Attorney's Office, Will has experience in civil, family, probate and juvenile affairs. For more information, visit www.electryanwill.com.

Submitted by the candidate



JOHN Rutherford

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KAREN CORNWELL

In a time of high population growth and the close proximity of mosquitos carrying potentially lethal disease, Karen Cornwell believes it is time for Anastasia Mosquito Control to get back to basics.

She has been focused on the basics of running a business since she was a young girl. Her family business at Russ's Chevron on Anastasia Island taught her the importance of listening, communicating clearly with customers and the need to watch every dime to make sure the business thrived. Continuing this family business at Cornwell's Market for twenty years, Cornwell was involved with every facet of operations and being transparent and working together was key to achieving results.

When her family sold the business, Cornwell opened Karen's Condo Cleaning in 2014 and had a successful small business. Her focus on understanding the bottom line and being transparent with the public began very early. Honesty and trust were the bedrock of her education on how to get things done the right way. Public communication and involvement are very important to her.

To be effective as a board, according to Cornwell, a focus on getting back to basics is the only way. When she is on the board,



she said she will not be in Europe or China learning about mosquitos. She will be out in the field and learning about local problems. She will be talking to people in all neighbor-

hoods to make sure the board is responsive to every part of St Johns County.

The Board's operations are sound, but Cornwell believes much more can be done in public outreach, with tighter and more public budget reviews and via better transparency. More could also be done and should be done, she said, to augment spraying with natural methods of mosquito control.

Cornwell is not a politician and only recently gave her first speech. A vote for her is a vote for an enthusiastic and knowledgeable advocate on the board. She will be focused on the mission of killing mosquitos and keeping the community safe from mosquito-borne illnesses.

Cornwell was raised in Saint Augustine, graduated from St. Augustine High School and is passionate about both the town and the work of the Anastasia Mosquito Control District.

Submitted by the candidate

JEANNE MOELLER

According to Jeanne Moeller, Mosquito Control is not about politics. It's not Democratic or Republican; it's about the improvement of people's lives, she said. It's a public health issue. It's about protecting residents from mosquito diseases, she continued. According to Moeller, St. Johns County has been free from local borne disease since 2003.

Since 2007, Moeller has advocated for increased public education, safer chemical use and scientific research to both improve day-to-day operations that will continue to achieve the AMCD mission. Her goal is for



every resident to enjoy the outdoors and to be able to watch their children's athletics games without the irritation of biting mosquitoes.

At a time when experience and dedication are the most important attributes, she believes that people yearn for an elected official who is real and willing to speak their mind and to do what they think is right. Moeller said she has been that elected official and would appreciate your vote on or before Nov 6.

Submitted by the candidate

MERRILL PAUL ROLAND

Merrill Paul Roland is listed as a candidate in this race; however, he declined the Recorder's offer to have his bio/headshot displayed in this guide.

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law, title insurance and veteran benefits. His firm has offices in St. Augustine. As a small business owner and a conservative Republican, he believes that fiscally conservative principles are the best way to serve. According to Blocker, this includes limiting the size and scope of government, reducing taxes, creating a business-friendly environment to retain and attract new

businesses and promote job growth and providing the best public safety to protect citizens. Blocker is also a former board member of the Florida Bar Committee on Military Law and is certified in Veterans Benefits Appeals.

Blocker and his wife Lauren have lived in St. Johns County for seven years. They have two young children and worship at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Nocatee.

For more information on Blocker, visit jeremiahblocker.com.

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ANASTASIA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT (SEAT 4)



TRISH BECKER

As a mother and pet owner, mosquito safety is of utmost importance to Trish Becker. She pledges to always put the health of St. Johns County residents and the environment first. She is running for the nonpartisan Seat 4 that covers all of St. Johns County.

Becker said she will bring fresh ideas and a dedication to always do what is right for families. She wants children and pets to be able to play outside without getting bit by mosquitoes or breathing in harmful chemicals. She wants to make sure the board can allocate funds to continue preventing outbreaks and research more environmentally friendly ways in doing so. Becker wants to help keep the way of life the

community is accustomed too, one free from viruses like Zika or West Nile.

Becker said she has the board experience, management training and drive to make sure the county has the best district in the state. She has knocked on thousands of doors since January, attended every board meeting since December and is ready to work for you.

Submitted by the candidate



CATHERINE BRANDHORST

Catherine Brandhorst is running for re-election to her third term as commissioner of the Anastasia Mosquito Control District.

Since being elected in 2010, Brandhorst has served as chair of the Finance Committee. According to Brandhorst, it was her insistence on a \$2,000,000 emergency fund that gave the board the ability to provide immediate and aggressive response to Hurricanes Matthew and Irma.

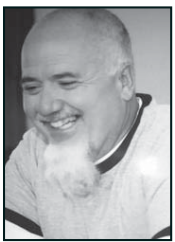
Before she retired, Brandhorst owned two pest control companies over a period of 25 years. Combined with eight years with Anastasia Mosquito Control District, she has a total of 33 years of experience. While in business, Brandhorst held a pest

control operators license, or a PCO, which covers everything a mosquito applicators license does, plus covering all household pets, interior and exterior. Brandhorst provided service to customers in the U.S. and Canada. During her career, she worked with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in developing the NOP (National Organic Program), which is responsible for the application of pesticides from farm to fork.

Brandhorst is nationally recognized and published. She is a certified HACCP trainer and has taught classes at Anastasia Mosquito Control District. She is responsible for eliminating Fyfanon from the approved chemical list, even though it is still approved by the EPA. She has worked to introduce more environmentally safe chemicals to the inventory and encouraged the research team to look for natural pesticides.

In 1995, Brandhorst moved to St. Augustine, where her children attended school. She has been an active volunteer, helping raise money for the skate park at Treaty Park, serving as president of the Home Owners Utilities, president of the St. Augustine Little League and president of St. Johns Youth Sports. As president of St. Augustine Little League, she was instrumental in donating 25 acres to St. Johns County to expand its youth sports program. Brandhorst is also a member of Turning Point at Calvary Church.

Submitted by the candidate



PETER M. MIELE

Peter M. Miele has lived in Florida for 50 years and in St. Johns County for 21. He been married to his wife for 47 years and has been blessed with two daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all living in St. Johns County.

Miele knows the impact mosquitos have on all residents who live in this climate.

His concern for the impact of mosquitos led him to work for Anastasia Mosquito Control seasonally after his retirement from a more than 30-year career at Publix.

From there, his scientific, problem-solving, customer service mind went to work on how the community can safely and better control the mosquito population. He went on to become a certified trainer for the Integrated Mosquito Control Curriculum and a licensed State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Public Health applicator.

According to Miele, there is a need for the election of someone who is educated and passionate about effective and timely Mosquito Control for all of St. Johns County. He reminds voters that this position covers all of St. Johns County and is non-partisan.

Miele promises to be dedicated to the community and for solutions to safely reduce the mosquito population in St. Johns County for the health and wellbeing of all of families, so that everyone may better enjoy the outdoors.

For more information, visit www.petermiele.com.

Submitted by the candidate

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY (GROUP 2)



JUSTIN MIRGEAUX

Justin Mirgeaux has lived in the Ponte Vedra/ Jacksonville area for 10 years. Prior to relocating here, Mirgeaux served as a U.S. Marine. He began his career as an enlisted infantryman, then finishing as an officer and an aviator. Mirgeaux is an Iraq war veteran and is the recipient of multiple Air Medals with

a combat distinguishing device.

Upon leaving the Marines, Mirgeaux joined the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The next four years at FDIC, he saw firsthand what the global financial crisis did to banks and homeowners in this area.

Mirgeaux was personally involved in nearly two dozen financial institution receivership operations. While at the FDIC, he was personally awarded the Chairman's Excellence Award in 2010 and the James R. McFadyen Award for Bravery, Courage, and Heroism in 2011. Leaving the FDIC in 2013, he joined Deutsche Bank, specializing in finance, credit, risk and data management.

Mirgeaux is married to Susan E. Sharp Mirgeaux, esq., and they have two children who are both enrolled in St. Johns County public schools. Mirgeaux holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Florida. Learn more at www.justinmirgeaux.com.

Submitted by the candidate



VICTOR J. RAYMOS

Victor J. Raymos is the current member of the Airport Authority, Group 2, and he is running for re-election to that seat. He is a member of the Northeast Florida Regional Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the St Augustine Pilots Association.

Raymos is the association executive and CEO for the St Augustine & St Johns County Board of Realtors® and Multiple Listing Service. He has served in the community as the chair of the St Johns County Chamber of Commerce as well as a current member and past chair of the Economic Development Council for the Chamber. He also serves as a member of the Board of Advisors for the Chamber of Commerce.

Raymos currently serves on the St Johns County Housing Finance Authority. He is a member of the Regional Economic Information Network for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Jacksonville Branch. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the American Legion.

Raymos wants to continue to keep the Airport Authority off the tax roll by maintaining a 0.0000 millage rate. He wants to continue to be a conservative steward of the Airport Authority's finances and physical assets. He wants to be the spokesperson for the users of the airport and the members of the public.

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY (GROUP 3)



BRUCE MAGUIRE

Bruce Maguire is a North Florida native whose family has been involved in the timber business, primarily in St. Johns County. Maguire and his wife Virginia have two children, Chris and Sarah.

Maguire received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Florida. He served as a St. Johns County commissioner representing Ponte Vedra Beach from 2002 to 2006 (chairman in 2004-2005); a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization from 2002 to 2006 (vice chairman in 2005-2006); a member of the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Association from 2002 to 2006 (chair of Transportation Committee in 2006); and a member of the Florida 2010-2020 Transportation Planning Commission in 2006.

Maguire, a retired lieutenant colonel and fighter pilot, also served in the Air Force in the United Kingdom, Germany, at the Pentagon and at the Air Force's Air War College.

As for community service, Maguire has served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board since 1995 (chairman from 1996 to 2004). He is a Rotarian and has also worked with Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Elks, the Navy League, the UF Alumni Association and many other organizations.

As a current Airport Board member, Maguire has two major agendas: to successfully keep the airport off tax rolls and ensure the airport actively supports both the business and residential communities in the county. According to Maguire, general aviation enhancements have improved airport safety and security for private pilots and businesses. Under Maguire's leadership, the board's efforts have elevated airport finances, operational status and community status.

Submitted by the candidate



CARL YOUMAN

Carl Youman, 79, is a retired CSX transportation officer and current entrepreneur with CCRC-Rail Logistics. His primary business is directing rail logistics for Emmert International, shipping extra large, heavy or wide transformers, generators and other large units on railroads in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The secondary function of

his business is managing a fleet of rail cars designed to carry units weighing up to 1 million pounds.

His community service includes being a member of the Airport Authority and North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). He has been a member of the board for the Airport Authority for eight years and has continued to improve and expand the airport assets. Most of all, he has maintained his campaign promises from 2008 to 2016.

His goals for his term in office include keeping the Airport off the tax rolls and continuing to be "the taxpayers' representative;" supporting Northrop Grumman; utilizing the airport land holdings to bring in businesses that provide good-paying jobs for residents; supporting Via Airline service and supporting the effort to secure service to a major hub; supporting the private pilots and businesses at the airport; working to be good neighbors with citizens close to the airport; and maintaining his independent position with an outsider viewpoint.

A resident of Ponte Vedra Beach, Youman has been married for 54 years to Connie Shaffer Youman. They have two sons, Alan and Carl; two grandsons, AJ and Zach; and a great-grandson, Matthew.

Submitted by the candidate

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TOLOMATO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SEAT 4)



CHERYA CAVANAUGH

Cherya Cavanaugh and her family moved to Nocatee eight years ago from California. When the Cavanaugh's moved to the community in 2010, the Nocatee vision was just begin-

ning to unfold.

They saw Nocatee's potential not only as an incredible place to raise their son, but an ideal place to build their business and serve their community. She and her husband, Tom, are now award-winning real estate brokers with REMAX in the Nocatee Town Center. She is passionate about serving, and her family is actively involved throughout the community. She launched the Resident Ambassador program at Del Webb Ponte Vedra. She and her family are also proud supporters of K9s For Warriors in Nocatee, and have sponsored dogs that have been trained to assist veterans.

She is active in her son's school, Palm Valley Academy, and was one of the first real estate agents to become Nocatee Certified. According to Cavanaugh, her communication, organization and diligence make her an asset to the Tolomato Community Development District. She is committed to protecting the vision of Nocatee, and will ensure the community maintains the Nocatee lifestyle so many enjoy. Cherya has been endorsed by The PARC Group, developer of Nocatee, for Seat 4.

Submitted by the candidate



TIFFANY DAVIS-BAER

Tiffany Davis-Baer is thrilled about this new opportunity and looking forward to serving the community.

Her background is in human resources (HR). As an HR

business partner, executive coach and strategic thinker, Davis-Baer believes she has the skillset to take complex messages and then simplify them for the masses to understand. She excels in listening to people, synthesizing information and helping organizations and people move forward. She hopes to apply those same skills to this board.

She hopes to bring more transparency to the process of how Tolomato CDD dollars are used and then she intends to involve members of the community, helping them see the big picture, understand why the community has CDD fees and value the contributions that have been made thus far. She believes the current board has done great work, and she wants to partner with fellow board members to help bridge the communication gap between the board and the community.

With over 10 years in human resources, and as a former teacher, Davis-Baer understands what families and specifically what children want and need to excel in a thriving and growing community. She is a servant leader at heart and she believes in building bridges.

Submitted by the candidate

TOLOMATO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SEAT 5)



RON HOWLAND

Dr. Ronald W. Howland lives with his wife, Marilee, in Del Webb Ponte Vedra. He has lived and practiced dentistry in Ponte Vedra for over 25 years.

Prior to private practice, Howland served in the United States Navy Dental Corps at USMC Recruit Depot and aboard the USS Saratoga CV-60. He gives back through his involvement with Dental Outreach to Third World developing nations every year, and he is involved in the Florida Baptist Children's Home.

In his spare time, he enjoys cycling, traveling and spending time with his family. Howland's desire is to serve the Nocatee Community as the Tolomato Community Development District Seat 5 member by ensuring that the CDD continues to support and protect the Nocatee brand, controlling the operating costs and assessments, and ensuring that the amenities enjoyed by the residents are maintained for future generations.

Howland has been endorsed for Seat 5 by both outgoing CDD board members and by Nocatee's developer, The PARC Group.

Submitted by the candidate



DANIEL J. PASKY

Daniel J. Pasky is running for the Tolomato Community Development District to bring renewed energy to Nocatee and its board of supervisors.

Pasky is a community-driven attorney and strives to help colleagues and clients make their communities a better place to live and do business. He is running for the board of supervisors for three main reasons: to complete the infrastructure and amenities in Nocatee's final development stages, to maintain and preserve the infrastructure and amenities to keep property values high and to maintain Nocatee's brand for the future.

Pasky was born in Birmingham, Alabama. He obtained a bachelor's degree in political science from Auburn University and a law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law. For the past 10 years, he has been a practicing attorney focusing on real estate, corporate defense and financial services law.

Pasky is active as a member of the board of directors for the Greenleaf Lakes Homeowner's Association, Limelight Theatre in St. Augustine and the Cultural Resource Review Board of St. Johns County. He is also a member of Crosswater Community Church in Nocatee.

Since 2015, Pasky has lived in Greenleaf Lakes with his wife, Maureen Meehan Pasky, and their chocolate lab, Sedona.

Submitted by the candidate

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