# ELECTIÓN

# **2024 Primary Election Guide**

Overview of the Candidates Update on Voting Dates & Local Precincts Map of Early Voting Locations





Thursday, August 8, 2024

#### This letter is in response to an attack letter dispersed by "the Anns"



ST. JOHNS COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS & PARAMEDICS ASSOCIATION An Affiliate of the International Association of Firefighters

Proudly Protecting Your Property, Lives and...Our Community.

Good Afternoon,

I am in receipt of your letter being distributed to our firefighters and have concerns about some of the blatantly false claims made by your campaigns. You claim that our board voted for the endorsements of your opponents, not the membership. I have seen this posted on social media by Ann Marie and now in a letter distributed by both of you. This is absolutely false! At our general meeting a membership vote was taken to endorse the incumbent commissioners. It was unanimous and the board did not participate in the vote. To be clear, our membership voted to endorse the incumbent commissioners.

Your letter is particularly misleading as it relates to the field training facility. A few things you may not realize, the incumbent commissioners went to Tallahassee to fight for funding for a training facility. I personally witnessed multiple meetings where they were advocating for our firefighters on many levels. They even voted for firefighter needs as legislative priorities. Telling our people that we don't have a location to put the training facility is dishonest considering it has been discussed at length at the BOCC meetings and with our members. At the BOCC meeting it was stated two sites were given as possible options. They are considering what will be the most cost-effective site, build time and fulfill the needs of fire rescue. It appears you are trying to use scare tactics against our firefighters.

You asked why our contract has not been finalized. It's simple, we have not agreed to anything yet. The county nor commissioners have delayed this in any way. I'd also like to point out that this was also mentioned at the BOCC meeting. At our general meeting we communicated to our members that waiting to see Jacksonville firefighters' contract would be beneficial. Knowing what is needed to remain competitive and not lose firefighters is critical for our department. Again, this has all been communicated to our members and the public, so it should be common knowledge. It looks like another scare tactic trying to manipulate our firefighters into thinking their contact is in jeopardy.

I applaud your statement on the commitment to firefighter mental health. I'd like to point out that our commissioners stepped up when we needed them on mental health. We now have access to mental health care that most departments in the state do not have. We are lucky to have commissioners who continually ask what more can be done to improve our mental health program. Access to this mental health care has saved firefighter lives and we are grateful to our commissioners. Further, these commissioners all voted to make firefighter health a legislative priority this year. Standing beside us in Tallahassee, our commissioners are not supporting firefighters is simply not true.

You ask why we stress the importance of this election. Our firefighters have never had the support from the BOCC that we have now. They voted to add additional firefighters because overtime was out of control, they voted to give us mental health access, they fought for funding for a training facility and statewide legislation for Firefighter health, they voted for hiring incentives to attract more firefighter applicants, they support new fire stations and firefighters, the list goes on. All of this support allows us to better protect our community. That support has not just been during the election year either, it has been consistent. What worries us is the talk of rollbacks. We believe there is a very strong possibility that rollbacks will stop all the forward progress we are making in our department. Many cuts were made when the 2021 rollbacks happened, and fire rescue was negatively impacted. We cannot afford to be cut anymore; it will be detrimental to the citizens we protect and firefighter health and safety. As you stated, roads and infrastructure are all important to the fire rescue mission. If rollbacks occur, what will be sacrificed in our community, what will be cut, what is the plan? These are all concerns we have and why the election is important to us. Like any organization that endorses a candidate, of course we are going to encourage supporting them.

I believe I was very open and honest with the both of you. I met with you, took you to stations, introduced you to our firefighters, and invited you to speak at our meetings. I explained very clearly how our endorsements took place, so you are very aware it was not a board vote. Our membership voted on ALL endorsements. Our Association is stronger and more united than ever before. It is my job as President to represent and advocate for our firefighters and their ability to protect our community. We are elected by the membership, and operate as a bottom-up organization. At any general meeting, the membership has the right to bring a motion and vote on the direction our organization should take. Attempts to divide us will certainly fall short and only make us more united.

In closing, we respectfully ask that you retract all statements from social media, websites, advertisements, letters or any other locations that claim our membership did not vote on endorsements or any other statements known to be false. We encourage letters of substance and facts that clearly define what you will do for firefighters, how you can help, and your plan to accomplish it. As always, I am available for a call or meeting if you have questions or simply wish to have a productive conversation. I truly hope we can move forward in a more positive direction.

V/R

David Stevens, President St Johns County Professional Firefighters Association 904-540-6138 Website: sjcfirefighters.com



# Whose \$1.2 million is helping to fund the lies about the Anns through 8 dark money PACs ?

7 companies donating to attack ads + 3 incumbents' campaign accounts:

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MEGA DONOR	BUSINESS DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DONATED	
THE PARC GROUP	Mega developer - 14,000+ approved homes in Nocatee.	\$299,500	a.
HUTSON COMPANIES	Mega developer - 16,000+ approved homes in Silverleaf.	\$251,877	
DREAM FINDERS HOMES	National homebuilder based in Jacksonville. One of the largest homebuilders in Nocatee and Silverleaf.	\$211,000	
VALLENCOURT CONSTRUCTION	Mega residential/commercial site developer, including clear cutting, roads, utility lines, etc. Major client of Nocatee.	\$180,000	
ICI HOMES	One of the largest homebuilders in Florida, including Nocatee and Silverleaf.	\$120,000	
GATE PETROLEUM	Major land owner and development company in St Johns and Duval counties.	\$101,000	Elections and SJC Supervisor
J.B. COXWELL CONTRACTING	Mega residential/commercial site developer, including clear cutting, roads, utility lines, etc. Major client of Silverleaf.	<u>\$50,000</u>	
TOTAL		\$1,213,377	

A deep dive into the PAC dollars pouring into an intense advertising blitz of lies to keep three St. Johns County commissioners in office, reveals that SEVEN major St. Johns County developers and builders are investing heavily to maintain control of our government - and our tax dollars - for FOUR more years. The seven have already spent a staggering \$1.2 million to convince you to elect the commissioners they control. Blatant lies are used plentifully in attack ads against Ann Taylor and Ann-Marie Evans who will NEVER RAISE YOUR TAXES. What's more, our commissioners just voted *against* the rollback on the millage rate (except for Commissioner Joseph).

Dean and Whitehurst tried to raise your sales tax by 15% in 2022 despite record property tax revenues. And they won't stop trying. In a debate between Henry Dean and Ann Taylor, only Taylor said she would not consider a 1-cent sales tax referendum. Dean said "not now." (7/8/23) The incumbents are not slowing the growth as they claim. In four years, the number of overcapacity roads has increased by 65% and our overcrowded schools have lost their #1 ranking in the state.\* Kids suffer, and so will everyone's property values that are tied to our school ranking.

Why can't one of the wealthiest counties in the state afford parks and fire stations without going heavily into debt? Ann-Marie Evans and Ann Taylor's top two issues are controlling growth and being a **conservative** steward of your tax dollars. Learn more about **Ann-Marie Evans** and **Ann Taylor**, and see their responses to the absurd lies about them at SlowTheGrowth.com. **Both are endorsed by the St. Johns County Republican Party** and by Commissioner Joseph.

Roads: SJC Transportation Analysis Spreadsheets, 2020 - 2023 Schools: Fl. Dept. of Ed.

# SlowTheGrowth.com

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#### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide was produced by the staff at The Recorder to prepare area voters for the 2024 primary election.

#### ELECTION DATES

Primary Election Day: Aug. 20. Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Primary Early Voting: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 10-17

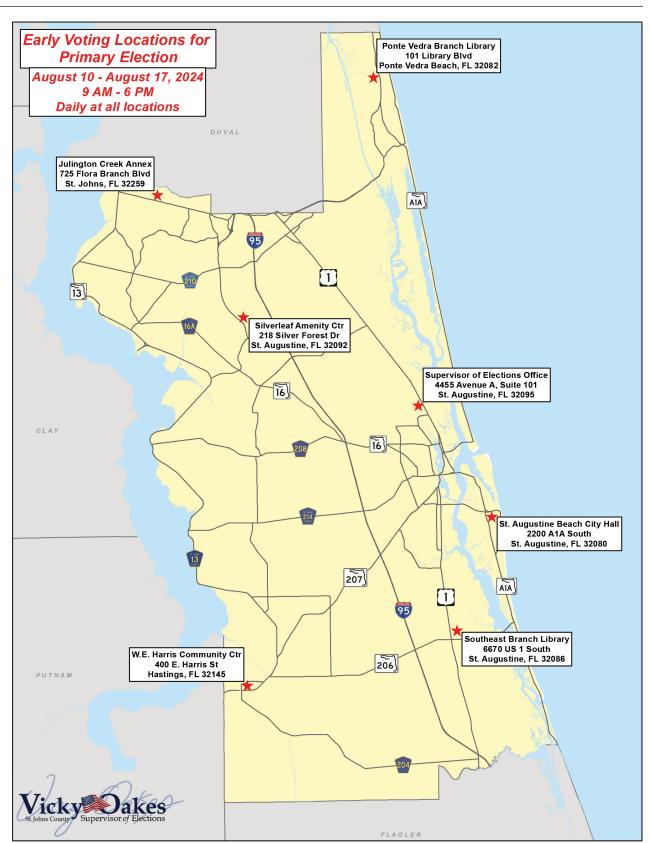
**General Election Day:** Nov. 5. Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

General Election Early Voting: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 21 to Nov. 2

#### **PRECINCT LOCATIONS**

St. Johns County has 53 voting precincts. Note that only six of these are being used as Early Voting sites. The rest are for election day.

- 101: Julington Creek Annex, 725 Flora Branch Blvd., St. Johns. This is also an early voting site that transitions into a precinct come election day.
- 102: Julington Creek Plantation Rec Ctr, 350 Plantation Club Parkway, St. Johns
- 103: Switzerland Community Church, 2179 S.R. 13 N, St. Johns
- 104: Bartram Trail Branch Library. 60 Davis Pond Blvd., St. Johns
- 105: Creekside Christian Church, 150 Lifespring Way, St. Johns
- 106: Switzerland Community Church, 2179 S.R. 13 N, St. Johns
- 107: Aberdeen Amenities Ctr, 110 Flower of Scotland Ave., St. Johns
- 108: Shearwater Amenities Ctr, 100 Kayak Way, St. Augustine
- 109: RiverHouse at RiverTown, 140 Landing St., St. Johns
- 201: Creekside Christian Student Ctr, 92 Lifespring Way, St. Johns
- 202: St. Johns Golf and Country Club, 205 St. Johns Golf Drive, St Augustine
- 203: Shearwater Amenities Ctr, 100 Kayak Way, St. Augustine
- 204: Silverleaf Amenities Ctr, 218 Silver Forest Drive, St. Augustine. This is also an early voting site that transitions into a precinct come election day.
- 205: St. Johns Convention Ctr, 500 S Legacy Trail, St. Augustine
- 206: Trout Creek Community Ctr, 6795 Collier Road, St. Augustine
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- 208: Heritage Landing Amenity Ctr, 370 Heritage Landing Pkwy., St. Augustine
- 209: Village Church, 4229 Pacetti Road, St. Augustine
- 210: Agricultural Ctr, 3125 Agricultural Center Drive, St. Augustine
- 211: Anastasia Baptist S.R. 16 Campus, 110 Circle Drive E, St. Augustine
- 212: Heritage Baptist Church, 1480 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine
- 213: W.E. Harris Community Ctr, 400 E Harris St., Hastings. This is also an early voting site that transitions into a precinct come election day
- 301: Anastasia Baptist S.R. 16 Campus, 110 Circle Drive E, St. Augustine
- 302: Solomon Calhoun Community Ctr, 1300 Duval St., St. Augustine
- 303: Solomon Calhoun Community Ctr, 1300 Duval St., St. Augustine
- 304: Heritage Baptist Church, 1480 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine
- 305: Good News Church, 1357 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine
- 306: Community Bible Church, 3150 U.S. 1 S, St. Augustine
- 307: Community Bible Church, 3150 U.S. 1 S, St. Augustine
- 308: Anastasia Baptist Church, 1650 A1A S, St. Augustine



- 309: Riverview Club. 790 Christina Drive. St. Augustine
- 310: Southeast Branch Library, 6670 U.S. 1 S, St. Augustine.
- This is also an early voting site that transitions into a precinct come election day.
- 311: St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 5205 A1A S, St. Augustine
- 401: Ponte Vedra Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. 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 N, Ponte Vedra Beach
- 403: Ponte Vedra Church, 76 S. Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach
- 404: Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach
- 405: Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A N, Ponte Vedra Beach. NOTE: Voting will take place in a building behind the concert hall, which is currently under construction.
- 406: St. Francis in the Field, 895 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra
- 407: Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A N, Ponte Vedra Beach
- 408: Crosswater Hall at Nocatee, 245 Nocatee Center Way, Ponte Vedra
- 409: The Palencia Club, 600 Palencia Club Drive, St. Augustine

- 501: Creekside Christian Student Ctr, 92 Lifespring Way, St. Johns
- 502: The Clubhouse at Beacon Lake, 850 Beacon Lake Parkway, St. Augustine
- 503: WGV-Good News Church, 573 W Twincourt Trail, St. Augustine
- 504: San Sebastian Catholic Church, 1112 S.R. 16, St. Augustine
- 505: The Palencia Club, 600 Palencia Club Drive, St. Augustine
- 506: Fullerwood Training Ctr, 10 Hildreth Drive, St. Augustine
- 507: North Shores Community Ctr, 120 Meadow Ave., St. Augustine
- 508: National Guard Armory, 190 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
- 509: River House, 179 Marine St., St. Augustine
- 510: Elks Lodge, 1420 A1A S, St. Augustine
- 511: St. Augustine Beach City Hall, 2200 A1A S, St. Augustine. This is also an early voting site that transitions into a precinct come election day.

On election day, voters are required to vote at their assigned polling place based on their address. To find your polling place, go to votesjc.gov and click the "Find My Polling Place" link.

#### **U.S. SENATOR (REPUBLICAN)**

#### JOHN COLUMBUS REPUBLICAN



John Columbus is a native of Winter Garden, Florida, and was raised in Orlando. He is the author of "My Great American Novel," which his website describes as a "fictionalized autobiography and historical fiction." He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from New York University and has been employed as a theatre professional, according to one online bio.

Columbus says he leans conservative, but his positions on pre-eminent issues vary at times from those espoused by self-identified conservative leaders.

#### **RICK SCOTT** *REPUBLICAN*



Rick Scott was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2018, defeating incumbent Democrat Bill Nelson, and is serving his first term representing the state of Florida. Previously, he served two terms as governor of Florida.

He sits on the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Committee on Armed Services, Committee on the Budget and the Special Committee on Aging.

Scott served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from the University of Missouri — Kansas City and the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University. He co-founded Columbia Hospital Corp., which later merged with another corporation to form Columbia/HCA.

#### **KEITH GROSS** *REPUBLICAN*



Keith Gross was born in Panama City, Florida, and served in the U.S. Army National Guard from 2015 to 2017. An alumnus of Florida State University, Gross went on to earn a law degree from the University of Montana. He returned to Florida after graduation and is head of Gross Law Group in Melbourne.

Issues that he has identified as important to him are government spending, immigration and individual accountability.

On his website, Gross calls himself an "unapologetic Trump supporter" and a "freedom absolutist," referencing the U.S. Constitution and his opposition to government control.



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#### **U.S. SENATOR (DEMOCRAT)**

#### STANLEY CAMPBELL DEMOCRAT



Stanley Campbell was born in Miami Beach and earned a bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University in 1976. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1976 to 1982 and was a Navy pilot and test pilot. He has worked as a CEO and member of the NASA Advisory Board.

He has made contributions to the TSA's Passenger Screening and Security initiative and has 14 patents in artificial intelligence. He currently runs a global health care technology company that prevents Medicare fraud. Issues that he has highlighted include: Medicare, women's rights, veterans/military and jobs/housing.

#### DEBBIE MUCARSEL-POWELL DEMOCRAT



Debbie Mucarsel-Powell is a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Florida's 26th Congressional District from 2019 to 2021. She served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Judiciary Committee.

She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Pitzer College in 1992 and a master's degree in international political economy from Claremont Graduate University in 1996. She has worked as director of development and associate dean at Florida International University.

#### ROD JOSEPH DEMOCRAT



Rod Joseph was born in Haiti and went on to serve in the U.S. Army, receiving the Purple Heart. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and forensics and a master's degree in military studies and has been an immigration lawyer and military lawyer, according to his Facebook page. He attended Ashford University and Hawaii Pacific University.

He has identified health care access, economic equality and immigration reform as his priority issues.

#### BRIAN RUSH



Brian Rush is a native of St. Petersburg. He earned both his bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Florida. He has practiced law in Tampa for more than 30 years.

He is a former member of the Florida House of Representatives. He was majority whip for the Democratic Caucus and served on several committees, including the Education K-12 Committee, the Committee on Finance and Taxation and the Judiciary Committee.















St. Johns County

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#### <u>Meet Tamara</u>

 $\star$  4th Generation Florida Native

TAMARA

- ★ Republican Party of St. Johns County, Vice-Chair, 2020-2022
- ★ Republican National Convention TRUMP Delegate, Elected 2020
- ★ St. Johns County State Committeewoman, 2019-2020
- ★ North Florida Outstanding Republican Volunteer Award, 2006
- ★ North FL Victory Chairwoman, Republican Presidental Campaign, 2008
- \* Legislative Aide, Florida House of Representatives, 2004-2012, representing St. Johns & Duval County
- ★ Delegate Alternate, Republican National Convention, 2008

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Conservative Republican Values

#### **CONGRESS (DISTRICT 5)**

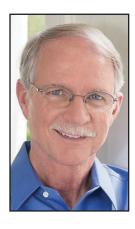
#### **MARA MACIE**



Mara Macie is a Navy spouse who has settled in Jacksonville with her husband Ted, and her four children. She has been involved in several political and advocacy groups locally and has worked to expose the corruption in government at all levels.

Mara believes that current government is not representative of the people and that "we must replace the elected officials who have created and sustained the mess we are in" with new representatives who want to restore the power to the hands of the people, and that representatives should serve out of calling and duty, not personal benefit.

#### JOHN RUTHERFORD **RFPIIRI ICAN**



John Rutherford (FL-05) is serving his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He sits on the House Ethics Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, where he serves on three subcommittees: Homeland Security, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development.

He 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. In 2003, 2007, and 2011, Rutherford was elected sheriff of Duval County.

#### **CONGRESS (DISTRICT 6)**

**JOHN GROW** REPUBLICAN



"Our American systems are broken: currency is based on debt, not wealth; health care is based on disease 'management' (we pay as long as we're still sick); over 6,000 inventions and patents (including cures for disease) are locked away for 'national security' reasons; the FDA allows seeds to be genetically altered (and patented); the defense industry needs conflict and wars to sustain itself (not peace). In essence, our systems are inverted, and no amount of 'rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic' will solve this. I intend to reform the systems that have prevented our real prosperity."

#### **MICHAEL WALTZ** REPUBLICAN



Congressman Michael Waltz is a retired colonel in the National Guard, a combat-decorated Green Beret, former White House and Pentagon policy adviser, a small business owner and an author.

Born in Boynton Beach, he grew up in Jacksonville. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute with Honors and served 27 years in the U.S. Army and National Guard, retiring during his second term in Congress.

He chairs the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and is a member of the House Oversight and Accountability Committee and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He serves on the House China Task Force.

# CHRISTIAN WHITEHURST

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- **⊘** Slowed the Growth
- 𝗭 Led Effort for 4 New Regional Parks
- **⊘** Increased Infrastructure
- **Solution** Protected Our Beaches
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#### **STATE SENATOR (DISTRICT 7)**

#### **GERRY JAMES** *REPUBLICAN*



Gerry James said he is running to legislate for the people of his district, not for big insurance, big development or trial attorneys.

"We must fix our insurance crisis, and I have a plan to do so. We must take the lead nationwide in voter election reform and security. This is not difficult, but we must have leaders with the courage and will to pass permanent voting legislation. We must secure our borders, airports, waterways and roads from illegal alien invasion ... We must replace the establishment do-nothing political class with patriots willing to fight for its citizen constituents."

#### DAVID SHOAR



David Shoar is a Gulf War veteran who began his career as a police officer in St. Augustine. He later became the city's chief of police and then was elected to serve as the St. Johns County sheriff for 16 years, from 2004 to 2020. Shoar was selected to serve as president of the Florida Sheriffs Association in 2014. Shoar retired from the Florida Army National Guard with the rank of major after a 24-year career. Shoar and his wife Laura live in St. Augustine.

**CLAY MURPHY** FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

#### **VOTE!** EARLY VOTING: AUGUST 10-17 PRIMARY ELECTION: AUGUST 20

- 39 Years in Law Enforcement in FL
  30+ Year Resident of Districts
- Local Businessman
- Non-Profit Board Leadership
- Conservative Christian Values



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#### TOM LEEK REPUBLICAN



"Thank you to Gov. DeSantis, Reps. Waltz and Mills, all four SD7 sheriffs and others for your strong endorsement of my candidacy. As a member of the state Senate, I will continue serving the people of Northeast Florida by establishing Florida as the most law enforcementfriendly state in the union, and by working on many of the recent conservative advances in school choice, economic development and important social issues that strengthen the family. I ask for your vote and thank you for participating in the political process to make our community and our state the freest in the nation."



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#### **VOTE** DR. MICHEL S. DR. MICHE

I WILL LISTEN TO YOUR CONCERNS! YOUR VOICE IS MY VOICE! I WILL BE YOUR VOICE AT THE STATE GOP MEETINGS! I WILL BE YOUR VOICE AT THE MEETINGS I ATTEND! I WILL GIVE YOU FEEDBACK! I WILL REPORT TO YOU ON EVERY STATE GOP MEETING I ATTEND! I WILL BE ON TIME!

I WILL FOLLOW THROUGH ON ST. JOHNS COUNTY ISSUES! I WILL WORK WITH OUR CITY AND COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR YOU!

I WILL SUPPORT THE AGENDA OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP! MICHELSPAWLOWSKI@OUTLOOK.COM (410) 271-6820 CELL 24/7

THE AD IS PAID FOR BY THE CAMPAIGN TO ELECT DR. MICHEL S. PAWLOWSKI FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY STATE COMMITTEEMAN, 109 KINGS QUARRY LANE, ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, FL 32080.

#### **STATE REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 18)**

#### KIM KENDALL REPUBLICAN



"FAA air traffic controller, small business owner, extensive work and endorsements at state and local levels — yes, these are all a part of who I am, but what makes me uniquely qualified is my heart and fight for this community.

"I have battled the establishment to protect our children, to protect our faith and to keep our community intact. I've gone toe-to-toe with developers and special interest groups who have tried unsuccessfully to make me go away.

"I have and will continue to fight for us. You can count on me to always show up and to never back down."

#### NICK PRIMROSE REPUBLICAN



"Growing up with a single mom, my American Dream was owning a home and creating a better future. I found that in St. Johns County. As a husband and father, I will support our law enforcement, keep our schools number 1, secure infrastructure funding and protect our natural resources. My experience as deputy general counsel for Governors Scott and DeSantis makes me the most qualified candidate to deliver results on day one. I am a proven conservative, endorsed by Sen. Rick Scott, state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, the FOP and PBA, and many trusted leaders. I humbly ask for your vote."

#### **STATE REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 19)**

#### DARRYL BOYER REPUBLICAN



Darryl Boyer, of Palm Coast, is a native of Flagler County. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida and a master's degree from Florida State University and is a business owner. He has served as a former travel aide to the Florida House speaker, staffer to the Florida House clerk and former legislative aide to state Rep. Webster Barnaby. Issues that he has identified as important include fighting illegal immigration, making Florida more affordable, keeping the economy strong and upholding conservative principles.

#### SAM GRECO REPUBLICAN



Sam Greco is a conservative Republican candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, District 19. He served as an active-duty JAG officer in the U.S. Navy from 2019 to 2024 and continues to serve in the U.S. Navy Reserve today. Greco said he is blessed to live in a state where the American Dream remains alive. He said he believes that Northeast Florida is the best place in America to raise a family, start a business and buy a home. In Tallahassee, he plans to continue his mission of service, deliver for District 19 and keep Florida free.



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#### Henry Dean's Conservative Record

- $\checkmark$  Proud Conservative Republican
- ✓ Supports Small Business & Economic Growth
- ✓ Stands with Our Veterans & First Responders
- $\checkmark$  Backs Our Tourism Industry
- ✓ Invested in Infrastructure to Fix Our Roads
- $\checkmark$  Held Developers Accountable
- $\sqrt{S}$ lowed the Growth

# St. Johns County early voting times, locations announced

Early voting for the Aug. 20 primary election will be available in St. Johns County between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily Aug. 10-17. The eight-day early voting period includes two Saturdays and one Sunday at the following locations:

• Ponte Vedra Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach

• Julington Creek Annex, 725 Flora Branch Blvd., St. Johns

• Silverleaf Amenity Center, 218 Silver Forest Drive, St. Augustine • Supervisor of Elections Office, 4455 Avenue A, Unit 101, St. Augustine • St. Augustine Beach City Hall, 2200

A1A South, St. Augustine

• Southeast Branch Library, 6670 U.S. 1 South, St. Augustine

• W.E. Harris Community Center, 400 E. Harris St., Hastings

The 2024 primary election is open to all registered voters in St. Johns County. Eligible voters may vote at any St. Johns County early-voting location during the early-voting period. Voters must present a current and valid photo and signature ID when voting in person. Voter information cards are not a valid form of identification when voting.

Go to votesjc.gov for a list of acceptable forms of ID.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed for this election is 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8. Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Aug. 20, to be counted.

Secure ballot intake stations are available inside all early voting locations between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily for voters to drop off completed vote-by-mail ballots. Vote-by-mail ballots can also be dropped off at the Elections Office, Monday through Friday during business hours.

Call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 904-823-2238 or go to votesjc.gov for additional information.

# St. Johns County School Board Candidates Forum is Aug. 8

The League of Women Voters of Jacksonville First Coast (LWVJFC) and the American Association of University Women — St. Augustine, Florida Branch (AAUW) are planning a St. Johns County School Board Candidate Forum on Aug. 8.

All candidates who have qualified to be on the ballot in the upcoming August primary election have confirmed their participation. The forum will be held at the St. Augustine Main Library, 1960 Ponce De Leon, St. Augustine, and will be divided into two segments as follows: District 2 from 5 to 5:30 p.m., and District 5 candidates from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

The host organizations encourage members of the public to attend, as there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates. Registration is encouraged at facebook.com/ events/s/st-johns-county-school-boardc/839391591374721.

School board members play a vital role in creating educational policy for school districts and hearing from the candidates directly is an important way to learn more about a candidate before voting.

This forum will provide the public

with the opportunity to hear the candidates' views on issues important to voters of St. Johns County School Districts 2 and 5.

"Voters often don't realize that local elections get decided in the primary election," said Lanelle Phillmon, President of the LWVJFC. "This is especially true in the St. Johns School Board race for District 2 where only two candidates are running. The candidate who wins the primary will become the District 2 representative on the School Board."

"AAUW is proud to co-sponsor this event as we support an informed electorate so that voters can make an educated choice when they cast their ballot," said Cathie Altman, president of the AAUW.

The forum will begin with opening remarks from the moderator. Each candidate will then make an opening statement followed by a question period, with questions from LWVJFC and AAUW as well as written questions from the audience.

The LWVJFC and the AAUW are nonpartisan organizations that promote participation of citizens in government. The LWVJFC and AAUW do not support any political parties or candidates.

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# **Residents get to know candidates at Chamber event**

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Meet the Candidates event at Solomon Calhoun Community Center in St. Augustine on July 31.









VOTE AUGUST 20TH (PAID FOR) Heather Harley-Davidson Republican For Trees Dist. 3, St Johns County Commission Candidate The <u>"Compromised"</u> are sacrificing

our quality of life by approving over development at a rate unsustainable Our schools, roads, emergency services are feeling the crunch & crowd. Enough is enough!









#### CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

#### DENVER COOK REPUBLICAN



Denver Cook of Ponte Vedra Beach is a veteran of Desert Storm, serving with U.S. Air Forces Europe, Air Training Command, Pacific Air Forces and Joint Service with Army, Navy and Marine Corps, according to his website. He was a founding member of the Joint Intelligence Center Pacific and served with U.S. Army Central Command intelligence staff during Desert Storm.

He has worked as a corrections officer at the Bucks County Prison and the County Community Corrections Center in Pennsylvania. He has been a board member for the PVPV/Rawlings PTO and is founding chair for the St. Johns County Poly-Drug Task Force.

#### **BRANDON PATTY**



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Brandon Patty is a devoted husband and father, dedicated Clerk and Comptroller, and proud U.S. Naval intelligence officer. He has fought to improve our legal system, securing an additional county judge in 2020. He launched the Property Fraud Notification and Prevention Campaign to combat white-collar crime and protect St. Johns residents. He has been recognized with the Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for four years and is committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility. Patty and his wife Brittney are raising their young boys in St. Johns. Brandon Patty is currently deployed overseas in service to our country.

#### SHERIFF

#### **ROB HARDWICK**



"I am Rob Hardwick — your St. Johns County Sheriff. Through community policing and use of technology, we have reduced violent crime by 10%, provided first-class customer service and utilized taxpayer dollars wisely.

I am a combat veteran who served 25 years in the U.S. Army and the Florida National Guard and 30 years in law enforcement.

My wife, Kendell, and I have been married for 33 years and have two adult sons.

I would be honored to earn your vote on Aug. 20 to continue serving as your Sheriff of St. Johns County."

#### **JIM PRIESTER**



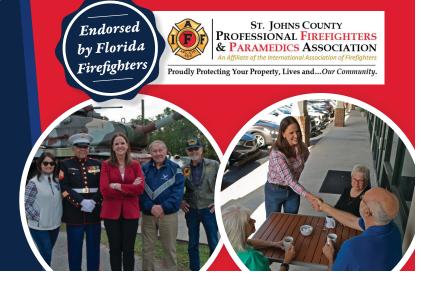
"I'm Jim Priester, a 27-year veteran of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and candidate for sheriff. As a fourth-generation Florida law enforcement officer, I will focus on fiscal responsibility, transparency and effective leadership. As your sheriff, I will host public safety town hall meetings to prioritize community engagement and safety. We'll maintain open communication on social media, respect free speech and post our budget quarterly for transparency. I've dedicated my life to serving St. Johns County and will always put the safety of your family and our community first. I'm proudly endorsed by the Trump Club of St. Johns."

#### MEET KIM KENDALL

Kim Kendall has been a local community leader and a strong advocate for education and parental rights in Florida for many years, chairing statewide literacy initiatives, working on stateappointed education task forces, and serving as state education chair for the Florida Federation of Republican Women.

**AND SHE'S A TRUE LOCAL:** Kim and her family have lived in St. Johns County for over 20 years!

- Served as an FAA Air Traffic Controller
- Owned Two Dry Cleaners
- Married to Her Husband, Kelly, for 30 Years and has Two Adult Children
- Grew up on Naval bases, including Guantánamo and the Philippines



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#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONER (DISTRICT 1)**

#### **ANN-MARIE EVANS** REPUBLICAN



"Our county is in decline. Make no mistake, this election will determine the future of St. Johns County. Having owned a thriving law firm (WA only) and served as a public records officer, I bring the skills necessary to slow the growth and fix our infrastructure while not raising taxes. Why is it that the wealthiest county in Florida is unable to fund infrastructure and support our teachers, police and firefighters? I know why, I've researched the last year and found unbelievable waste. Developer-funded PACs want you to believe blatant lies, I want you to know the truth."

#### WESTON FERGUSON

REPUBLICAN

Ferguson is a lifelong Republican and wants to protect what she believes makes St. Johns County so special. To do this she plans to find creative ways to end the practice of clear cutting and strive to protect the environment.

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She also wants to put a moratorium on development and promises to vote for a moratorium on growth in the county on day one in office.

Ferguson is an avid boater and beach enthusiast and wants to do what she can to protect the local waterways.

#### **CHRISTIAN WHITEHURST**



Christian Whitehurst is a small business owner and lifelong conservative Republican. He fought for St. Johns by eliminating wasteful spending and opposing new taxes, including the tree tax. He has also led the charge to use developer impact fees to fund road projects, new parks and libraries and fire stations. He fought to secure federal and state funding to ensure these projects did not use property tax dollars. He is a proud supporter of veterans and first responders and says he will "always fight to make sure we take care of the people who sacrifice so much for us."





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#### Jim's Experience and Leadership

- ★ 4th Generation Law **Enforcement Officer**
- ★ 27 Year Career at the St. Johns **County Sheriff's Office**
- ★ Began as Reserve Deputy and promoted through the
- ranks to Lieutenant ★ Experience in every agenc department including:
- ★ SWAT Team 13 Years
- ★ Dive Team 8 Years
- 🛨 Bomb Squad 6 Years













Jim and his wife, Paula, live in the southern part of St. Johns with their two horses and loyal pup Cadey. They enjoy attending services at the historical First Baptist Church of Hastings.

Paid by Jim Priester, Republican, for St. Johns County Sheriff.

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONER (DISTRICT 3)**

#### **ROY ALAIMO** REPUBLICAN



Roy Alaimo is a conservative Republican endorsed by Gov. Ron DeSantis. Alaimo has been a staunch advocate for limited government, lower taxes and protecting small businesses. Alaimo is committed to supporting veterans and first responders and is proud of the work he did to help the Veterans Village along with voting for four new fire stations paid for by developer impact fees. Born and raised in St. Johns, Alaimo is dedicated to protecting what makes the county the best place to live, work and raise a family.

#### MICHAEL MCDONALD

REPUBLICAN



"My name is Michael McDonald. I am thrilled to be on the ballot as an honest local to stand up and represent us. That is my goal, to represent the people instead of the powerful. Being born and raised here, I have gained intimate knowledge of our issues and ways to give logical solutions. My commitment is to St. Johns County, and that will never change. When elected, I will ensure our departments are fiscally responsible and bring transparency and accountability to our decisions. I hope to bring down the cost of living and bring up the quality of life."



**HEATHER HARLEY-DAVIDSON** 

Harley-Davidson, a resident of Ortega and Crescent Beach since 1970, graduated high school in 1982 and was a lifeguard for 15 years.

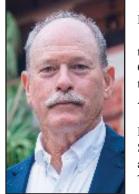
She received Associate of Art's Degree from St. Johns River Community College then UNF for a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology Construction Management and business minor.

She married Warren Michael of 23 years and has two children and five grandchildren.

Harley-Davidson owned Advanced Building Company of North Florida, Channel Marker 71 Barrier Island Inn & Restaurant, and A1A Crab Shack.

She is a licensed general contractor, real estate broker, award-winning artist in the St. Augustine Art Association.

#### **CLAY MURPHY**



A native of Kentucky, Clay Murphy was born in 1960. His family settled in Palatka in 1971.

After graduating from high school, Murphy worked for the Putnam County, and later the Jacksonville, Sheriff's Offices. In 1982, he joined the Florida Highway Patrol as a trooper, serving 26 years in that position. He moved to St. Augustine in 1991.

After retiring from the Florida Highway Patrol in 2008, Murphy and his wife became the owners of Sonny's BBQ in St. Augustine. Murphy is also co-owner and lead instructor at Ancient City Traffic School and Ancient City Motorcycle Training.

#### **HENRY DEAN** REPUBLICAN



Henry Dean is a conservative Republican who has dedicated many years to serving the people of St. Johns. From eliminating wasteful spending and keeping taxes low, he put the best interest of county residents first. He put more than 60,000 acres of land in St. Johns into conservation so it can never be developed. He led the charge to hold developers accountable by denying projects that did not meet his strict requirements of compatibility and infrastructure. He fought for the tourism industry, ensuring that small businesses are not burdened by government regulations to allow for a thriving local economy.

#### **JOHN HIGBEE III**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER (DISTRICT 5)** 

John Higbee III lists his address at Jacksonville. He did not respond to our inquiry.

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#### **ANN TAYLOR**



My first priority is to slow residential growth. The number of overcapacity roads has increased by 65% in four years. Our overcrowded schools have now dropped in the state ranking to number 2. This hurts our children's educations and will impact our property values.

Curbing wasteful spending in government will also be a top priority. As a fiscal conservative, I oppose any new taxes, contrary to the blatant lies about me in attack advertising that claim I'll raise taxes.

Preserving our quality of life while maintaining a vibrant economy is my goal.

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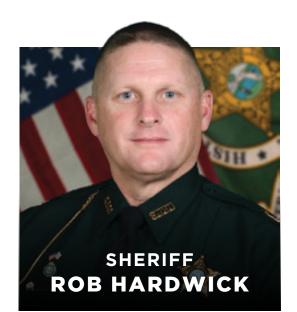
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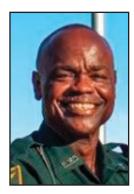
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### **VOTE TOM LEEK** IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY STATE SENATE DISTRICT 7

Paid by Tom Leek, Republican, for State Senate

#### SCHOOL BOARD (DISTRICT 2)

#### ANTHONY COLEMAN



Anthony Coleman graduated from Hastings High School, where he played varsity football and ran track and was the state champion for the 100-meter in 1982. After graduation, he completed the St. Augustine Technical Law Enforcement Academy and graduated from Vincennes University.

Coleman served as a deputy with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office for more than 30 years. For 20 years, he was a youth resource deputy, coach, mentor, teacher and role model to thousands of county children.

He was named Officer of the Year in 1999 and received the Guy White Award, the highest award given by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

#### FRANCIS'FRANK' CUMMINGS



"I'm running for the School Board in D2 to address the disconnect between what St. Johns County parents/taxpayers want versus what we're currently getting. My goal is to prioritize our children's education, ensure fiscal responsibility and advocate for higher teacher salaries. I believe in transparency, community involvement and having the courage to do what's right for our kids.

Thank you for considering me to represent you on the School Board for District 2, SJC."

#### SCHOOL BOARD (DISTRICT 5)

#### **LILIANA BRISTOW**



Bristow dedicated a decade to serving in the Air Force in the intelligence arena, where she honed her skills and discipline while earning her bachelor's in business with a focus on Labor Relations.

"I am a firm believer we all want the same thing: a better, brighter future for our kids. We want our kids to be safe. We want our kids to have happy, healthy childhoods. And, yes, of course, we want our district to be the best in the state. But that requires figuring out how to get there collaboratively, and that's why I'm getting into this race."

#### LYNN STRAUGHAN



Straughan's background in education, social work, and volunteerism is supported by strong civic leadership. She has expertise in nonprofit management, training, and fundraising. She has served as PTO President at Ketterlinus Elementary, is President of the St. Augustine Community School for Performing Arts and is the current President of Kids Bridge Family Visitation Center.

She is recognized with numerous awards, including the 2003-2004 St. Johns County School District Volunteer of the Year and 2018 Sertoma Person of the Year. Straughan aims to elevate educational standards and

foster community engagement in schools. She holds a BA in Sociology from Mercer University.



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#### **BETHANY HILBERT**



Hilbert is a married mom of two children in St. Johns County schools and a veteran teacher experienced in both educating students and providing training and mentorship to teachers.

She graduated from Flagler College in 2003 with a degree in Education and has since acquired multiple certifications and endorsements.

In 2020, she was recognized as Teacher of the Year at Ketterlinus Elementary School. She also serves on the School Advisory Committee and as the school's Robotics coach.

Hilbert is dedicated to putting students over politics by focusing on great teachers, safe schools, and a balanced shilbert for schoolboard com

budget. Her website is hilbertforschoolboard.com.

#### **LINDA THOMSON**



Linda Thomson lists her qualifications thus: 41 years of educational experience, including in Fairfax County, Virginia, where she was principal of Fairfax High School. In St. Johns County, she served as principal of Nease High School, and as director of curriculum. She has a doctorate in educational leadership from University of Houston and is qualified to be a school superintendent.

Her top issues: No indoctrination — back to basics with reading, writing and arithmetic; attracting and retaining quality educators (50 unfilled positions last year); engaging classroom instruction to prepare students for career or college; and district growth: buildings, portables, staffing, technology.

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- Republicans receive a Republican ballot
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Universal Primary Contests are the exception. There is one Universal Primary Contest on the 2024 Primary Election ballot: Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller (Rep). This contest is open to all voters and will appear on **all** ballots.

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The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed for the 2024 Primary Election is August 8 by 5 PM. Visit **www.votesjc.gov** or call the Elections Office to request your ballot.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by 7 PM on Election Day, August 20, to be counted.

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#### **Election Day**

To vote on Election Day, you must go to your assigned polling place between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

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#### STATE COMMITTEEWOMAN (REPUBLICAN)

#### AMY DEMI REPUBLICAN



"My goal and the duty of this position is to be a spokesperson for every Republican in St. Johns County, not just those associated with a particular club or group." Demi is a Constitutionalist; Local Chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus; organizer of many Republican events, including the Patriot Soup Cook-off; an experienced public speaker; a college instructor with a Science Degree in Biology and a Master's Degree in Education; and an active supporter of America First and Florida First candidates for many years.

#### TAMARA RENUART REPUBLICAN



Tamara Renuart is a fourth generation Florida native. She and husband Ronald "Doc" Renuart have seven children and 10 grandchildren.

She lists her qualifications thus: Republican Party of St. Johns County, vice chair 2020-22; Trump delegate to the Republican National Convention, 2020; St. Johns County state committeewoman, 2019-20; North Florida chairwoman, Republican Presidential Campaign, 2008; North Florida assistant director and grassroots coordinator, Republican Presidential Campaign, 2004; North Florida Outstanding Volunteer Award, 2006; legislative aide, Florida House of Representatives, 2004-12; delegate alternate, Republican National Convention, 2008; endorsed bythe Trump Club and The Conservative Coalition of St. Johns County.

#### KO ROBINS REPUBLICAN



Ko Robins said she was the only delegate at the RNC convention representing SJC — as a state committeewoman, this is her only job. This is a volunteer position. Her responsibilities include: Advocacy — Representing the interests and concerns of her community at the state level. Communication — Acting as a liaison between the local party members and the state party organization. Organizing — Assisting in organizing local events, campaigns and initiatives. Voting — Participating in state party meetings and voting on key issues, resolutions and party leadership. Supporting candidates — Helping to recruit and support candidates for office. Engagement — Encouraging community involvement and voter engagement.

#### **STATE COMMITTEEMAN (REPUBLICAN)**

#### MANUEL P. ASENSIO REPUBLICAN



Manuel P. Asensio of St. Augustine was born in Cuba and escaped the island as a child with his family two weeks after the Bay of Pigs confrontation in 1961. He grew up in Brooklyn and earned degrees from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School and Harvard University Business Graduate School. He is the founder of Asensio & Co., a FINRA and SEC registered investment firm. He ran for election in 2022 for the U.S. House of Representatives but did not prevail in the primary.

#### **STATE COMMITTEEMAN (REPUBLICAN)**

#### BILL MAC DOWELL REPUBLICAN



Bill Mac Dowell is a 25-year resident who says he loves this county and this country. He has spent 15 years working for the City of St. Augustine. As for the state committeeman position, he said, "My aim is to be a light in a dark world. Thank you."

#### DAVID OGBURN REPUBLICAN



David Ogburn is a resident of St. Johns, according to the Supervisor of Elections office. He did not respond to our inquiry.

#### MICHEL PAWLOWSKI REPUBLICAN



Qualifications: Proven leadership within the local St. Johns GOP, state and national level. Polish Coalition Coordinator for Donald J. Trump Campaign, 2016, 2020 and 2024.

Issues to address: "I will listen to your concerns, be your voice at state GOP meetings, give you feedback, be on time, address St. Johns County issues, work with city and county officials and support the agenda of President Donald J. Trump!" This position is not paid. It is voluntary.

#### TOM RIVERS REPUBLICAN



" I am a candidate for re-election to represent the Republicans of St. Johns County in the Republican Party of Florida. Having served in this capacity for several years I have developed relationships with Republican leaders all over Florida and consider myself a friend of the State Chairman Evan Power and Vice Chair Jesse Philips. I attend state party meetings quarterly and feel I am best equipped to help with local party issues in concert with state leaders."

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I am pleased to endorse Nick Primrose, a proven conservative Republican State House candidate in District 18. Nick was a valuable member of my general counsel's office when we fought federal COVID mandates and kept our schools and businesses open. I look forward to working with him again to keep Florida the freest state in the country when he represents St. Johns County in the Florida House."

# **GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS**



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