

Official General Election Ballot
November 08, 2016
Manatee County, Florida

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- **Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval (●) completely next to your choice. Use only the marking device provided or a black or blue pen.**
- **If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.**
- **To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval (●) and print the name clearly on the blank line provided for the write-in candidate.**

<p>President and Vice President (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump REP Michael R. Pence</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hillary Rodham Clinton DEM Timothy Michael Kaine</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gary Johnson LPF Bill Weld</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Darrell L. Castle CPF Scott N. Bradley</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Stein GRE Ajamu Baraka</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Roque (Rocky) De La Fuente REF Michael Steinberg</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>Supreme Court Justice</p> <p>Shall Judge Charles T. Canady of the Supreme Court be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Shall Judge Jorge Labarga of the Supreme Court be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Shall Judge Ricky L. Polston of the Supreme Court be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>District Court of Appeal</p> <p>Shall Judge Craig C. Villanti of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Shall Judge Douglas Alan Wallace of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>United States Senator (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Marco Rubio REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Patrick Murphy DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Paul Stanton LPF</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Basil E. Dalack NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tony Khoury NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Steven Machat NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bruce Nathan NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>District Court of Appeal</p> <p>Shall Judge John Badalamenti of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Shall Judge Marva L. Crenshaw of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Shall Judge Patricia J. Kelly of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Shall Judge Nelly N. Khouzam of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>School Board Member District 1 (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gina K. Messenger</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Edward G. Viltz</p>
<p>United States Representative District 16 (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Vern Buchanan REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jan Schneider DEM</p>	<p>Shall Judge Matt Lucas of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>School Board Member District 3 (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dave "Watchdog" Miner</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Misty Servia</p>
<p>County Commissioner District 7 (At-Large) (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Betsy Benac REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jack Richardson NPA</p>	<p>Shall Judge Robert Morris of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 1 Constitutional Amendment, Article X, Section 29 (Initiative)</p> <p>Rights of Electricity Consumers Regarding Solar Energy Choice</p> <p>This amendment establishes a right under Florida's constitution for consumers to own or lease solar equipment installed on their property to generate electricity for their own use. State and local governments shall retain their abilities to protect consumer rights and public health, safety and welfare, and to ensure that consumers who do not choose to install solar are not required to subsidize the costs of backup power and electric grid access to those who do.</p> <p>Financial Impact Statement: The amendment is not expected to result in an increase or decrease in any revenues or costs to state and local government.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>County Commissioner District 3 (Vote for 1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Steve Jonsson REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Matt Bower NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David L. Zaccagnino NPA</p>	<p>Shall Judge Stevan Travis Northcutt of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Shall Judge Samuel Salaro Jr. of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	

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**No. 2 Constitutional Amendment
Article X, Section 29
(Initiative)**

**Use of Marijuana for Debilitating
Medical Conditions**

Allows medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating medical conditions as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not immunize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.

Financial Impact Statement:

Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory costs and enforcement activities associated with the production, sale, use and possession of medical marijuana. Fees may offset some of the regulatory costs. Sales tax will likely apply to most purchases, resulting in a substantial increase in state and local government revenues that cannot be determined precisely. The impact on property tax revenues cannot be determined.

- Yes
- No

**No. 3 Constitutional Amendment
Article VII, Section 6, Article XII
(Legislative)**

**Tax Exemption for Totally and
Permanently Disabled First
Responders.**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize a first responder, who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty, to receive relief from ad valorem taxes assessed on homestead property, if authorized by general law. If approved by voters, the amendment takes effect January 1, 2017.

- Yes
- No

**No. 5 Constitutional Amendment
Article VII, Section 6, Article XII
(Legislative)**

**Homestead Tax Exemption for
Certain Senior, Low-Income,
Long-Term Residents;
Determination of Just Value.**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to revise the homestead tax exemption that may be granted by counties or municipalities for property with just value less than \$250,000 owned by certain senior, low-income, long-term residents to specify that just value is determined in the first tax year the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption. The amendment takes effect January 1, 2017, and applies retroactively to exemptions granted before January 1, 2017.

- Yes
- No

No. 6 County Referendum

**Half Cent Sales Surtax For Public
Infrastructure**

To provide for safer neighborhoods, reduce traffic congestion, and improve roadways and public facilities, shall Manatee County levy a half cent sales surtax for a period of fifteen years to fund roadways, sidewalks, intersections, street lights, infrastructure for law enforcement, emergency response, libraries, parks, waterways, public buildings and stormwater, all projects located exclusively in Manatee County, with citizen oversight?

- FOR the half cent sales tax
- AGAINST the half cent sales tax

**No. 7 County School Board
Referendum**

**Extending the Existing School
One Half Cent Sales Surtax for
Capital Outlay of Educational
Facilities**

Shall the Manatee County School Board extend the existing countywide one half cent sales surtax for fifteen additional years, from January 1, 2018, to ending on December 31, 2032, charging its Audit Committee with the oversight of the surtax, thereby maintaining revenues statutorily available to be used for capital expenditures to reduce overcrowding, reduce portable classrooms, renovate existing schools, build new schools where needed, purchase technology, and improve student safety and achievement.

- For the one half cent sales tax
- Against the one half cent sales tax

**No. 10 Town of Longboat Key
Density Referendum**

May the Town allow the contiguous properties known as Whitney Plaza as more fully identified and described in Manatee County Property Appraiser's parcel ID numbers 7803800007, 7805000051, and 7818700059 and comprising approximately five (5) acres (approximately 3.5 acres uplands), to increase density from C-2 commercial uses (which allows no density) to R-6MX residential use (which allows a maximum of six (6) units per acre)?

- YES - In Favor of
- NO - Against

**No. 11 Town of Longboat Key
Density Referendum**

May the Town allow the property located at 4134 Gulf of Mexico Drive and comprising approximately 0.874 acres, to increase residential density from zero (0) residential units per acre to a maximum of three (3) residential units per acre?

- YES - In Favor of
- NO - Against