

Don's Fan Ballot, version 4.0

(This new version comes after new and improved information came to light. I have made changes on Amendments 5 and 6 as well as the Air Boat Curfew and the DCA judges. If you have already used this to fill out your absentee ballot, accept my apologies. On the upside, my publication of this document promoted a lot of useful debate.)

Due to popular demand, I am providing my voting recommendations to those of you who have asked. Also, you may print them up and give them away!

US Senate: Marco Rubio We need all the fiscal conservatives we can get at this time.

Governor: Rick Scott I opposed him in the primary, but I will not vote for any candidate who supports Obama's policies.

Congress, District 3: Mike Yost I don't live in this district, but if I did, I would be ashamed to be represented by Corrine Brown.

Congress, District 6: Cliff Stearns I opposed him in the Primary, but his opponent is just too eccentric.

Attorney General: Pam Bondi

Chief Financial Officer: Jeff Atwater

Commissioner of Agriculture: Adam Putnam

State Senator, District 14: Steve Oelrich I remember when he was sheriff he gave money back to the county commission that he had not spent.

State House, District 11: Debbie Boyd Not my in district, but I met her during her 2006 campaign, and she is worth keeping.

State House, District 22: Keith Perry Also not in my district, but he is head and shoulders better than the other guy.

Florida Supreme Court Justices: Vote yes to retain Canady and Polston. Vote no to deny Labarga and Perry.

District Court of Appeals: NO to all. <http://www.tampabay.com/news/politics/article1126982.ece>.

County Commission, District 2: Jim Gabriel

County Commission, District 4: Susan Baird

School Board District 1: April Griffin

School Board District 5 Carol Oyenarte

Soil and Water Conservation District: Bryan Griffin

Constitutional Amendment 1: YES No public financing of campaigns. No spending limits. This leads to less information than we have already.

Constitutional Amendment 2: YES to homestead tax credit for deployed military personnel.

Constitutional Amendment 4: NO This amendment is an attempt to put comprehensive land use decisions on the ballot as needed. It keeps your elected officials from representing your interest and suppresses development.

Constitutional Amendment 5: NO When I find out that ACORN is for something, I get off the bus.

Constitutional Amendment 6: NO Same as 5 for Congressional districts.

Constitutional Amendment 8: YES Loosens the Class Size Amendment passed in 2002 by a few students per class. I was against that amendment because it was a “magic bullet” that would raise the cost of education by mandating more classrooms.

Non-binding Statewide advisory Referendum NO Meaningless straw poll on whether there should be an amendment to the US Constitution that demands a balanced budget without raising taxes. I don't believe in “magic bullets”. I believe in electing good representatives and firing bad ones.

County Question 1: NO Don't make it easier to put more ballot initiatives on the ballot. Just fire bad commissioners.

County Question 2: YES If the citizens have used the process to pass a law by referendum, the commissioners should not be able to easily overturn it.

County Question 3: YES I believe this keeps the county referenda from overriding municipal rights.

County Question 4: NO This is highly suspect monkey business, changing the definitions to get county officers out from under the Florida Constitution.

County Question 5: NO Different monkey, same business.

County Question 6: YES The monkey I can live with. We get non-partisan elections for Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Property Appraiser and Tax Collector.

Initiative Ordinance 1: NO This is the airboat ban from 7pm to 7am. As a homeowner on 39th Ave., I have reconsidered my position on this for a few reasons. 1)I don't live near a lake, and question whether this is any of my business. 2)This time is way too restrictive. 3)After talking to several people and hearing a really good discussion on Talk of the Town about this, I believe this is another case of NIMBYism, which I loathe.

This list of ballot recommendations comes to you from Don Marsh, candidate for Gainesville City Commission in 2011. For more information about Don, and ways that you can help, go to DonaldMarsh.com

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