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General Election

November 4, 2008 - Sample Ballot

ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE - Voted Absentee Ballots may be dropped off at any designated Early Voting Site that is operational prior to Election Day.
 Absentee Ballots **may not be dropped off at the polls**. If a voter decides to vote at the polls, the absentee ballot needs to be cancelled by the poll worker and the voter will be issued a replacement ballot.
 Voted Absentee Ballots **must be received** at the Supervisor of Elections office in DeLand by 7 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.

EARLY VOTING - Beginning October 20, 2008, and ending November 1, 2008, Volusia County registered voters may go to any one of five (5) sites in the county and cast their ballot prior to the General Election. Early Voting hours of operation are: Monday - Saturday; 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Locations are as follows:

DELAND AREA:
 Supervisor of Elections Office; 125 W. New York Avenue, 1st Floor

DELTONA AREA:
 Deltona Municipal Complex; 2345 Providence Boulevard

DAYTONA BEACH AREA:
 Daytona Beach Regional Library (City Island); 105 E. Magnolia Avenue

NEW SMYRNA BEACH AREA:
 New Smyrna Beach Regional Library; 1001 S. Dixie Freeway

ORMOND BEACH AREA:
 Ormond Beach Regional Library; 30 S. Beach Street

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

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(Vote for One)

John McCain REP
Sarah Palin

Barack Obama DEM
Joe Biden

Gloria La Riva PSL
Eugene Puryear

Chuck Baldwin CPF
Darrell Castle

Gene Amondson PRO
Leroy Pletten

Bob Barr LBT
Wayne A. Root

Thomas Robert Stevens OBJ
Alden Link

James Harris SWP
Alyson Kennedy

Cynthia McKinney GRE
Rosa Clemente

Alan Keyes AIP
Brian Rohrbough

Ralph Nader ECO
Matt Gonzalez

Brian Moore SPF
Stewart Alexander

Charles Jay BTP
John Wayne Smith

Write-In

CONGRESSIONAL

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
DISTRICT 7
(Vote for One)

John L. Mica REP
 Faye Armitage DEM

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
DISTRICT 24
(Vote for One)

Tom Feeney REP
 Suzanne M. Kosmas DEM
 Gaurav Bhola NPA

LEGISLATIVE

STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 1
(Vote for One)

Anthony C. "Tony" Hill, Sr. DEM
 Louis J. Tart CPF

STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 7
(Vote for One)

Evelyn Lynn REP
 Richard Paul Dembinsky NPA

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 21
(Vote for One)

Charles Van Zant REP
 Linda Myers DEM

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 26
(Vote for One)

Pat Patterson REP
 Barry Flynn DEM

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 27
(Vote for One)

Dwayne L. Taylor DEM
 Maureen Monahan NPA

LEGISLATIVE
Continued from previous column.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 28
(Vote for One)

Dorothy L. Hukill REP
 William Smalley DEM

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 33
(Vote for One)

Sandra "Sandy" Adams REP
 Robert Acosta DEM
 Franklin Perez NPA

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Shall Justice Charles T. Wells of the Supreme Court be retained in office?
 YES
 NO

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
Shall Judge Kerry I. Evander of the Fifth District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
 YES
 NO

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
Shall Judge C. Alan Lawson of the Fifth District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
 YES
 NO

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
Shall Judge William David Palmer of the Fifth District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
 YES
 NO

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
Shall Judge Thomas D. Sawaya of the Fifth District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
 YES
 NO

NONPARTISAN COUNTY

SHERIFF
(Vote for One)

Ben F. Johnson
 Kevin N. Vaughn

PROPERTY APPRAISER
(Vote for One)

Morgan B. Gilreath, Jr.
 Ruth M. Zimmerman

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
(Vote for One)

Ann McFall
 Susan Rose Pyncheon

COUNTY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 2
(Vote for One)

Nancy Epps
 Joshua J. Wagner

VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
GROUP 1
(Vote for One)

Gordon Currie
 Mary Preatte

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED AT THE PRECINCTS/EARLY VOTING SITES

Prior to voting, the voter shall be required to present one of the following current and valid picture identifications, as listed below.

Florida Driver's License
Florida ID Card (issued by DMV)
U.S. Passport
Military ID

Student ID
Neighborhood Association ID
Retirement Center ID
Public Assistance ID
Debit/Credit Card

If the picture identification does not contain the signature of the voter, an additional identification that provides the voter's signature shall be required. If the voter fails to furnish the required identification, he or she shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

NONPARTISAN COUNTY
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VOLUSIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
GROUP 4
(Vote for One)

H. Alan Burton
 Don Kanfer

WEST VOLUSIA HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
GROUP A, SEAT 1
(Vote for One)

John D. Adams
 Tracy Lunquist

WEST VOLUSIA HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
GROUP A, SEAT 2
(Vote for One)

Teresa K. Apgar
 William C. Hall

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Continued from previous column.

NO. 4
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3 AND 4
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 28

Property Tax Exemption of Perpetually Conserved Land; Classification and Assessment of Land Used for Conservation

Requires Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or other perpetual conservation protections, defined by general law. Requires Legislature to provide for classification and assessment of land used for conservation purposes, and not perpetually encumbered, solely on the basis of character or use. Subjects assessment benefit to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions established by general law. Applies to property taxes beginning in 2010.

YES
 NO

NO. 2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, NEW SECTION

Florida Marriage Protection Amendment

This amendment protects marriage as the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife and provides that no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized. The direct financial impact this amendment will have on state and local government revenues and expenditures cannot be determined, but is expected to be minor.

YES
 NO

NO. 3
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3 AND 4
ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

Changes and Improvements Not Affecting the Assessed Value of Residential Real Property

Authorizes the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit consideration of changes or improvements to residential real property which increase resistance to wind damage and installation of renewable energy source devices as factors in assessing the property's value for ad valorem taxation purposes. Effective upon adoption, repeals the existing renewable energy source device exemption no longer in effect.

YES
 NO

NO. 8
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9

Local Option Community College Funding

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require that the Legislature authorize counties to levy a local option sales tax to supplement community college funding; requiring voter approval to levy the tax; providing that approved taxes will sunset after 5 years and may be reauthorized by the voters.

YES
 NO

CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES REFERENDA

AMENDMENT TO DAYTONA BEACH SHORES CHARTER FOR HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES AND ANTIQUATED PROVISIONS

Shall the Charter be amended to state Council/Manager form of government; special meetings with forty-eight hours notice; meetings held at Council Chambers; Council Minutes shall be arranged for electronic recording; the City shall have an Executive Department; update the duties and responsibilities of the City Attorney; eliminate the Primary Election; eliminate City Canvassing Board; delete section 6.07 Election Regulations and 6.08 Judge of Qualifications?

YES
 NO

AMENDMENT TO DAYTONA BEACH SHORES CHARTER FOR UPDATING PERSONNEL AND PURCHASING MATTERS

Shall the Charter be amended to eliminate budget adoption and amendments by ordinance; establish City Manager Severance pay by contract; eliminate Article V Civil Service; increase minimum bid threshold to \$25,000; authorize council to award contracts to the lowest responsible responsive bidder; and clarify general obligation debt issues requiring voter approval?

YES
 NO

AMENDMENT TO DAYTONA BEACH SHORES CHARTER REGARDING COMPOSITION AND COMPENSATION

Shall the Charter be amended to remove term limits, allowing the voters to keep persons in office if they choose and to allow the Council to establish a salary and expense allowance for the Mayor/Council Member?

YES
 NO

CITY OF DEBARY

MAYOR
(Vote for One)

George Coleman
 Bob Garcia

COUNCIL MEMBER
SEAT 3
(Vote for One)

"Van" Conoley
 Mark A. Meister

REFERENDUM

AMENDMENT CHANGING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM 3 YEARS TO 4 YEARS

A vote of "yes" would approve a Charter amendment changing the terms of office for City council members from three (3) years to four (4) years to be effective commencing with City council members elected to terms of office beginning in January of 2009 for council seats 3, 4, and 5, and City Council members elected to terms of office beginning in January of 2011 for council seats 1 and 2.

YES
 NO

CITY OF DELAND REFERENDUM

AMENDMENT TO DELAND'S CHARTER SCHEDULING ELECTION DATES TO COINCIDE WITH FLORIDA ELECTION CODE

Shall DeLand's Charter be amended to create economic efficiencies and increase voter turn-out by changing election dates and qualifying dates to even-numbered years in order for municipal elections to coincide with federal, state and county elections?

YES
 NO

CITY OF DELTONA REFERENDA

CREATION OF CITY OF DELTONA'S POLICE DEPARTMENT

Should the City of Deltona establish its own Police Department and terminate its agreement with Volusia County Sheriff Office?

YES
 NO

CHANGES TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

Should the Charter establish a six month residency requirement for candidates for Mayor or Commissioner and provide for a qualifying fee in lieu of the signature requirement?

YES
 NO

CHANGE IN COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND COMMISSION

Should the Mayor and Commissioners be compensated in an amount equivalent to that of other comparable Florida cities, to be set by Ordinance?

YES
 NO

APPOINTMENT OR REMOVAL OF CHARTER OFFICERS BY SUPERMAJORITY

Should Charter Officers only be appointed or removed by a supermajority of the full Commission?

YES
 NO

QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF CITY MANAGER

Should education be a factor in choosing a City Manager and should the City Manager be given the additional duties of assisting the Commission with developing long term goals and strategies for the City, providing staff support for regional and intergovernmental cooperation and submitting reports to the Commission, and promoting partnerships among the Commission, staff and citizens in developing policy and building a sense of community?

YES
 NO

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR IN-HOUSE CITY ATTORNEY

Should an in-house City Attorney be required to establish residency within the City and have full managerial authority over employees in the City Attorney's Office?

YES
 NO

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF CITY'S CANVASSING BOARD

Should the Canvassing Board be increased from two to three members, who are not elected officials or running for office and who remain neutral in all political activity in the current Municipal City Election?

YES
 NO

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF CITY'S CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Should the Charter Review Advisory Committee be increased from five members to seven members to coincide with the number of elected officials?

YES
 NO

DECREASE IN NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR CITIZEN INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Should the number of signatures required for Citizen Initiative and Referendum be reduced from 25% of registered voters to 10% of the total registered voters?

YES
 NO

CITY OF EDGEWATER REFERENDA

TRANSITION TO ELECTIONS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

The City Charter provides for elections in odd-numbered years for the mayor and council members. This Charter amendment provides for elections in even-numbered years, with terms beginning in December, consistent with Volusia County. As a result of this transition to elections in even-numbered years, the terms of the currently seated mayor and council members shall be extended for a period of one year and one month.

Shall the above-described Charter amendment be adopted?

YES
 NO

APPOINTMENT OF VOLUSIA COUNTY AS CANVASSING BOARD FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

Shall the Charter be amended to eliminate Canvassing activity is presently conducted by the City. The City Charter does not govern canvassing activity. This amendment would appoint, by Charter, Volusia County to conduct all canvassing activity for the City for general elections in even-numbered years.

Shall the above-described Charter amendment be adopted?

YES
 NO

DELETION OF THIRTY-FIVE FOOT BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTION FROM CITY CHARTER

Section 1.01(a)(1) of the City Charter provides for a city-wide building height restriction of thirty-five (35) feet. The City Land Development Code provides for certain building height restrictions according to zoning category. This Charter amendment deletes the city-wide building height restriction from the City Charter.

Shall the above-described Charter amendment be adopted?

YES
 NO

ONE DWELLING UNIT PER 20 ACRES PERMITTED FOR LANDS WEST OF INTERSTATE-95, VARIANCE PROCEDURE PROVIDED

Amend Charter to permit one dwelling unit per 20 acres for lands west of I-95 within the city. Provides a variance procedure requiring preparation of an environmental and fiscal impact study; notice and public hearing; dwellings presently exceeding the density restriction may be repaired to same number of dwellings; prohibits alterations that would cause dwellings to exceed the permitted density; not intended to restrict a property owner's vested rights; repeals conflicting ordinances; effective upon adoption?

YES
 NO

CITY OF LAKE HELEN

CITY COMMISSIONER
ZONE 2
(Vote for One)

Vernon Burton
 Alan "Cookie" Cooke

CITY COMMISSIONER
ZONE 4
(Vote for One)

Louis T. Benton III
 Cameron Lane

TOWN OF PIERSON REFERENDUM

CHANGING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS

Shall the Town Charter be amended to require four (4) year staggered Council terms and four (4) year Mayor terms to be implemented commencing with the 2008 Regular Town Election and Seats 4 and 5 extended to the 2010 Regular Town Election?

YES
 NO

CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH REFERENDUM

USE OF CITY PROPERTY ON THE NORTH CAUSEWAY

The City of New Smyrna Beach should sell or lease the 4 acres of land it owns at 120 North Causeway for the highest and best private use providing the greatest proceeds to the City for general governmental use when the land is no longer needed for municipal purposes.

YES
 NO

CITY OF OAK HILL

MAYOR
(Vote for One)

Darla A. Lauer
 Mike Thompson

CITY COMMISSIONER
SEAT 4
(Vote for One)

Linda C. Hyatt
 Ron Mercer

REFERENDUM

TERM OF MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS

Shall the term of office of City Commissioner and Mayor be 4 years?

YES
 NO

CITY OF ORMOND BEACH SPECIAL REFERENDA ELECTION

QUESTION 1: SHALL SECTION 7.01, MAXIMUM HEIGHT LIMITS, OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD EXCEPTIONS?

The proposed amendment would exempt from the 75-foot height limit, multi-family and non-residential buildings taller than 75 feet that existed on November 14, 2006, and the only development order that was approved before November 14, 2006, for the construction of a multi-family building taller than 75 feet; allow the maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction of those buildings to the same height and building footprint; and protect vested rights of landowners.

YES
 NO

QUESTION 2: SHALL SECTION 3.03 AND 6.02 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED?

The proposed amendments would increase and stagger the terms of office from two (2) years to four (4) years for the four (4) city commissioners who are elected from zones. The term of office for the mayor would remain two (2) years.

YES
 NO

QUESTION 3: SHALL SECTION 5.06 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED?

The proposed amendment would require candidates to run against each other in a "regular election" in November of each even-numbered year; the candidate receiving the most votes in said election shall be declared the winner without the need for a run-off election; and the outcome of a tie vote shall be decided by lot.

YES
 NO

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YES
 NO

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.



Legislative Candidates continued in next column.

Nonpartisan County Candidates continued in next column.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments continued in next column.