

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Volusia County Democratic Party

1	NO	A homestead property tax cut that deprives cities and counties of the revenue they need and makes property taxes more regressive by creating a new exemption that applies only to homes appraised over \$100,000.
2	NO	Makes permanent a limit on property tax increases for commercial and rental property and vacation homes that would be better dealt with outside the constitution.
3	YES	Prohibits casino gambling: the Democratic Party has not taken a position.
4	YES	Restores the right to vote to Floridians convicted of a felony who completed their sentence (excluding murder and sex crimes). Florida has more former felons banned from voting than any other state, and is 1 of only 4 states that take away voting rights permanently. Our voting ban is the worst voter suppression measure in the country.
5	NO	Prohibits any new tax, increased tax, or removal of tax exemption without approval by a 2/3 majority of both houses of the Legislature and the Governor, making it virtually impossible to fix our current arbitrary and regressive tax laws that starve government of the revenue needed to solve our problems.
6	NO	(Multi-issue) Purports to create victim rights that are already protected. Pressures judges to rush criminal cases, which will lead to more wrongful convictions and make it harder to exonerate the wrongly convicted. Increases the mandatory retirement age of judges from 70 to 75, but does so in a way that will lead to more trial judges appointed by the governor and fewer elected by the voters.

7	NO	(Multi-issue) Makes it harder for universities to raise money from fees, and singles out certain government employees for special benefits.
8	NO	Charter Schools: Removed from the ballot by the Florida Supreme Court.
9	YES	(Multi-issue) Prohibits offshore oil and gas drilling out to the limit of state jurisdiction, an important step toward protecting our waters and beaches. Prohibits indoor vaping.
10	NO	(Multi-issue) The most important proposal in this amendment would take away the power of charter counties to choose their own government structure.
11	YES	(Multi-issue) The most important proposal in this amendment would make it possible for the Legislature to lessen the punishment for crimes already committed, even for people in prison.
12	NO	Bans for 6 years lobbying by former state and local agency heads and elected officials - pretends to root out corruption but actually ignores the main sources of corruption – campaign donations and the business interests of elected officials – and instead attacks the ability of former public servants to make a living.
13	YES	Bans dog racing and gambling on dog races. Animal rights advocates have long decried the cruelty to greyhounds inherent in being trained and kept for racing. Slot machines and poker rooms now allowed at dog racing venues would still be allowed.

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