


Informed Voters' Guide to the Amendments

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 **The 12 amendments on your ballot in plain language**

Progress Florida League of Women Voters of Florida Common Cause Florida Florida National Organization for Women National Council of Jewish Women - Florida Sierra Club Florida Florida Education Association FL Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates For Our Future Florida ACLU of Florida

- AMENDMENT 1**
Small property tax break for some owners of more expensive homes, likely higher tax rates for all or big cuts to local programs
- AMENDMENT 2**
Makes permanent a 10% cap on tax increases for non-homestead property
- AMENDMENT 3**
Requires a citizen led constitutional amendment to approve new casino gambling
- AMENDMENT 4**
Restores the eligibility to vote to Floridians with felony convictions who've completed their full sentence, excluding murder and sexual offenses
- AMENDMENT 5**
Requires an almost impossible 2/3 legislative vote to end tax breaks for big corporations or for the state to pay for improving schools or emergency responses to weather or environmental crises
- AMENDMENT 6**
Removes constitutional protections for the accused; expands already existing constitutional protections for victims; and creates constitutional rights for corporations in our criminal justice system


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AMENDMENT 1	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO		NO	
AMENDMENT 2		NO		NO						
AMENDMENT 3	YES	YES								
AMENDMENT 4	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
AMENDMENT 5	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
AMENDMENT 6		NO		NO	NO			NO		NO

YES = support, NO = oppose

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AMENDMENT 7
Requires universities' governing bodies to get supermajority approval from their members to increase student fees or impose new ones

	NO		NO			NO			
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AMENDMENT 9
Protects Florida's coasts by banning oil drilling in Florida's near-shore waters; bans vaping inside workplaces

YES	YES		YES	YES	YES				
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AMENDMENT 10
Requires all Florida counties to elect all constitutional officers, even if their local charters as approved by local citizens and policy-makers have chosen not to

	NO		NO	NO					
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AMENDMENT 11
Repeals obsolete provisions including a discriminatory ban on certain Floridians owning property; allows for criminal justice reforms to apply retroactively

YES			YES	YES					YES
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AMENDMENT 12
Helps end the revolving door between public officials & powerful lobbying firms

YES		YES	NO						
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AMENDMENT 13
Phases out commercial greyhound racing by 2020

	YES		YES						
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Amendment Information — click on Amendment # to go more in-depth

Amendment 1

Would give some owners of more expensive homes a small tax cut but at the same time would cut an estimated \$645 million from local governments. Passage would likely result in higher taxes for all or significant cuts to fire and police services, environmental protection, health care, public art, affordable housing programs and more.

OPPOSED BY: Progress Florida, Florida NOW, League of Women Voters of Florida (LWVFL), National Council of Jewish Women Florida (NCJWFL) Sierra Club Florida, For Our Future Florida, Florida Education Association

Amendment 2

Makes permanent an already existing cap of 10 percent on annual property value increases for non-homestead property such as vacation homes, investment, and commercial properties.

OPPOSED BY: LWVFL, Florida NOW

Amendment 3

Ensures that people, not politicians, control decisions about casino gambling in Florida. This amendment would require a constitutional amendment, through a citizen initiative only, for any new casino gambling in Florida.

SUPPORTED BY: Progress Florida, LWVFL

Amendment 4

Restores the eligibility to vote to Floridians who have done their time and paid their debt – including parole, probation, and restitution. These are our family members, friends, and neighbors who have earned the opportunity to participate in and give back to their communities.

SUPPORTED BY: Progress Florida, LWVFL, Florida NOW, NCJWFL, Equality Florida, NAACP Florida, New Florida Majority, Sierra Club Florida, FL Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates (FAPPA) ACLU of Florida, Common Cause FL, For Our Future Florida, Florida Conservation Voters, Florida Education Association

Amendment 5

Requires an almost impossible 2/3 legislative vote to end tax breaks for big corporations or for the state to pay for improving schools or emergency responses to weather or environmental crises. Severely restricts the ability of the state to invest in critical areas including high-quality public schools, affordable health care, modernized roads and transit, environmental protection and affordable housing, to name a few.

OPPOSED BY: Progress Florida, LWVFL, Florida NOW, NCJWFL, Sierra Club Florida, FAPPA, For Our Future Florida, Florida Education Association

Amendment 6

Expands the scope of victims' rights in our constitution and broadens the definition of victim to include corporate entities and financial offenses, and thus creates for the first time constitutional rights for corporations in our criminal justice system. Additionally, it eliminates an existing constitutional protection that ensures that the rights of the accused are not interfered with. It is bundled with raising the judicial retirement age and abolishing judicial deference to state agencies.

OPPOSED BY: LWVFL, FAPPA, Florida NOW, NCJWFL, ACLU of FL

Amendment 7

Creates an onerous supermajority requirement for universities to impose new or increase existing student fees; enshrines in the Florida Constitution guidelines for the State College System; mandates that employers or the state pay a death benefit to first responders and members of the military killed in the line of duty.

OPPOSED BY: LWVFL, Florida NOW, Florida Education Association

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Amendment 8 was removed from the ballot by the Florida Supreme Court

Amendment 9

Protects Florida's world famous coastline and beaches by prohibiting oil drilling in Florida's state waters. Also, protects indoor air quality by including tobacco vaping in the existing prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces.

SUPPORTED BY: Progress Florida, LWVFL, NCJWFL, Florida NOW, Sierra Club Florida

Amendment 10

Bundles multiple subjects together, but most notably this amendment would force all Florida counties to elect the positions of sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections and clerk of courts, even if their local charters as approved by local citizens and policy-makers have chosen not to.

OPPOSED BY: LWVFL, Florida NOW, NCJWFL

Amendment 11

Bundles multiple subjects together: repeals a nearly century-old, discriminatory provision that allowed the Florida Legislature to restrict the property rights of non-citizens; allows for criminal justice reforms to apply retroactively, thus allowing for ameliorative sentencing reforms to apply to incarcerated individuals serving lengthy sentences that the legislature determines are not warranted; deletes obsolete language.

SUPPORTED BY: Progress Florida, NCJWFL, ACLU of Florida, Florida NOW

Amendment 12

Helps end the revolving door between public officials and lobbying firms by expanding from two to six years the time that many public officials would have to wait before they could lobby state government, or his or her previous agency or governing body.

SUPPORTED BY: Progress Florida, Common Cause FL
OPPOSED BY: Florida NOW

Amendment 13

Bans wagering on all types of dog racing, notably greyhound racing, to be phased in effective Dec. 31, 2020. Passage of this amendment would allow dog tracks to continue offering other types of gambling.

SUPPORTED BY: LWVFL, Florida NOW

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