



Your **2026 General Election** Democratic Voting Guide

United States Senator

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Representative in Congress – District 5

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State Rep FL-18

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State Rep FL-19

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State Rep FL-20

Lee Butler

All races in this column are Non-Partisan

School Board - D4

Jillian Tozer

City of St. Augustine Commission - Seat 5

Matt Brown

Anastasia Mosquito Control District

Sandra Fein - Seat 2

Jason Smith - Seat 4

St. Johns County Airport Authority

Sean Collins Hess - Group 3

St. Augustine Port, Waterway and Beach Commission

Melanie Neale - Group 1

JCP CDD - Seat 1

Zachary Malamud

Judicial Retention — “Shall ... be retained in office?”

NO Justice Carlos G. Muñoz *Florida Supreme Court*

Why NO on Muñoz: He joined the Florida Supreme Court’s 2024 ruling that the Florida Constitution’s privacy protections do not include a right to abortion, receding from decades of Florida precedent that had recognized that protection.

Three Easy Ways to Vote!

Vote by Mail:

Complete your Ballot right away and mail it in. Sign the envelope like your Driver’s License. Track your ballot at VoteSJC.gov. Your ballot must reach the SOE by 7pm on Election Day to count.

Vote Early:

October 21 - 31
8am - 6pm

See VoteSJC.gov
for Voting locations

Vote on Election Day:

November 3rd
7am — 7pm

At your precinct only.
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voting location.

Important Dates:

October 5: Last Day for Voter Registration

October 22: Vote-by-Mail Request Deadline, at SOE by 5pm

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Ballot Amendments & County Referendum

Amendment 1 — VOTE NO ✖

Budget Stabilization Fund

Florida should maintain strong reserves for hurricanes and recessions, and it already does. We don't need to lock \$750 million a year into the Constitution. Florida has more than \$14 billion in reserves. Budget decisions should balance saving for emergencies with the needs Floridians face now. Every dollar frozen in the Constitution is a dollar not going to schools, insurance relief or storm recovery.

Amendment 2 — VOTE NO ✖

Tangible Personal Property on Agricultural Land

We support Florida's farmers, but Amendment 2 gives a permanent constitutional tax exemption to agricultural businesses regardless of their size or need, while taking about \$31 million a year from local governments and schools. Florida can provide targeted relief to working farms without creating another permanent property-tax exemption.

Amendment 3 — VOTE NO ✖

Don't cut the local revenue that pays for police, fire, EMS, roads, parks and libraries.

On your ballot as: Increased Homestead Exemption; Lower Cap on Increases in Non-Homestead Property Assessments

While qualifying homesteaded homeowners would get a break on their property-tax bill, the deputies, firefighters and paramedics who answer your 911 call — and the roads, parks and libraries your family uses every week — still have to be paid for. According to the Florida Association of Counties, Amendment 3 would **reduce St. Johns County property-tax revenue by approximately \$102.5 million** by FY 2028-29. The amendment itself **does not appropriate a single dollar to replace that lost revenue**, leaving St. Johns County to make up the difference with higher fees, other taxes, fewer services, or all three. It also writes a separate, valuable tax advantage for commercial and other non-homestead property into the Florida Constitution by cutting their annual assessment-growth cap from 10% to 5%. A lower property-tax bill is not real relief if your household ends up paying more everywhere else. There is a better path: the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, charged with evaluating Florida's tax structure, is already scheduled to convene in 2027. Reform of this magnitude belongs in that vetted, deliberative process — not locked into our Constitution by a measure rushed to the ballot.

Slower response times. Deteriorating roads. New fees. Vote NO on 3.

St. Johns County Referendum — VOTE YES ✔

Protect our water, wildlife, farms and forests.

On your ballot as: St. Johns County General Obligation Bonds to Conserve Land, Natural Resources, Farms and Forests

The referendum would authorize St. Johns County to issue up to \$100 million in general obligation bonds to acquire and manage lands for conservation. Eligible projects include lands that protect water quality, drinking-water resources, working farms, forests, coastal areas, wildlife habitat, and provide outdoor recreation. Each potential project would be vetted through a transparent process that includes two public meetings of the county's citizen conservation board and a third public meeting before the Board of County Commissioners.



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