

Stephen and Maureen Guffanti's SARASOTA County Endorsements for the Nov 6 2018 General Election

Please read, use and share. This is such an important election at the state level I urge you to send to everyone you know in Florida so they have the statewide recommendations.

Below is wording you can send to your contacts:

Stephen and Maureen Guffanti, longtime conservative Christian political activists who have vetted candidates for tea parties in CA and Florida, led the vetting research team of volunteers for Tea Party Manatee. The statewide races include vetting done by others in our volunteer team.

Maureen Guffanti writes: Each election we do thorough research to learn the pros and cons of the candidates. As Christians we look for candidates who uphold Christian values like pro-life, and who uphold our Constitutional rights and freedoms, including limited government (resulting in lower taxes and less spending!)

We present our **Sarasota** County endorsements and recommendations below. Let us know if you have questions. Call Steve Guffanti at 760-613-8617.

See **CANDIDATES** documented detail: <https://teapartymanatee.org/node/182>

For **AMENDMENTS** see <https://www.teapartymanatee.org/node/174>

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US Senate: Rick Scott

Governor: Ron DeSantis

US Rep Dist 16: Vern Buchanan

US Rep Dist 17: Greg Steube

Attorney General: Ashley Moody

CFO: Jimmy Patronis

Ag Commissioner: Matt Caldwell

State Senate Dist 23: Joe Gruters

Representative Dist 72: **Ray Pilon**

Representative Dist 74: **James Buchanan**

Board of County Commissioners Dist 2: **Christian Ziegler**

Board of County Commissioners Dist 4: **Maio (R) / Beggs (D) No recommendation**

Charter Review Board Dist 1: **Neil Rainford**

Charter Review Board Dist 2: **Richard Dorfman**

Charter Review Board Dist 5: **Deborah LaPinska**

Hospital Board CD Seat 2: **Joe DeVirgillio (R) recommended by Sarasota Co GOP**

Hospital Board CD Seat 1: **Jim Meister (R) recommended by Sarasota Co GOP**

Retain Justice Alan Lawson? **YES**

Retain Judges? **NO on all**

County Bond Referendum: **General Obligation Bonds for Legacy Trail Extension: NO.**

This raises taxes; we ask our officials to live within their means. The Republican Party of Sarasota County makes no recommendation.

County Charter Amendment: **Process for Citizen Initiated Petitions to be placed on the Ballot: NO**

County Charter Amendment: **Amendment Proposals to be Placed on Next Gen'l Election Only: YES**

County Charter Amendment: **Reacquire Siesta Key Beach Rd as Public Right of Way: NEUTRAL**

Co Charter Amendment: **Preserve County-owned Parks, Preserves, Beach and Water Access: YES**

County Charter Amendment: **Change County Commission Elections to Single-Member Districts: NO**

Constitutional Amendments: _____

Amendment 1: **Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption YES**

Amendment 2: **Limitations on Property Tax Assessments YES**

Amendment 3: **Voter Control of Gambling in Florida NO**

Amendment 4: **Voting Restoration Amendment NO**

Amendment 5: **Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees YES**

Amendment 6: **Rights of Crime Victims; Judges NO**

Amendment 7: **First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities NO**

Amendment 9: **Ban Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Ban Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces NO**

Amendment 10: **State and Local Government Structure and Operation NO**

Amendment 11: **Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes NO**

Amendment 12: **Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers YES**

Amendment 13: **Ends Dog Racing (misleading title) NO**

Other Various District, City, County or other Measures: No recommendation on these issues affecting limited areas.

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