

# West Central Florida Federation of Labor

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*Union members from numerous local unions participated in the West Central Florida Federation of Labor's candidate screenings. They spent long hours interviewing candidates and getting their viewpoints on issues that concern working families. We encourage your support of the following candidates who have demonstrated their support of workers and will appear on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008:*

### RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES – NOVEMBER 4, 2008

#### US President ..... Barack Obama (D)

##### Citrus County:

Sheriff..... Jeff Dawsey (D) (I)  
County Comm, District 1..... Bernie Leven (D)

##### DeSoto County:

US Congress, District 13..... Christine Jennings (D)  
Florida House, District 72..... Judy Juliano (D)  
Public Defender ..... Adam Tebrugge (D)  
County Comm, District 3..... Tod Backer (R)

##### Hardee County:

US Congress, District 13..... Christine Jennings (D)  
Florida Senate, District 17..... Scott Thompson (D)

##### Hernando County:

County Comm, District 3..... Diane Rowden (D) (I)  
County Comm, District 5..... Christopher Kingsley (D) (I)

##### Highlands County:

US Congress, District 16..... Tim Mahoney (D) (I)  
Florida Senate, District 17..... Scott Thompson (D)

##### Hillsborough County:

US Congress, District 9..... Bill Mitchell (D)  
US Congress, District 11..... Kathy Castor (D) (I)  
US Congress, District 12..... Douglas Tudor (D)  
Florida House, District 55..... Darryl Rouson, (D) (I)  
Florida House, District 57..... Yvonne Yolie-Capin (D)  
Property Appraiser..... Rob Turner (R) (I)  
Supervisor of Elections..... Phyllis Busansky (D)  
Tax Collector ..... Doug Belden (R) (I)  
County Comm, District 6..... Kevin Beckner (D)  
School Board, District 7..... Stephen Gorham (NPA)

##### Manatee County:

US Congress, District 11..... Kathy Castor (D) (I)  
US Congress, District 13..... Christine Jennings (D)  
Florida House, District 55..... Darryl Rouson, (D) (I)  
Florida House, District 69..... Keith Fitzgerald (D) (I)  
Florida Senate, District 23..... Morgan Bentley (D)  
Public Defender ..... Adam Tebrugge (D)

##### Pasco County:

US Congress, District 9..... Bill Mitchell (D)  
Florida House, District 48 ..... Carl Zimmerman (D)  
Clerk of Circuit Court ..... Paula O'Neil (R)  
Sheriff ..... Kim Bogart (D)  
Superintendent..... Steven Donaldson (D)  
County Comm, District 5..... Ginny Miller (D)

##### Pinellas County:

US Congress, District 9..... Bill Mitchell (D)  
US Congress, District 11..... Rep. Kathy Castor (D) (I)  
Florida House, District 48 ..... Carl Zimmerman (D)  
Florida House, District 51 ..... Janet Long (D) (I)  
Florida House, District 52 ..... Rep. Bill Heller (D) (I)  
Florida House, District 54 ..... George Gonzalez (D)  
Florida House, District 55 ..... Darryl Rouson, (D) (I)  
Sheriff ..... Randall Jones (D)  
County Comm, District 3..... Rene Flowers (D)  
County Comm, District 5..... Norm Roche (D)  
School Board, District 1 ..... Janet Clark (NPA) (I)  
School Board, District 4 ..... Ken Peluso (NPA)

##### Polk County:

US Congress, District 12..... Douglas Tudor (D)  
Florida Senate, District 17..... Scott Thompson (D)  
County Comm, District 3..... Nancy Daley (D)

##### Sarasota County:

US Congress, District 13..... Christine Jennings (D)  
Florida Senate, District 23..... Morgan Bentley (D)  
Florida House, District 55 ..... Darryl Rouson, (D) (I)  
Florida House, District 69 ..... Keith Fitzgerald (D) (I)  
Florida House, District 70 ..... Sam Rosenfeld (D)  
Florida House, District 71 ..... Betty Gissendanner (D)  
Public Defender ..... Adam Tebrugge (D)  
Supervisor of Elections ..... Barry Sullivan (D)  
County Comm, District 1..... Jono Miller (D)

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT**

**Amendment 1: Repeal “Alien Land” Law .....NO POSITION**

This amendment sponsored by the legislature removes a provision from the state Constitution which restricted Asian immigrants from owning property.

**Amendment 2: Florida Marriage Protection Amendment..... OPPOSE**

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.

**Amendment 3: Changes And Improvements Not Affecting The Assessed Value Of Residential Real Property..... OPPOSE**

Authorizes the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit consideration of changes or improvements to residential real property which increases 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.

**Amendment 4: Property Tax Exemption Of Perpetually Conserved Land; Classification And Assessment Of Land Used For Conservation..... OPPOSE**

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.

**Amendment 6: Assessment Of Working Waterfront Property Based Upon Current Use ..... OPPOSE**

Provides for assessment based upon use of land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes; land used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable and accessible to the public; marinas and dry stacks that are open to the public; and water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities, subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified by general law.

**Amendment 8: Community Colleges .....NO POSITION**

This amendment will allow local governments to levy a local tax by referendum to fund community colleges.

**Early voting opportunities are available in all Florida counties beginning Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Check with your local supervisor of elections for more information.**