



VOTER GUIDE

Recommendations by the
Polk County Democratic Party
for candidates and issues in
the **November 5, 2024**, election.

For voting information, PolkElections.com.

FEDERAL

**President and
Vice President**

**Kamala D. Harris
Tim Walz**

U.S. Senate

Debbie Mucarsel-Powell



Sample Voter Information Card

- ← U.S. House of Representatives
- ← Florida Senate
- ← Florida House
- For Election Day
(Fewer locations for Early Voting!)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District

Check your Voter Information Card for your District

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Darren Soto

<https://www.darrensoto.com/>

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Barbie Harden Hall

<https://barbieforcongress.com/>

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Patricia "Pat" Kemp

<https://www.votepatkempforcongress.com/>

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Andrea Doria Kale

<https://www.andreadoriakale.com/>

FLORIDA STATE SENATE		
District	<i>Check your Voter Information Card for your District.</i>	
27	Phillip Ray Carter	https://www.pcarter4florida.com/
FLORIDA STATE HOUSE		
District	<i>Check your Voter Information Card for your District.</i>	
48	John Hill	https://www.johnhillforfl48.com/
49	Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann	https://electherrmannfl.com/
50	Bonnie Patterson-James	https://www.votebonnieforflorida.com/
51	Octavio E. Hernandez	https://www.hernandez51.com/

COUNTY-WIDE OFFICES		
<i>These contests are open to all Polk County voters.</i>		
Sheriff	(none)	
Supervisor of Elections	Lori Edwards	https://lori.poliengine.com/
Board of County Commissioners		
Seat 1	Kay Klymko	https://kayklymko.com/

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JUDICIAL CONTESTS		
Supreme Court and District Court of Appeal justices and Circuit judges face an initial retention vote after their appointment by the governor. If retained, they serve for a six (6) year term before another retention vote. Each judge must receive over 50% of the vote to be retained.		
Justice/Judge	Year Appointed	RETAIN?
SUPREME COURT JUSTICES These justices voted <u>against</u> Amendment 4.		
Renatha Francis	2022	NO
Meredith Sasso	2023	NO
JUSTICES OF THE 6th DISTRICT COURTS OF APPEAL		
Paetra Brownlee	2024	NO
Roger Gannam	2024	NO
Joshua Mize	2024	NO
Jared Smith	2024	NO
Keith White	2024	NO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS		
1	Partisan School Board Elections Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election.	NO
2	Florida Right to Hunt and Fish Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods.	NO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS		
3	<p align="center">Marijuana Legalization Initiative</p> <p>Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise.</p>	YES
4	<p align="center">Right to Abortion Initiative</p> <p>No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.</p>	YES
5	<p align="center">Annual Inflation Adjustment for Homestead Property Tax Exemption Value</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions.</p>	NO
6	<p align="center">Repeal of Public Financing for Statewide Campaigns</p> <p>Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.</p>	NO

POLK COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT	
<p align="center">Expense Reduction</p> <p>Reduce expenses by merging the Efficiency Commission which meets every eight years with detailed directions, with the Review Commission, which meets every twelve years with limited directions.</p>	NO