

Englewood Indivisible Endorsements And Recommendations For The 2020 elections

Endorsements For The November 3rd General Election

We hope our endorsements and recommendations of candidates and ballot measures help you vote your entire ballot!

Charlotte and Sarasota Counties All Ballots

* United States President

[We endorse Joe Biden For President and Kamala Harris for Vice President.](#)

Replacing Trump was – and is – our foundational principle.

* United States Congress District 17

We endorse Allen Ellison, the Democratic Party candidate, who has a strong background in community organizing and policy development. [Learn more about Ellison and his campaign on this Facebook page.](#)

* Florida State Senate District 23

We endorse Katherine Norman, an exciting young candidate who prioritizes the environment and transparency in state government. [View her website.](#)

* Supreme Court Justice

We recommend a "No" vote on retaining Carlos Muniz, because all his experience was political rather than judicial. Before being nominated by Gov. Ron DeSantis in January, he served on the staff of Betsy DeVos, and before that he was chief of staff to then Attorney General Pam Bondi.

* District Court of Appeal

We make no recommendation for the four judges facing retention elections: Drew Atkinson, Morris Silberman, Daniel Sleet and Andrea Teves Smith. For those who want to fine-tune their choice, a good source of information on these judges can be had by Googling "2020 Merit Retention Election" to find their biographies from the Florida Bar.

* Constitutional Amendments 1 through 6

We recommend: NO on 1, 3 and 4; YES on 2, 5 and 6.

For more detail, see this [Indivisible Florida Network analysis.](#)

Charlotte County All Ballots

* Florida State House District 75

We endorse David Jones, a retired Teamster shop steward with a long history of community service. He is president of the Englewood Democratic Club and a member of Englewood Indivisible. There are policy details and more [on Dave Jones' website.](#)

* Clerk of the Circuit Court

We recommend Jeffery Rapkin, running as an independent against incumbent Roger Eaton. According to published reports, there were charges of sexual harassment against Eaton which were resolved through a settlement that included a confidentiality clause. The office reportedly settled three additional cases with confidentiality clauses.

* Sheriff

We recommend C. Dale Ritchard Jr., an NPA with a police background. During the tenure of incumbent Bill Prummel, there have been deaths in the Charlotte County Jail. And Prummel has endorsed Trump.

* Airport Authority

No recommendation.

*** Soil And Water Conservation District 4**

We recommend Wendy G. White, a biology teacher with 20 years experience as an environmental scientist for government agencies.

*** One Percent Sales Tax Extension**

YES! This is a major source of funding for our schools and they are in desperate need due to additional covid-related costs. Please vote Yes.

Sarasota County All Ballots

*** Florida State House District 74**

We endorse Lisa Stortstorm, a retired teacher and environmental activist. She pledges to be a voice for all, especially unrepresented and marginalized people. A full biography and much more is available [on Lisa Stortstrom's website](#).

*** State Attorney**

We recommend Betsy Young

*** County Commission District 5**

We endorse Alice White, a longtime community activist and environmental leader in North Port, is running in Sarasota County's first single-member district election with an excellent chance to be the first Democrat on the County Commission in 50 years. White, a member of Englewood Indivisible, promises to be "the voice of environmental stewardship" on the board and to fight for sustainable growth. There are more details [on her website](#).

*** Hospital Board Central District Seat 1**

We endorse Vicki Lynn Nighswander, as we did in the primary. She had a 26-year career in public health, much of it in supervisory positions.

*** Charter Review Board District 5**

We endorse Anthony "Tony" Dunbar, a member of Englewood Indivisible and the Board of Directors of the Englewood Democratic Club. Tony is an activist and a leader among activists, currently working hard to elect the whole Democratic ticket.

*** Charter Review Board District Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**

We recommend: Walter L. Gilbert III, District 1 (2 year); Krista Lohr, District 1; Doreen Dupont, District 2; Mary Ellen Palermo, District 3; Wilson Pava, District 4.

*** Hospital Board**

We endorse Vicki Lynn Nighswander, Central 1.

We recommend: Everett "Bud" Weber, At Large 1; Laurie J. Kreindler, At Large 2; Finolia Idahosa, At Large 3;

*** Sarasota Soil and Water**

Sean Patton

*** County Special Referendum**

We recommend a "No" vote; a company shouldn't need a tax incentive to invest in Sarasota County.