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Press Release

FLORIDA AFL-CIO RELEASES ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE 2010 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS AND PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Jacksonville – Approximately 200 delegates representing over 500 local unions from across Florida gathered in Jacksonville, Florida this weekend for the Florida AFL-CIO 2010 COPE (Committee on Political Education) Endorsing Convention. The three-day event culminated in a series of votes on Sunday, May 23rd to determine which candidates in Florida's federal and state races would receive the backing of the 500,000 member labor federation. The meeting also determined labor's position on ten proposed ballot items including 9 proposed constitutional amendments and 1 non-binding referendum that will appear on the ballot. Endorsed candidates will receive both financial backing and the support of one of the largest and most successful grass roots activist programs in Florida politics.

The following list is an account of endorsed candidates as approved by the delegates of the COPE Endorsing Convention held May 23, 2010. A "no endorsement" position means that local unions will be able to work for the candidate of their choice but the state federation and Central Labor Councils will remain neutral in the race. Updated lists will be provided as the State Committee on Political Education is asked to approve other recommendations leading up to the elections.

United States Senate: Kendrick Meek

Governor: Alex Sink

Attorney General: Endorsement for the winner of the Democratic Primary. Local unions will be able to work for the primary candidate of their choice. The winner of the Democratic Primary will then have the full-support of the Florida AFL-CIO and the rest of the labor movement.

Chief Financial Officer: Lorraine Ausley

U.S. House of Representatives

CD 1 No endorsement
CD 2 Boyd, Allen
CD 3 Brown, Corrine
CD 5 Piccillo, James John
CD 7 Beaven, Heather Maurice
CD 8 Grayson, Alan

CD 10 Justice, Charlie
CD 11 Castor, Kathy
CD 12 Edwards, Lori
CD 17 Wilson, Federica S.
CD 18 No endorsement
CD 19 Deutch, Ted

CD 20 Wasserman Schultz , Debbie
CD 22 Klein, Ron
CD 23 Hastings, Alcee

CD 24 Kosmas, Suzanne
CD 25 Meurice, Luis

Florida State Senate

SD 6 Richardson, Curtis
SD 8 Perniciaro, Charles Vincent
SD 22 No endorsement
SD 25 Skidmore, Kelly
SD 27 Kevin, Rader
SD 30 Sachs, Maria Lorts
SD 32 Ring, Jeremy M.
SD 34 Rich, Nan H.
SD 35 Margolis, Gwen
SD 36 Robaina, Julio
SD 38 Gerson, Les

Florida House of Representatives

HD 2 Karasek, David Martin	HD 60 Patterson, Russ	HD 110 No endorsement
HD 3 No endorsement	HD 61 McCullough, Elena	HD 111 No endorsement
HD 7 Pleat, David B.	HD 69 Fitzgerald, Keith	HD 112 Ruiz, Sandra
HD 9 Vasilinda, Michelle	HD 78 Perman, Steve	HD 113 No endorsement
HD 11 Boyd, Debbie	HD 79 Chalifoux Jr., Thomas	HD 114 Blanco, Robert
HD 14 Jones, Mia L.	HD 81 Fetterman, Adam	HD 115 Soloman, Jeffrey
HD 15 Fullwood, Reggie	HD 83 Marciano, Mark	HD 116 Manrique, Carlos
HD 16 No endorsement	HD 84 Bernard, Mackenson	HD 117 Lesperance, Lisa V.
HD 17 No endorsement	HD 85 Abruzzo, Joseph	HD 118 Bullard, Dwight
HD 18 Collins, Thomas C.	HD 86 Berman, Lori	HD 119 Edwards, Katie A.
HD 19 Weinstein, Mike B.	HD 88 Pafford, Mark S.	HD 120 Saunders, Ron
HD 25 Wood, Frank Layne	HD 89 Clemens, Jeff	
HD 26 Champion, Vince/ Huth, Timothy	HD 90 Slosberg, Irving	
HD 27 Taylor, Dwayne L.	HD 91 Stern, Barbra A./ Maymon, David R.	
HD 30 Tidd, Amy C.	HD 92 Clarke-Reed, Gwyndolen	
HD 33 No endorsement	HD 93 Thurston Jr., Perry	
HD 34 Barnes, Steven	HD 94 Rogers, Hazelle P.	
HD 35 Mercado, Amy	HD 95 Waldman, James W.	
HD 36 Randolph, Scott	HD 96 Porth, Ari Abraham	
HD 37 No endorsement	HD 97 Kiar, Martin	
HD 38 No endorsement	HD 98 Sands, Franklin	
HD 39 Thompson, Geraldine	HD 99 Schwartz, Elaine J.	
HD 40 Christian, Todd	HD 100 Jenne, Evan	
HD 41 No endorsement	HD 102 No endorsement	
HD 44 Rowden, Diane B.	HD 103 Braynon II, Oscar J.	
HD 46 Moore, Robert N.	HD 104 Tisdol, Matthew V.	
HD 48 McKone, Tom C.	HD 105 Gibbons, Joseph A.	
HD 49 Soto, Darren	HD 106 Steinberg, Richard L.	
HD 52 Heller, Bill	HD 107 Garcia Jr., Luis R.	
HD 54 Russell, Mary L.	HD 108 Brise, Ronald A.	
HD 56 Chalela, David	HD 109 Stafford, Cynthia	
HD 57 Frank, Stacy		

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Amendment #1 – Repeal of Public Campaign Finance Requirements – **OPPOSED**

Amendment #2 – Homestead Ad Valorem Tax Credit for Deployed Military Personnel – **SUPPORT**

Amendment #3 – Property Tax Limit for Nonhomestead Property; Additional Homestead Exemption for New Homestead Owners – **OPPOSED**

Amendment #4 – Referenda Required for Adoption and Amendment of Local Government Comprehensive Land Use Plans – **OPPOSED**

Amendment #5 – Standards for Legislature to Follow in Legislative Redistricting - **SUPPORT**

Amendment #6 – Standards for Legislature to Follow in Congressional Redistricting - **SUPPORT**

Amendment #7 – Standards for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting – **OPPOSED**

Amendment #8 – Significant Revision of the Class Size Amendment - **OPPOSED**

Amendment (ballot placement yet to be determined) – “Health Care Freedom” Amendment – **OPPOSED**

Non-Binding Referendum (ballot placement yet to be determined) – Federal Balanced Budget Amendment – **OPPOSED**

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