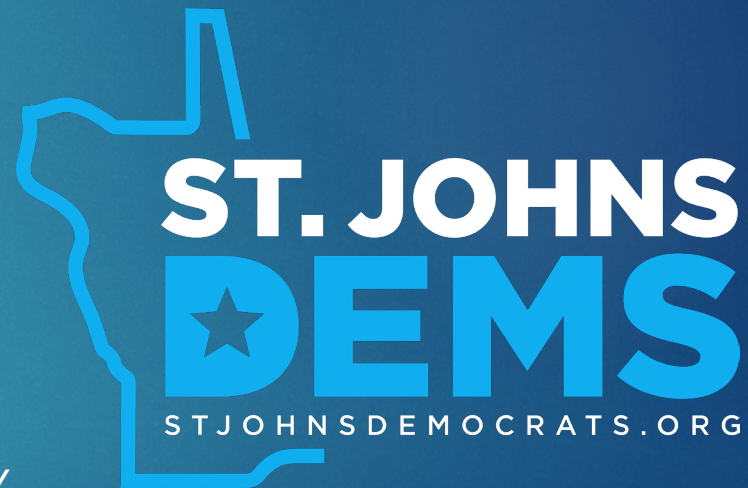


# St. Johns County Democratic Party

PRESENTATION FOR BLUE GUARDIANS OF DEMOCRACY

OCTOBER 12, 2022



# Latest Polling



# Polls are Wide-Ranging and May Not Be Predictive

- ▶ FiveThirtyEight.com reputable source of polling information

## **DEMINGS VS RUBIO**

- ▶ High quality polls range from dead even to Rubio up 7 points

## **CRIST VS DESANTIS**

- ▶ High quality polls range from DeSantis up 1 point to 11 points

**Bottom Line: Democrats can win -- but only if have a massive turnout!**

It will come down to motivation, and many Floridians are motivated because of the overturn of Roe v Wade.

# Abortion, Guns, and Book Banning are Key Issues

*Intense opposition to the Governor's agenda*

	Total Support	Total Oppose
Banning abortion after 15 weeks, with no exceptions for rape/incest/human trafficking	37%	58%
Carry of concealed guns without a license or any training requirement	29%	69%
Banning assault weapons	57%	40%
Banning books discussing sensitive topics like race, sex, and sexuality	33%	63%

# Help Amplify Our Messaging

FOLLOW, LIKE, AND SHARE FROM OUR DEC'S SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS!

Inflation Reduction Bill

▶ <https://fb.watch/fy6HoGJEd-/>

Which side are you on?

▶ <https://youtu.be/zGZziYk9gZ4>

Protect our freedoms

▶ <https://youtu.be/eDlsjDqBmU4>





# Campaign Update

# Primary Election Results



City of St Augustine Mayor: Nancy Sikes-Kline, Won with 66% of vote



School Board District 1: Nancy Tray, missed cutoff by 275 votes



School Board District 3: Lauren Abell, 42% of vote (highest), moving forward to Nov. Election



Judge: Casey Woolsey won her race outright

**DEM TURNOUT = 36.7%**

**REP TURNOUT = 33.4%**

**+3.3%  
Over REPs**



# SJC 2022 General Election Slate Card



**FREEDOM STARTS HERE!**

**ST. JOHNS DEMS**

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

*¡NUESTRA VOZ ES NUESTRO VOTO!*

These are your DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES in St. Johns County, FL

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<b>U.S. SENATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Val Demings</li></ul>	<b>SCHOOL BOARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District 3: Lauren Abell</li></ul>
<b>GOVERNOR AND LT. GOV.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charlie Crist</li><li>• Karla Hernandez-Mats</li></ul>	<b>ANASTASIA MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District 2: Will Kelman OR Ed Slavin (select one)</li><li>• District 4: Trish Becker</li></ul>
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aramis Ayala</li></ul>	<b>ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group 1: Russ Scott</li><li>• Group 2: David W. Venters</li></ul>
<b>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adam Hattersley</li></ul>	<b>ST. AUG. PORT, WATERWAY &amp; BEACH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group 3: Matt Brown</li><li>• Group 5: Melanie Sunshine Neale</li></ul>
<b>COMM. OF AGRICULTURE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Naomi Blemur</li></ul>	
<b>STATE REPRESENTATIVE D19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adam Morley</li></ul>	
<b>CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE COMMISSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jim Springfield</li></ul>	

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<b>JUDICIAL RACES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vote <b>"NO"</b> to retain FL Supreme Court Justices</li><li>• Vote <b>"NO"</b> to retain District Court of Appeals Judges</li></ul>	<b>ST JOHNS COUNTY TAX INCREASE</b> <p>Vote <b>"NO"</b></p>
	<b>FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</b> <p>Amendment 1: No recommendation Amendments 2 and 3: Vote <b>"NO"</b> Recommendations by League of Women Voters Florida</p>

For more information, visit our website at [www.StJohnsDemocrats.org](http://www.StJohnsDemocrats.org)





# Rationale for Voting Recommendations: Amendments and County Proposal

The St. Johns County Democratic Party VOTING GUIDE is available on the home page of our website: [StJohnsDemocrats.org](http://StJohnsDemocrats.org)

**NOTE: ANY CANDIDATES ON YOUR BALLOT WHO DO **NOT** APPEAR ON OUR DEMOCRATIC VOTING GUIDE ARE NOT REGISTERED DEMOCRATS!**

## **St. Johns County Sales Tax Increase “St. Johns County Ten Year Sales Surtax to Fund Countywide Public Infrastructure and Improvements”**

Recommendation: Vote “**NO**”

Reason: The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners has allowed overdevelopment to run rampant and should be requiring developers to bear the cost of infrastructure and improvements instead of passing this cost along to taxpayers.

## **Constitutional Amendment #1 “Limitation on the Assessment of Real Property Used for Residential Purposes”**

Recommendation: Vote “**NO**”

Reason: This amendment would create a tax exemption for home improvements made to prevent flooding. This provision is likely to mostly benefit wealthy beachfront homeowners.

## **Constitutional Amendment #2 “Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission”**

Recommendation: Vote “**NO**”

Reason: Eliminating the commission will remove an opportunity for citizens to update their Florida constitution. Instead of abolishing the commission, it should be revised to have bipartisan appointees and require that ballot amendments each address only one issue.

## **Constitutional Amendment #3 “Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce”**

Recommendation: Vote “**YES**”

Reason: Teachers and first responders are foundational to our communities’ safety and well-being and deserving of this property tax exemption.

# Rationale for Voting Recommendations: Justices and Judges

## Justices of the Supreme Court

Recommendations: Vote “**NO**” on retaining Canady, Curiel, Grosshans, and Polston. Vote “**YES**” to retain Labarga.

Reason: Florida’s Supreme Court judicial retention elections will determine if abortion remains legal in Florida. Based on their past rulings, public statements, and membership in the Federalist Society, four of these justices will vote to take away legal abortion. Only Justice Labarga has demonstrated moderate views on this and other important issues that have come before the court.

## District Court of Appeal

Recommendations: Vote “**NO**” on Edwards, Lambert, Nardella, Traver, and Wozniak. Vote “**YES**” on Cohen.

Reason: All appellate court judges on the ballot were appointed by Ron DeSantis or Rick Scott, except one. Judge Cohen was appointed by Charlie Crist. Voting out four of the judges will make room for a Democratic governor to appoint less politically biased judges.



# How to Return Your Mail Ballot

Use our Democratic Voting Guide to complete your ballot (available online at [VoteSJC.com](https://VoteSJC.com)). If you have any questions about the recommendations for judges and amendments, you can call our office for information at 904-825-2336.

- After filling out your ballot, place it in the blue privacy sleeve, then put it all in the provided envelope.
- **Sign and date** the back of the envelope. It is not valid unless signed and dated. It is optional to write in your phone number, but very important for the Elections Office to contact you quickly if there are any issues with your ballot.
- Seal the envelope and put a **stamp** on it.
- Mail it back as soon as you receive it. It must be received, **not postmarked**, by Nov. 8th!
- Instead of mailing, you may put it in a drop box at any Early Voting location from 8 am to 6 pm, starting Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. (Early Voting locations are listed online at [VoteSJC.gov/general-election-2022](https://VoteSJC.gov/general-election-2022)). You may deliver your ballot and those of your immediate family members, plus up to 2 other people's ballots to a drop box. It is illegal to deliver more than 2 ballots belonging to non-family members and drop boxes will be monitored by elections staff.
- If you prefer to vote in person, you may do so at any Early Voting location or at your precinct station on Election Day. The Elections official will see that you have a mail ballot in their electronic register and will allow you to vote in person if it shows you have not already voted.
- **TRACK YOUR BALLOT ONLINE** by going to [VoteSJC.com](https://VoteSJC.com) and click on My Voter Status. You will be able to see when your mail ballot was requested, sent, received, and counted!
- If you have not received your mail ballot by Oct. 20th, please contact the Elections Office at 904-823-2338 and let them know. They will be happy to get you a replacement and invalidate the one you were originally sent.

# GOTV: Sept 27th to October 25<sup>th</sup>

## *All Hands on Deck!*

Date	GOTV Activity
Tues, Sept 27	Mail 13,000 slate cards to VBM DEMs
Tues, Oct 4	Text and Robo VBM DEMs "watch for your ballot in mail"
Tues-Fri, Oct 4-7	Prep LIT DROP Packets at HQ (8 volunteers/day)
Mon, Oct 10	Text and Robo VBM DEMS "did you get your ballot? Questions?"
Sat, Oct 22	Mail 21,000 slate cards to Hot and Warm non-VBM Dems
Sat-Tues, Oct 8-25	LIT DROP New/Cold non-VBM DEMs (slates and candidate info)



# GOTV – October 26 to November 8<sup>th</sup>

## *All Hands on Deck!*

Date	GOTV Activity
Mon, Oct 10 - 26	Vote Chase VBM DEMs (text and robo)
Tues, Oct 25	Text and Robo DEMs Not Yet Voted: "Early voting starts tomorrow!"
Wed-Sat, Oct 26 - Nov 5	EARLY VOTING Poll Greeting, Poll Watching, Voter Protection VOTE CHASE all DEMs not yet voted
Sat-Tues, Nov 5 - 8	FINAL 4 DAYS Lit Drop/Text/Phone all DEMs not yet voted
Tues, Nov 8	ELECTION DAY Poll Greeting, Poll Watching, Voter Protection



# Voter Protection SJC

RHONA DICAMILLO, VOTER PROTECTION TEAM



# Call for Voter Protection Volunteers: For Election Day Nov. 8th

Position	Purpose	Who
<b>POLL WATCHER</b>	Observe and report to Boiler Room	Volunteers trained, approved and credentialed by DEC and SOE
<b>BOILER ROOM</b>	Answer questions and elevate to SOE or state-level Boiler Room	Volunteer Attorneys
<b>CANVAS BOARD OBSERVER</b>	Watch and report to Boiler Room	Trained volunteers
<b>BALLOT REVIEWER</b>	Observe signature challenges on VBMs and report to Boiler Room	Trained volunteers
<b>BALLOT CURING</b>	Help voters whose ballots were rejected to file affidavit	Trained volunteers

# Call for Poll Workers: Early Voting and Election Day

- ▶ Poll Workers are employees of the Supervisor of Elections (not the Dem Party). Pays \$14.50/hr. Must work a full day.
- ▶ Requires one-hour online training class, then an in-person 4-hour training at the Supervisor of Elections office
- ▶ Class dates:
  - ▶ 10/13, 8:30 am
  - ▶ 10/14, 8:30 am
  - ▶ 10/17, 8:30 am
  - ▶ 10/18, 1 pm
- ▶ Apply online here: **[VoteSJC.gov/pollworker-application](https://VoteSJC.gov/pollworker-application)**
  - ▶ Or call SOE office at 903-823-2238 for more information



# Call for Poll Greeters: Early Voting and Election Day

## Purpose

- ▶ Welcome Democrats coming to vote at the polls
- ▶ Place candidate signs outside of the 150' line
- ▶ Hand out our Democratic Voting Guide to voters
- ▶ Recruit potential members and volunteers
- ▶ Show that Democrats live here!

DEM Party provides tables, chairs, handouts, candidate literature, signs!

# In Northwest St Johns County!

