



# Florida AFL-CIO

*The Voice of Labor in the Sunshine State*

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TO: Local Unions, Councils, CLCs and Executive Board

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Enclosed is the list of Florida AFL-CIO endorsed candidates as of the COPE Endorsing Convention and our position on several proposed amendments to the State Constitution that will be on the November ballot. Please make sure your members have an opportunity to review this information.

We are at a crossroads in our efforts to turn this country around so that working families are once again part of the voice of America. It is time for a change in Florida and in Washington. *Everyone needs to pitch in.* Volunteers are needed to work phone banks, walk union neighborhoods, leaflet worksites and spread the word. Zone coordinators are stationed in every part of our state, ready to help you reach your members and members of other unions in your area. Please call them, or have your union coordinator call them, and make a commitment to join us in this critical battle.

We will be targeting several races throughout the state that we feel can win with labor's help. While all of our endorsed races are important to us, these targeted ones are those that can benefit the most from our involvement. Please look at this list closely and get as many members as possible involved in making these campaigns successful.

**Remember, we can win!** Education, commitment and solidarity will make it happen. Do your part and join us!

In Solidarity,

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# **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 Non-homestead 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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"Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, not to be neutral." - Paulo Freire





# Florida AFL-CIO Endorsed Candidates As of May 23, 2010

The following list is an account of endorsed candidates as approved by the delegates of the COPE Endorsing Convention held May 23, 2010. Updated lists will be provided as the State Committee on Political Education is asked to approve other recommendations.

**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:** Loranne Ausley

**Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services:** Scott Maddox

## U.S. House of Representatives

CD 1	No endorsement	CD 14	No recommendation
CD 2	Boyd, Allen	CD 15	No recommendation
CD 3	Brown, Corrine	CD 16	Craft, Christopher Lee*
CD 4	No recommendation	CD 17	Wilson, Federica S.
CD 5	Piccillo, James John	CD 18	No endorsement
CD 6	No recommendation	CD 19	Deutch, Ted
CD 7	Beaven, Heather Maurice	CD 20	Wasserman Schultz, Debbie
CD 8	Grayson, Alan	CD 21	No recommendation
CD 9	No recommendation	CD 22	Klein, Ron
CD 10	Justice, Charlie	CD 23	Hastings, Alcee
CD 11	Castor, Kathy	CD 24	Kosmas, Suzanne
CD 12	Edwards, Lori	CD 25	Meurice, Luis
CD 13	No recommendation		

## Florida State Senate

SD 2	No recommendation	SD 25	Skidmore, Kelly
SD 4	No recommendation	SD 26	No recommendation
SD 6	Richardson, Curtis	SD 27	Kevin Rader
SD 8	Perniciaro, Charles Vincent	SD 28	No recommendation
SD 10	No recommendation	SD 30	Sachs, Maria Lorts
SD 12	W/H til 06/05/10	SD 32	Ring, Jeremy M.
SD 14	No recommendation	SD 34	Rich, Nan H.
SD 16	W/H til 06/05/10	SD35	Gwen Margolis
SD 18	No recommendation	SD 36	Robaina, Julio
SD 20	No recommendation	SD 38	Gerson, Les
SD 22	No endorsement	SD 40	No recommendation
SD 24	No recommendation		

## Florida House of Representatives

<b>HD 1</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 41</b>	No endorsement	<b>HD 82</b>	No recommendation
<b>HD 2</b>	Karasek, David Martin	<b>HD 42</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 83</b>	Marciano, Mark
<b>HD 3</b>	No endorsement	<b>HD 43</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 84</b>	Bernard, Mackenson
<b>HD 4</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 44</b>	Rowden, Diane B.	<b>HD 85</b>	Abruzzo, Joseph
<b>HD 5</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 45</b>	W/H til after Primary	<b>HD 86</b>	Berman, Lori
<b>HD 6</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 46</b>	Moore, Robert N.	<b>HD 87</b>	No recommendation
<b>HD 7</b>	Pleat, David B.	<b>HD 47</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 88</b>	Pafford, Mark S.
<b>HD 8</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 48</b>	McKone, Tom C.	<b>HD 89</b>	Clemens, Jeff
<b>HD 9</b>	Vasilinda, Michelle	<b>HD 49</b>	Soto, Darren	<b>HD 90</b>	Slosberg, Irving
<b>HD 10</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 50</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 91</b>	Stern, Barbra A./ Maymon, David R. **
<b>HD 11</b>	Boyd, Debbie	<b>HD 51</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 92</b>	Clarke-Reed, Gwyndolen
<b>HD 12</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 52</b>	Heller, Bill	<b>HD 93</b>	Thurston Jr., Perry
<b>HD 13</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 53</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 94</b>	Rogers, Hazelle P.
<b>HD 14</b>	Jones, Mia L.	<b>HD 54</b>	Russell, Mary L.	<b>HD 95</b>	Waldman, James W.
<b>HD 15</b>	Fullwood, Reggie	<b>HD 55</b>	W/H til 06/05/10	<b>HD 96</b>	Porth, Ari Abraham
<b>HD 16</b>	No endorsement	<b>HD 56</b>	Chalela, David	<b>HD 97</b>	Kiar, Martin
<b>HD 17</b>	No endorsement	<b>HD 57</b>	Frank, Stacy	<b>HD 98</b>	Sands, Franklin
<b>HD 18</b>	Collins, Thomas C.	<b>HD 58</b>	W/H til 06/05/10	<b>HD 99</b>	Schwartz, Elaine J.
<b>HD 19</b>	Weinstein, Mike B.	<b>HD 59</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 100</b>	Jenne, Evan
<b>HD 20</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 60</b>	Patterson, Russ	<b>HD 101</b>	No recommendation
<b>HD 21</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 61</b>	McCullough, Elena	<b>HD 102</b>	No endorsement
<b>HD 22</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 62</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 103</b>	Braynon II, Oscar J.
<b>HD 23</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 63</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 104</b>	Tisdol, Matthew V.
<b>HD 24</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 64</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 105</b>	Gibbons, Joseph A.
<b>HD 25</b>	Wood, Frank Layne	<b>HD 65</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 106</b>	Steinberg, Richard L.
<b>HD 26</b>	Champion, Vince/ Huth, Timothy	<b>HD 66</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 107</b>	Garcia Jr., Luis R.
<b>HD 27</b>	Taylor, Dwayne L.	<b>HD 67</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 108</b>	Brise, Ronald A.
<b>HD 28</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 68</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 109</b>	Stafford, Cynthia
<b>HD 29</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 69</b>	Fitzgerald, Keith	<b>HD 110</b>	No endorsement
<b>HD 30</b>	Tidd, Amy C.	<b>HD 70</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 111</b>	No endorsement
<b>HD 31</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 71</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 112</b>	Ruiz, Sandra
<b>HD 32</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 72</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 113</b>	No endorsement
<b>HD 33</b>	No endorsement	<b>HD 73</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 114</b>	Blanco, Robert
<b>HD 34</b>	Barnes, Steven	<b>HD 74</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 115</b>	Soloman, Jeffrey
<b>HD 35</b>	Mercado, Amy	<b>HD 75</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 116</b>	Manrique, Carlos
<b>HD 36</b>	Randolph, Scott	<b>HD 76</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 117</b>	Lesperance, Lisa V.
<b>HD 37</b>	No endorsement	<b>HD 77</b>	No recommendation	<b>HD 118</b>	Bullard, Dwight
<b>HD 38</b>	No endorsement	<b>HD 78</b>	Perman, Steve	<b>HD 119</b>	Edwards, Katie A.
<b>HD 39</b>	Thompson, Geraldine	<b>HD 79</b>	Chalifoux Jr., Thomas	<b>HD 120</b>	Saunders, Ron
<b>HD 40</b>	Christian, Todd	<b>HD 80</b>	No recommendation		
		<b>HD 81</b>	Fetterman, Adam		

\*Early Endorsed candidate that withdrew from race

\*\*Stern through general election, Maymon in primary