

4th Quarter 2020

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### **MEETING** ~ Monday, October 19, 2020

Walter Fuller Center - 7891 26th Av N Social 6:45 p.m. – Meeting 7:00 p.m.

C.M. Blackmon, "Science Center Update," Derek Lewis "Helping Bees"

### **MOVIE Theater is OPEN!**

Go to dinner, full bar in restaurant. Or, go to movie. Your support is <u>essential</u> to staying OPEN!!

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### VOTE!

### **Amendment 1: Citizenship Requirement to Vote in Florida Elections**

Slightly alters wording of the state constitution to say that "only a citizen" of the United States can vote.

It <u>is already the law</u> in Florida that only American citizens may vote. This simply changes the wording that currently says "every citizen" can vote.

### **Amendment 2: Raising Florida's Minimum Wage**

Raise the minimum wage in Florida to \$15/hour by 2026. Florida's minimum wage is \$8.56 per hour, greater than the \$7.25 federal minimum wage.

Opponents say the wage mandate would put too great a burden on businesses.

### Amendment 3: All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor and Cabinet

Florida's primaries are closed: only voters registered with a certain party can vote in their party's primary. This amendment would allow all registered voters to vote in a primary for governor, state Legislature and Cabinet-level races.

The two highest vote-getters, regardless of party, would advance to the general election. This system is known as a "jungle primary." It could potentially mean that two Democrats or two Republicans face each other in the general election. Advocates say this would give Florida's large share of unaffiliated voters — more than a quarter of the electorate — more of a voice.

Detractors say the change could hurt minority representation in Florida's government by, for example, opening primaries in predominantly-Black Democratic districts to white Republican and independent voters.

### **Amendment 4: Voter Approval of Constitutional Amendments**

Florida's constitution changes a lot. Too much, some say.

This amendment would double the requirement. Constitutional amendments would need to get 60 percent approval in two separate elections. (But only one petition.) The amendment's sponsor, <u>Keep Our Constitution Clean</u>, says voters need more of an opportunity "to fully understand the immediate and future impacts of any proposed changes to our state constitution."

### **Amendment 5: Limitation on Homestead Assessments**

"Save Our Homes" Portability: Floridians who move from one homesteaded property to another have two years from Jan. 1 of the year of the sale of the first home to claim the tax benefit. This would give homeowners an additional year to do so, a total of 3 years.

This measure got to the ballot via a joint resolution of the Legislature, where it passed largely without opposition. The Florida House analysis says the measure will cost local governments <u>about \$10.2 million per year</u>.

### Amendment 6: Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent, Combat-Related Disabilities

Some Florida veterans get a discount on property taxes if they were honorably discharged, are over 65 and have been permanently disabled by combat. This amendment would allow spouses to continue to claim that property tax exemption after the veteran's death if the spouse holds the title to the property and permanently lives there. It would also allow the spouse to transfer the exemption to a new property in some cases.

Amendment 6 originated in the Legislature, passing without opposition. An analysis said it would cost local governments about \$4 million annually.

## High Level Jungle Terrace Meeting "Fireside Chat" With Councilman Robert Blackmon



Special Guests ~ Linda Chaney for State Rep., Tammy Vazquez for County Commission Corey Givens for School Board Karen Higgins, PARC's CEO, \$4 Million Project





**Linda Chaney for State Representative** 



**Tammy Vazquez for County Commission** 



**Corey Givens for School Board** 

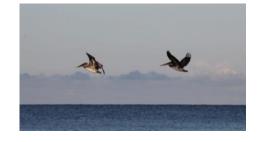


**Karen Higgins, CEO of PARC, on New Discovery Center** 

### **Embrace The Gulf 2020**

#### 15 Great Facts about the Gulf of Mexico

- 1. 9th largest body of water in the world.
- 2. The Gulf covers 600,000 square miles.
- 3. There are 3,540 miles of coastline.
- 4. Formed by continental plates colliding 300 million years ago.
- 5. The sea floor then sank to create the rest of it, with half of it still largely made up of shallow waters sitting on top of continental shelves.



- 6. The deepest point is a trench 14,383 ft deep.
- 7. It contains 5 million acres of wetland that is home to thousands of species of fish and birds.
- 8. During peak migration season hundreds of millions of birds are in the air above the Gulf daily.
- 9. 29 marine species call the Gulf home, including sperm whales and bottlenose dolphins.
- 10. There are 5 species of endangered sea turtle currently still in the Gulf.
- 11. They try to stay away from the 49 species of bloodthirsty sharks that are on the move all the time!
- 12. Seaweed patches grow so large you can see them from space.
- 13. 60% of all brown pelican breeding takes place on the Mexican Gulf Coast.
- 14. Coral reef patches are common off the coast of Florida and grow by up to 7 inches a year.
- 15. They are home to more than 6,000 species including fish, starfish and sea cucumbers.



### JTCA Assists St. Stefanos Greek Church





"On behalf of St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church, we thank all of you for helping us with our overgrown weed problem." Thank you, Kali

### **Great American Outdoors Act Advances**

The Senate voted 73-25 to pass the Great American Outdoors Act. This bipartisan legislation, fully funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund and invests in the care of our national parks, now heads to the House.

HELP GET IT PASSED



**Photo Op** 



Conservative Grounds Coffee Shop on Ulmerton Rd.

WFP ~ Sidewalks Replaced where Broken





**County Improves Pinellas TRAIL** 



Remove Trees 30 feet back from sidewalk, re-shape ditch, spray grass seed.

**Keeping Jungle Terrace Connected** 



Larry Ahern for County Commission, Linda Chaney for State Rep.



**Tammy Vasquez for County Commission** 

### Neighborhood Political Activity on Tyrone and 66th St.





### **Tyrone Industrial Park Markers Repaired**





Carmen repairing marker.

## LINDA CHANEY



Linda Chaney worked for years to bring healthcare to women across the community. Linda operated a Mobile Mammography business that brought lifesaving breast cancer screenings to roughly 30,000 women in our community.

Linda is a common sense, businesswoman who will put our Pinellas community before partisan politics and focus on RESULTS!



### Linda Shares Our Common Sense, Unifying Principles



Grow local businesses and job creators



Invest in our schools, classrooms and teachers



Protect our environment and beaches and STOP PUMPING SEWAGE INTO THE WATER



Keep taxes low on our small businesses and working families

Vote For A Common Sense, Unifying, Local Leader This November



Call me anytime! 727-463-5366

www.LindaChaney.com

LindaChaneyCampaign

Paid for and approved by Linda Chaney, Republican, for State Representative, District 69.

https://lindachaney.com/

# Hitchcock's Green Market opens in former Lucky's space by Tyrone Square Mall

Andrew Harlan, July 13, 2020



There's a new grocery store in town. Hitchcock's Market officially opened at 6765 22nd Avenue North at Tyrone Square Mall in St. Petersburg.

The Florida-based grocery chain has more than 10 locations throughout the state, with more future growth planned in the south.

Hitchcock's boasts an expansive produce section, in addition to an acclaimed bakery and deli, meat department, and a pharmacy.

The grocery store's listed hours are 8am-10pm daily. Online ordering isn't currently listed for the St. Pete location, but we imagine it will launch soon.

One of Hitchcock's more acclaimed offerings is its selection of sausages, all of which are made in house daily.

Follow Hitchcock's website or Facebook page for updates. https://www.myhitchcocks.com/

### IT'S TIME TO STOP COUNTY GOVERNMENT OVER-REACH! This Year More Than Ever! VOTE **PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSION EARLY**

- I'm running on principles, not as a profession
- I'm running to be a public servant, not a dictator
- I'm one of you, not a partisan career politician
- My allegiance is to the people of Pinellas

Visit TammyVasquez.com for more

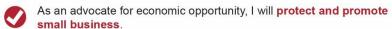


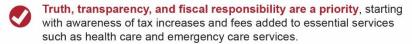
### You Deserve A Loyal Public Servant Who Will Listen And Never Silence Your Voice

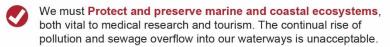


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Term limits were the choice of the people in 1996. Your vote and term limits must be implemented. No more career politicians.



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### A Voice for Local Businesses



If you own a small business, I have the experience to be your voice. In 20 years, I built a mobile grooming business into a 14,000 sq. ft. full-service pet resort I run with my husband and son. It was recently named "America's Coolest" by our industry peers. Together, I know we can help make doing business in Pinellas even better.





https://tammvvasquez.com/



### **Our Voice On The County Commission**

- ★ Support our Sheriff and first responders to keep us safe
- ★ Back our businesses to help our economy and bring back jobs
- ★ Pass term limits for County Commissioners
- ★ Be a watchdog for your hard-earned tax dollars
- ★ Protect the vulnerable in our community
- ♠ Protect our quality of life and preserve our beaches, parks and green space







For Pinellas County Commission

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### **Beautiful Stonehenge Park at Tyrone Overpass**





10 Years of JTCA's "RESULTS"

### Big News: \$690 million for Environment and Conservation in Florida

The 2020 Florida Legislative Session adjourned with some big wins thanks to your support and the tireless government relations work of our staff and board. We continue to encourage pragmatic, bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Florida's environment. Read more here.

The session ended with:

- \$650 million allocated for water quality advancements throughout the state, including essential funds toward restoring our precious Everglades and Lake Okeechobee
- Progress toward preventing future blue-green algae blooms by funding wastewater and stormwater improvements
- Funding allotted toward land acquisitions through Florida Forever, including \$8.6 million for agriculture conservation easements
- \$1 million allocated toward two new Estuary Programs in the panhandle. TNC has worked toward this program for years by bringing together partners to create estuary restoration plans that improve water quality, habitats, and the economy. Read more here.

#### **CONSERVATION UPDATES**

### TNC Helps Stop a Wildfire in Wakulla County

The Apalachicola National Forest (ANF) requested assistance from TNC in helping contain the High Hill Wildfire that started on May 11. Homes on the western side of the blaze were threatened by the fire that eventually burned for two weeks across 538 acres.

ANF was spread thin across the state and partners were exhausted from fighting the fire the previous day, so TNC was asked to assist with personnel and fire equipment. On the ground, TNC encountered an area where the fire was burning through the thick swamp and threatening the containment line. David Printiss, TNC's North Florida Program Manager who served as Task Force Leader, called in additional resources to contain the blaze.

Two bulldozers and one helicopter were sent to assist, and the blaze was pushed back and contained. The use of local resources to help contain the wildfire is a perfect example of strong local partnerships and coordination on a local scale. See local coverage here.

### Loggerhead Sea Turtles off the Coast of Jupiter, Florida

The east coast of Florida is considered to be the largest loggerhead nesting aggregation in the world. This <u>underwater video</u> was taken by TNC marketing staff member Rachel Davis in the waters off the coast of Jupiter where large loggerheads rest up during the day preparing to come up on the beach at night to nest and lay their eggs. <u>Learn what we're doing to protect sea turtles</u>.

**#NATURESOLACE** Take a moment to chill out with our nature by browsing some of the #NatureSolace videos submitted by TNC staff from across Florida <a href="https://example.com/here-nature-by-natur

#### TNC IN FLORIDA

The Nature Conservancy's mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. For more than 56 years, we've been working in Florida to do just that. The Conservancy owns and manages 55,159 acres in Florida including four preserves that are open to the public.





# Experienced & Thoughtful Leader



# Public School Parent & Advocate



### **Military Veteran**

### Laura Hine is Ready to Provide Bold Leadership on the School Board

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Laura Hine, non-partisan, for Pinellas County School Board, District 1