

## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 FLORIDA GOVERNOR'S RACE

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<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Ban. Pledges to sign legislation banning abortions after fetal heartbeat detected (roughly 6 weeks) & to <a href="#">appoint constitutionalist justices to FL Supreme Court who will "protect &amp; defend life."</a>	Legal. Abortion is a woman's unrestricted right <a href="#">and decision should be made by women &amp; their doctors – not by politicians.</a> Opposes making healthcare harder for women to access.
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a serious threat?	Mixed. <a href="#">"I don't know if it's because of my activity, your activity, but...we've got to deal with it."</a> Opposed resolution saying <a href="#">greenhouse gases contributed to climate change.</a>	Climate change is a real & urgent threat. Transition Florida to clean energy. <a href="#">"We're going to put science first &amp; work together to not only save our planet but create clean energy jobs along the way."</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases?	No. Voted <a href="#">against any potential carbon tax</a> as negatively impacting economy, voted <a href="#">against greenhouse gas emission standards,</a> & <a href="#">to cut EPA funding.</a>	Yes. Sees Trump withdrawal from Paris Climate accord as <a href="#">"disturbingly reckless."</a> Join Climate Alliance of states committed to fighting climate change.
<b>Contraception:</b> Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree with it morally?	Yes. Employers should not be required to <a href="#">"pay for abortifacients in violation of their faith."</a>	No. <a href="#">Proposes a law to protect women's access to no-cost contraceptive care under Obamacare.</a>
<b>Criminal Justice:</b> Support Amendment #4 – a Florida <a href="#">initiative to restore voting rights</a> to 1.6 million former felons, excluding murderers & sex offenders?	<a href="#">No. Opposes amendment.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">"Floridians who have paid their debts deserve a second chance &amp; should have a voice in our state's future. Our current system is a relic of Jim Crow."</a>
<b>Courts:</b> Support President Trump's <a href="#">Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh?</a> Position on 3 pending openings for FL Supreme Court Justices?	Yes. Hopes he'll be <a href="#">"a fearless defender of the Constitution in the mold of Clarence Thomas."</a> <a href="#">If elected will appoint similar Florida Supreme Court Justices.</a>	No. <a href="#">"Will push the Supreme Court into the world of ultra-conservatism."</a> Would appoint Florida Justices <a href="#">who'd heed the voices of ordinary citizens.</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support Trump's imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	Yes. <a href="#">Trump is a master negotiator trying to get concessions.</a>	No. <a href="#">"He's threatening Florida's workers, farmers, &amp; companies."</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase funding for K-12 education?	No statements found on funding, but prefers setting policy at local level.	Yes. Proposes a \$1 billion "Fair Share" investment in public schools <a href="#">covered by increasing state's corporate tax rate &amp; legalizing &amp; taxing marijuana.</a>
<b>Education:</b> Support expansion of charter schools or help parents send their children to private schools with public money?	Yes. Expand both charters & vouchers. <a href="#">Let federal dollars follow students to any schools their families choose.</a>	No. Against vouchers & <a href="#">"unaccountable, for-profit charter schools who use public dollars to enrich their executives."</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase state funding for higher education?	No statements found on state funding, but <a href="#">more training support for students who enter workforce from high school.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Wants to make college debt-free for professions like nursing &amp; teaching. Also higher pay for adjuncts.</a>

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<b>Environment:</b> How would you address Florida's red tide crisis, caused by nutrient-laden, polluted freshwater released from Lake Okeechobee & linked to Florida's sugar industry?	Clean the water; build reservoir to redirect the flow south; seek federal funding to help. Has also <a href="#">criticized sugar industry</a> and <a href="#">open to more regulation of development that affects runoff</a> .	<a href="#">Reverse Rick Scott environmental policies that eased pollution standards; redirect freshwater flow; eliminate political influence of sugar industry; work with surrounding communities to deal with potential job loss.</a>
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	No. <a href="#">Cosponsored bill to protect individuals for faith-based noncooperation with gay marriage.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">While Tallahassee mayor, invited same-sex couples to get married there when refused in other FL counties.</a>
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	No. <a href="#">Solution to gun violence is "identifying the problem people" rather than enforcing "blanket bans on the rights of law-abiding citizens."</a> Supports <a href="#">allowing Floridians with conceal carry permits to carry openly on campuses.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Called for additional restrictions after Parkland, like universal background checks &amp; bans on assault weapons &amp; high capacity magazines. Sued by NRA over prohibiting firing weapons in public parks.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal ACA, aka Obamacare? Accept ACA's Medicaid expansion to subsidize low-income participants?	Voted to repeal ACA. No FL Medicaid expansion. <a href="#">Says health care isn't a right. The right is to pursue the type of healthcare you want. Obamacare infringes on that.</a>	<a href="#">Support &amp; strengthen ACA, guarantee care for pre-existing conditions, expand Medicaid in Florida. Work toward "Medicare for all."</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion healthcare?	No. <a href="#">Voted for bill to end funding.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Challenged Rick Scott effort to defund Planned Parenthood.</a>
<b>Immigration:</b> Support path to citizenship for America's 11 million illegal immigrants, including " <a href="#">DACA recipients</a> " or "Dreamers," who grew up in the US after being brought here as children?	No. <a href="#">Considers DACA unconstitutional. Opposes any path to citizenship. DACA "amnesty" would further incentivize illegal immigration &amp; chain migration. Fire officials who abet sanctuary cities.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Can protect national security &amp; "have a secure border without criminalizing" undocumented people. Let them get alternative ID drivers' licenses. Continue in-state tuition.</a>
<b>Marijuana:</b> Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	No. Opposes recreational use. Will <a href="#">implement will of the voters</a> on medical.	Yes. <a href="#">"Legalize it. Tax it. Use the revenues to fix Florida's public schools."</a>
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Increase from \$8.25/hour?	No public statements found.	<a href="#">Yes.</a> Supports state \$15 minimum wage.
<b>Net Neutrality:</b> Require internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	No. Obama-era FCC requirement for net neutrality was a <a href="#">"massive power grab."</a>	Yes. FCC decision to dismantle was <a href="#">attack on FL communities &amp; residents.</a>
<b>President Trump:</b> Support for policies of President Trump?	Endorsed by Trump in primary. <a href="#">Voted 94%</a> for his Congressional initiatives.	Outspoken opponent of Trump.
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Government support for renewable energy?	No. Opposed <a href="#">continued wind energy subsidy</a> , calling it <a href="#">"anti-competitive &amp; economically harmful."</a>	<a href="#">Yes. "Transition Florida to clean energy as rapidly as possible." Supported renewables as Tallahassee mayor.</a>
<b>Taxes:</b> Support <a href="#">President Trump's tax cuts</a> ?	Yes. <a href="#">"The reforms will better enable American companies to compete with foreign businesses &amp; will help stem the tide of companies &amp; jobs going overseas."</a>	No. Puts <a href="#">"billions of dollars in the coffers of our richest corporations, money that would otherwise protect Social Security &amp; Medicare, &amp; pay for roads &amp; bridges."</a>
<b>Taxes:</b> Increase taxes on corporations and/or high-income individuals to pay for public services?	No. Keep Florida a low-tax state <a href="#">"by opposing tax increases &amp; requiring a supermajority vote in the Legislature to raise taxes."</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Increase Florida's corporate tax rate by 2% to generate \$1 billion for education funding.</a>

Other gubernatorial candidates include [Darcy Richardson \(Reform Party\)](#). Due to limited space, we can only include candidates who poll 15% or higher, but encourage you to check out their websites

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