

# 2014 VOTERS GUIDE

*Election on Tuesday, November 4*

For more information see the Civic Association webpage [www.PalmBeachCivic.org/Elections](http://www.PalmBeachCivic.org/Elections)

Palm Beach voters have a full slate of candidates for U.S. Congress, Governor, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, Chief Financial Officer, the Florida House, School Board, Port of Palm Beach, and amendments on the November 4 General Election ballot.

The Palm Beach Civic Association believes all civic-minded citizens will want to make informed decisions in the November 4 election. This voters guide details only the candidates and issues on the Palm Beach ballot.

## Races and Ballot Amendments of Interest



### **Palm Beach Soil & Water Conservation District Group 5 - 4 Year Term**

*A non-partisan, non-regulatory Special District that provides specialized assistance and information pertaining to the conservation of soil, water and related resources in Palm Beach County.*

**(Vote for One)**

#### **Eva S. Webb**

Eva Webb is the incumbent with the Conservation District and says her role is to educate stakeholders about conservation. She works for the Florida Farm Bureau, and is a director of the South Florida Fair where she serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee.

Website: N/A

#### **Karl Dickey**

Karl Dickey says he is a free market environmentalist, supports a clean and healthy environment and sensible use of our natural resources, and would like to save taxpayers \$350,000 in spending from this elected office. He is chairman of Blue Shark Holdings and former chairman of the Libertarian Party of Florida.

[www.KarlDickey.org](http://www.KarlDickey.org)



The Florida Governor's race is becoming an interesting competition with first-time elected official Governor Rick Scott (R) facing challenger former Governor Charlie Crist (D). The polls are now showing a tightening race since the Primary Election.

Proposed Florida Amendment 2, to legalize medical marijuana, has strong public support in the state but judges and the medical profession are leaning against. To learn more about this constitutional amendment attend the Civic Association Election Forum and Medical Marijuana Debate on October 20 at the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea. To RSVP signup online at [www.PalmBeachCivic.org/Events](http://www.PalmBeachCivic.org/Events)

## **Palm Beach Civic Association ELECTION FORUM**

### **A DEBATE ON AMENDMENT 2 Legalizing Marijuana**

**WITH**



**Ben Pollara,**  
[VoteYesOn2.org](http://VoteYesOn2.org)



**Dr. Jessica  
Spencer,**  
[VoteNoOn2.org](http://VoteNoOn2.org)

★ ★ ★ PLUS ★ ★ ★

**Children's Services Council  
Civic Association Director  
Judy Goodman**

**Palm Beach Port Commission Candidates  
Peyton McArthur and  
Kesnel Theus**

**Monday, Oct. 20, 2014 • 10:00 a.m.**

Episcopal Church of Bethesda by the Sea  
141 S County Rd., Palm Beach, FL 33480

Everyone Welcome • Valet Parking

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or Call **561-655-0820**

## LOCAL BALLOT QUESTIONS

### **COUNTYWIDE - QUESTION 1 Reauthorization of The Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County**

Shall the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, which provides early learning and reading skills, development, treatment, preventative and other children's services in Palm Beach County, be reauthorized to continue in existence as a district with voter-approved taxing authority, with independent oversight and accountability as required by law, unless and until it is dissolved as specified in s.125.901 (4)(a), Florida Statutes?

**YES NO**

### **COUNTYWIDE - QUESTION 2 Referendum to Continue an Ad Valorem Levy for School Operational Needs**

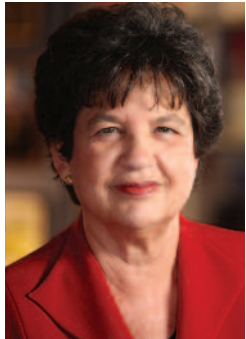
Shall the School Board of Palm Beach County have the authority to continue to levy 0.25 mills of ad valorem millage dedicated for operational needs of non-charter District schools to fund teachers, as well as arts, music, physical education, career and academic programs for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019, with oversight by an independent finance committee of citizens and experts?

**YES NO**

## FEDERAL RACES

### U.S. House of Representatives

A U.S. Representative serves a two-year term. District 22 includes coastal Palm Beach and Broward counties from Jupiter to Fort Lauderdale.



#### Lois Frankel – D (Incumbent)

**Personal:** Lois Frankel was born in New York in 1948 and has been a resident of West Palm Beach since 1974.

**Education:** Graduated from Boston University and received a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

**Professional Career:** Practiced law locally and became president of the PBC Association of Women Lawyers.

**Political Experience:** Elected to Florida House of Representatives 1986, 1988, 1990. West Palm Mayor from 2003 until she was term limited in 2011. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.

**Main Issues:** Jobs and the Economy, Women and Families, Social Security, Veterans, Education, Health Care, and Israel.

**Website:** [www.LoisFrankelForCongress.com](http://www.LoisFrankelForCongress.com)



#### Paul Spain - R

**Personal:** Born in 1947 and lives in Delray Beach.

**Education:** Graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Professional Career:** Asset Management Financial Professional with experience in Fortune 500 Energy and Information Technology Services firms.

**Political/Community Experience:** Never held political office. Community service includes Chambers of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, a current member of the College of Financial Planning with Advanced Planning Certifications (AAMS, CRPS), and a member of Maggie's List, which promotes and supports efforts by women to hold public office.

**Main Issues:** Prioritize economic growth and job creation in all sectors; replace bureaucratic government health care with patient-driven health insurance that meets the needs of all American; implement tax reform that is simple, fair and responsible; invest in new innovation for our educational system; balance the budget now - not later - and eliminate the fraud, waste, and redundant government programs that stifle our economy; secure our borders and transportation corridors; Florida's Families and Seniors need a better advocate in Washington.

**Website:** [www.PaulSpainForCongress.com](http://www.PaulSpainForCongress.com)

## STATE RACES

### Governor\*

Governor serves a four-year term.



#### Rick Scott – R (Incumbent)

**Personal:** Born in Bloomington, Illinois and raised in Kansas City Missouri.

**Education:** BA in business from UM-Kansas City and law degree from Southern Methodist University.

**Professional Career:** As an attorney, he did merger and acquisition work in health care. He started Columbia Hospital Corporation with his own savings. After 9 years of hospital acquisition he acquired HCA, Inc. and merged the two into Columbia/HCA. Over time, he acquired a controlling interest in the American Health Network and Discover Health, and founded Solantic Corporation, which operates a string of urgent care centers across Florida.

**Political Experience:** In 2009, he formed the advocacy group Conservatives for Patient's Rights, which was active in the fight against Obamacare, specifically opposing the public option. A newcomer to politics he was elected Governor in 2010.

**Main Issues:** Jobs, tax cuts, affordable college, small business, education reform, keep Florida beautiful, public safety and caring for families.

**Website:** [www.RickScottForFlorida.com](http://www.RickScottForFlorida.com)



#### Charlie Crist - D

**Personal:** Born in 1956 in Altoona, Pennsylvania but spent his early school years in St. Petersburg.

**Education:** Undergraduate degree from Florida State University and a law degree from Cumberland School of Law.

**Professional Career:** Currently a class action attorney in the Tampa office of Morgan & Morgan.

**Political Experience:** As a Republican, he served as Florida Attorney General, Commissioner of Education, and State Senator, before being elected Governor in 2007 and serving one term. In the 2010 election, he entered the Republican primary for US Senator. Way behind Marco Rubio in the polls, when it was clear he would lose the primary, Charlie Crist switched his party affiliation and ran for the seat as an independent. He became a Democrat in 2012.

**Main Issues:** Economy and jobs, seniors, environment and clean energy, insurance and consumer protection, education, transportation, medical marijuana, women's rights, immigration, same-sex marriage, health care, voting rights and Israel.

**Website:** [www.CharlieCrist.com](http://www.CharlieCrist.com)

## STATE RACES

### Attorney General

Attorney General serves as the chief legal officer of the state and is head of the Florida Department of Legal Affairs.



#### Pam Bondi – R (Incumbent)

**Personal:** Fourth generation Floridian and a Tampa native. She currently serves on the Board of "The Spring," Tampa's domestic violence shelter, she serves on the University of Florida Alumni Board, and the Special Olympics Florida Board of Directors.

**Education:** Graduate of the University of Florida with a B.A. in Criminal Justice and a JD degree from Stetson Law School.

**Professional Career:** Prosecutor in the 13th district State Attorney's Office in Hillsborough County for 18 years.

**Political Experience:** Elected in 2010 as Florida's first female Attorney General.

**Main Issues:** Best known for her campaigns to crack down on pill mills and drug abuse in our state, and her crusade to make Florida a zero tolerance state for human trafficking. Other issues include Medicaid fraud, mortgage and foreclosure problems.

**Website:** [www.PamBondi.com](http://www.PamBondi.com)



#### George Sheldon – D

**Personal:** Born in Wildwood, NJ

**Education:** Undergraduate and law degree from Florida State University.

**Professional Career:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' assistant secretary for the Administration for Children and Families. When Charlie Crist was Governor, he served as secretary for the Florida Department of Children and Families, and he served former Democrat Attorney General Bob Butterworth as Deputy AG.

**Political/Community Experience:** Florida Legislator 1975-1982.

**Main Issues:** Consumers Affairs, utility rate filings, medical marijuana, same sex marriage, water policy, Everglades and crime.

**Website:** [www.GeorgeSheldon2014.com](http://www.GeorgeSheldon2014.com)

### Governor continued



#### Adrian Wyllie - Libertarian

**Personal:** Military veteran and a third-generation Floridian.

**Education:** Dunedin High School

**Professional Career:** IT Consulting firm and co-founder of 1787 Radio Network. A radio personality.

**Political/Community Experience:** Chair of Libertarian Party.

2011-2013

**Main Issues:** His platform is to defend the life, liberty and property of all Floridians from excessive taxation, overbearing regulation, invasions of privacy, and all unconstitutional interference from the state and federal governments.

**Website:** [www.WyllieForGovernor.com](http://www.WyllieForGovernor.com)

\*These are the main candidates. There will be others on the ballot. See the Supervisor of Elections Website to see who they are: [www.PBElections.org](http://www.PBElections.org)



### Early Voting

Registered voters may vote early from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on October 20, 2014, through November 2, 2014, at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 240 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

### Election Day Voting

#### Palm Beach Polling Locations

- Precincts 1390 and 1392  
St. Edward's Church, 165 N. County Road.
- Precincts 1394 and 7154  
Central Fire Station, 355 S. County Road.
- Precincts 7156, 7158 and 7166  
South Fire Station,  
2185 S. Ocean Boulevard.

**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

## STATE RACES

### Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer serves a four-year term and leads the Department of Financial Services which includes Consumer Services, Insurance Fraud, Public Assistance Fraud, Treasury, State Fire Marshall, Workers' Compensation, and Banking and Finance.



**Jeff Atwater – R**  
(Incumbent)

**Personal:** A fifth generation Floridian, Jeff Atwater was born in 1958 and lives in North Palm Beach.

**Education:** BS in Finance and an MBA from the University of Florida.

**Professional Career:** Prior to starting a political career, he worked as

a community banker for more than 25 years. He served on many local boards, including the NPB Chamber, United Way, the Boy Scouts and Roger Dean Stadium.

**Political Experience:** Elected to the North Palm Beach City Council in 1993, he served as Vice Mayor, then was elected to the Florida House in 2000, and the Senate in 2002, becoming Senate President from 2008-2010. In 2010, he won his first statewide race for Chief Financial Officer.

**Main Issues:** Financial transparency, reduce Florida debt, finances and economy, fraud and consumer protection, assisting insurance consumers and insurance fraud and protecting seniors and Florida veterans.

**Website:** www.JeffAtwater.com



**William "Will" Rankin – D**

**Personal:** Born in Cincinnati, raised in Northern Kentucky. Military veteran.

**Education:** Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration majoring in Economics from St. Xavier University.

**Professional Career:** Business development in the private sector

before serving as the Director of Asset Management for the State Treasury of Ohio. Worked with the U.S. Congressional Census Monitoring Board.

**Political/Community Experience:** N/A

**Main Issues:** State Assets and Public Employee Pension Fund, Unions Rights, Public Schools, Civil Rights for Non-Violent Felons after time served, eliminate waste and fraud, affordable and comprehensive insurance, small business development, new industries and companies.

**Website:** www.RankinForCFO.com

### Commissioner of Agriculture

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services serves a four-year term.



**Adam Putnam – R**  
(Incumbent)

**Personal:** A fifth generation cattle rancher from Polk County

**Education:** Graduate of the University of Florida with a BS in Food and Resource Economics.

**Political Experience:** Elected Florida Agriculture Commissioner in 2010. Adam represented district

63 in the Florida House where he was Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. Elected to Congress in 2000, Adam represented the 12th district for ten years.

**Main Issues:** Economic prosperity, energy production, 2nd Amendment rights, consumer fraud and veterans.

**Website:** www.AdamPutnam.com



**Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton – D**

**Personal:** Lives in Sunrise, FL.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from the University of Arkansas.

**Professional Career:** Retired after 36 years from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**Political/Community Experience:** First Chairperson of Broward County's \$400 million land preservation advisory council. Formed the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Advisory Committee.

**Main Issues:** Jobs and economy, veterans, agriculture and environment and education.

**Website:** www.VoteForThad2014.com

### Florida 4<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeal

This year 4 of the 12 judges on Florida's 4th District Court of Appeal face merit retention votes. They have no opposition and voters are simply asked to vote yes or no as to whether each should keep their jobs for another six years.

#### Shall the following judges be retained in office?

Alan O. Forst

Mark W. Klingensmith

W. Matthew Stevenson

Martha C. Warner

## STATE RACES

### Florida House District 89

A State Representative serves a two-year term. District 89 covers coastal Palm Beach County from Singer Island to Boca Raton.



**Bill Hager – R (Incumbent)**

**Personal:** Bill Hager is a 24-year resident of Boca Raton.

**Education:** He holds a J.D. degree from the University of Illinois, a Masters of Education from the University of Hawaii.

**Professional Career:** CEO of NCCI, and a co-founder of Boca technology incubator Cenetec, Inc.

**Political Experience:** He was elected to the House in 2010, he served 3 terms on the Boca Raton City Council and was Deputy Mayor. After Adam Hasner left his District 87 seat due to term limits, Bill Hager was elected to replace him.

**Main Issues:** Quality education, safe streets, lower taxes, end wasteful government spending and restore public trust in elected officials.

**Website:** www.BillHager.org

### David Silvers - D

**Personal:** Born in Florida and raised in Boca Raton.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Florida and joint law degree and MBA from the University of Miami.

**Professional Career:** President of Tekno Books, LLC.

**Political/Community Experience:**

Trustee for the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County. Active member of his Rotary Club and the Young Friends of the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach, where he serves on the Executive Committee. David also supports the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America.

**Main Issues:** Environment, education, jobs and economy, standing up to special interests, property insurance and fiscal policy.

**Website:** www.VoteDavidSilvers.com

## LOCAL RACES

Palm Beach County School Board members run non-partisan for a four-year term. This is a runoff from the Primary.

### School Board District 4



**Thomas Sutterfield**

**Personal:** Born in 1966, parent of three children, and lives in Boynton Beach.

**Education:** MS in Management of Technology from GeorgiaTech and a BS in Business Administration.

**Professional Career:** Currently Section Administrator of IT for the South Florida Water Management District. He has also owned and

operated an IT firm that designed and operated data centers.

**Political/Community Experience:** Governing Board member and Treasurer of The Learning Excellence Foundation of South Palm Beach, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that owns and operates Imagine-Chancellor, a school in Boynton Beach.

**Main Issues:** Priorities include a fiscally responsible balanced budget, safe schools, support for music and art programs and bringing more technology to students in the classroom.

**Website:** www.VoteSutterfield2014.com



**Erica Whitfield**

**Personal:** Born in 1978 in south Florida and lives in Lake Worth.

**Education:** MA in Public Health from Emory University, and a BA in Health Science Education from the University of Florida.

**Professional Career:** A wellness coordinator for the school district, previously worked in the county health department, and served as

Executive Director of the Governor's Council for Community Health Partnerships

**Political/Community Experience:** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Project for the School District of Palm Beach County. Develop 30 community and school gardens, opened the first school-based park in Palm Beach County. As part of this project, Erica raised and managed over 1.3 million dollars to support our local schools and community.

**Main Issues:** Priorities include an innovative curriculum, focus on math, science, reading, arts, music and physical education and the wellness of the children.

**Website:** www.EricaForSchools.com

## LOCAL RACES

### Port of Palm Beach

Port commissioners serve four-year terms and run district-wide. This is an open seat because the incumbent retired.



#### Peyton McArthur – D

**Personal:** Peyton McArthur was born in 1949 and lives in Palm Beach Gardens.

**Education:** BA in Political Science and a MA in Public Administration from the University of Florida.

**Professional Career:** Six years at the Port of Palm Beach as human resources director which included labor relations and governmental

affairs. Eight years in Washington D.C. as a FEC analyst and six years in Tallahassee as the publisher of the "Florida Monitor," a non-partisan political newsletter.

**Political Experience:** Served as a senior aid to a county commissioner in 1989 and the County Clerk, and currently assists District 2 Commissioner Paulette Burdick.

**Main Issues:** Transparency at the Port of Palm Beach.

**Website:** N/A



#### Kesnel Theus – R

**Personal:** Born in 1989 and lives in Wellington.

**Education:** BS in Legal Studies & Juris Doctorate Candidate at Nova Southeastern University.

**Professional Career:** Co-owner of Milestone Tax Consultants, office administrator for the Theus Acupuncture Medical Center since 2006. Also works as a Social Security and Veterans Disability claims representative.

**Political/Community Experience:** Vice President/ Community Service Chair of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Phi Chapter, Board Member of Theus Outreach Ministry, Board Member of Men of Purpose Ministry, Member of Palm Beach Civic Association, Volunteer at Broward Outreach Center for PB&J Drive, Volunteer for Nova Southeastern University Coastal Cleanup.

**Main Issues:** Job and community growth, increase economic opportunity, hire more employees, protecting natural resources and port development.

**Website:** www.ElectKesnelTheusJr.com

## FLORIDA AMENDMENTS

### AMENDMENT 1: Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative

The measure, upon voter approval, would dedicate 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. The fund is designed to buy, manage, or restore natural land and systems and to enhance public access and recreational use of conservation lands.

### AMENDMENT 2: Florida Right to Medical Marijuana Initiative

The measure, upon voter approval, would legalize medical marijuana. Specifically, the measure would guarantee the following:

That medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver is not subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under state law.

That a licensed physician is not subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions for issuing medical marijuana to a person diagnosed with a "debilitating medical condition" under state law.

That registered medical marijuana treatment centers are not subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under state law.

The measure defines a "debilitating medical condition" as cancer, multiple sclerosis, glaucoma, hepatitis C, HIV, AIDS, ALS, Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease or other conditions for which a physician believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for a patient."

The Florida Department of Health would be responsible for regulating medical marijuana.

### AMENDMENT 3: Florida Prospective Judicial Vacancies

The measure, upon voter approval, would empower the governor to fill judicial vacancies by appointing a justice or judge from among at least three - but not more than six - candidates selected by the judicial nominating commission.



## What is the Palm Beach Civic Association?

We protect and improve the quality of life in Palm Beach by taking proactive stands on civic affairs, educating and engaging residents on key town issues, working with local government, and encouraging citizen involvement in the community.

**Become a member today!**

**Call 561-655-0820 or visit our website**

**www.PalmBeachCivic.org**

# MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

## FOR THE NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION

**Tuesday, October 21**  
**5:30 to 7 p.m.**

**Palm Beach South Fire Station**  
**2185 South Ocean Boulevard**

**INVITED PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:**

- Candidates for Congress, Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Chief Financial Officer, Florida House District 89, School Board District 4, and Port of Palm Beach.
- Speakers on Amendment 2, the Florida Medical Right to Marijuana Initiative.
- Spokesperson for the Palm Beach County Children's Services Council on the CSC reauthorization ballot question.

**FREE EVENT ★ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Space is limited, please make your reservation today**

**Reserve by phone 561-655-5466 or online**  
**www.PalmBeachCivic.org/events**



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Any qualified Palm Beach County voter is entitled to vote an absentee ballot. An absentee ballot may be requested in person at the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office, in writing, over the telephone or by completing the online application at the supervisor's website. Telephonic, written or facsimile requests should be directed to:

**Supervisor of Elections**  
240 South Military Trail  
West Palm Beach,  
Florida 33415

**Mailing Address**  
P.O. Box 22309  
West Palm Beach,  
Florida 33416-2309

Telephone: (561) 656-6200  
Facsimile: (561) 656-6287  
www.pbcelections.org

**Absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. at the main office, not branch offices, by the end of business at the Supervisor of Elections Office on November 4, 2014.**