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LPF Voting Recommendations for the 2018 FL Ballot

Amendment

1

LPF Stance:

NO POSITION

Description:

If approved, this would add an additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption tier for properties valued more than \$100,000. The LPF recommends “None of the above,” because this does not address the root of the Florida

Amendment

2

LPF Stance:

NO POSITION

Description:

This would retain the current 10 percent cap on increases to non-homestead property. As with Amendment 1, The LPF recommends “None of the above,” because this keeps taxation of property. Read more about the LPF’s

Amendment

3

LPF Stance:

VOTE NO

Description:

This amendment will require Florida voters to decide whether to allow casino gambling anywhere in the state. This Amendment serves to make it harder to have responsible gambling. It really serves to limit gambling and

Amendment

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LPF Stance:

VOTE YES

Description:

This Amendment would restore the voting rights of felons after they complete their sentence, including parole or probation. This is only a small step forward to the day when someone convicted of a crime is truly free when they



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Amendments 1 and 2
recommendations [here](#).

choice to allow it. We
recommend a NO vote
on Amendment 3. Read
more about our
Amendment 3
recommendation [here](#).

but we do recommend
YES for Amendment 4.
Our Amendment 4
recommendation is
[here](#).

Amendment 5

LPF Stance:
VOTE YES

Description:

This would prevent the Florida Legislature from creating new taxes and fees, or raising current ones, without a two-thirds "supermajority" vote. We want to see a day when there are no new taxes without prior voter approval. For now,

Amendment 6

LPF Stance:
VOTE NO

Description:

If approved, this Amendment would significantly increase the rights of crime victims, requires judges to interpret laws independently, and raising the mandatory retirement age for judges to 75. Incredibly,

Amendment 7

LPF Stance:
VOTE NO

Description:

This would significantly increase survivor benefits, require a "supermajority" vote to increase college fees and make the Florida college system a requirement. While we agree it should be harder to increase state

Amendment 8

Description:

This amendment has been removed from the Ballot.



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individually. While there is much to like about some of the Amendment 6 proposals, there are also significant problems with it so we recommend a NO vote. Our Amendment 6 discussion is [here](#).

recommend a NO vote. Read about our Amendment 7 opinion [here](#).

Amendment 9 Amendment 10 Amendment 11 Amendment 12 Amendment 13

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VOTE NO

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concepts is just plain silly. We suggest NO. Read our thoughts on Amendment 9 [here](#).

Department of Veteran's Affairs permanent; prevent voters in counties with County Charters to abolish, change terms, transfer duties, or eliminate election of the offices of sheriff, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, tax collector, and clerks of court; creates a statewide office of domestic security and counter-terrorism; and changes when the

Amendment would do several things, the most important is it would grant the Florida Legislature the right to fully commute crime sentences when those crimes are reduced. We say vote YES for this amendment because of it. Read our thoughts on Amendment 11 [here](#).

Lobbying Restrictions Amendment would significantly expand restraints to professional governmental lobbying. While we'd like to see greater transparency in the lawmaking process, we believe this is not the way to do it. See our discussion [here](#).

Wagering on Dog Races Amendment would phase out commercial dog racing betting by 2020. We oppose all restraints on gambling and believe the public, not the state should "regulate" ethical gambling practices. We abhor violence and poor treatment of any kind, but animal abuse and wagering are not one and the same, so we recommend NO on Amendment 13. Read more about our position on



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[here.](#)

here, but we
conclude the
negatives
outweigh the
positives, so we
recommend NO
on Amendment
10. Read our
detailed
Amendment 10
discussion [here](#).

Our Thoughts On Bundling Amendments

Several of the these Amendments were “bundled” by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission. This means instead of one vote to decide a single proposal, the FCRC “bundled” two, three, and even four unrelated subjects together. We *strongly*

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