



**Women for Wise Growth**  
**2008 Voter's Guide**  
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**Endorsements**

**AMENDMENT 1**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to delete provisions authorizing the Legislature to regulate or prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship.

YES

**AMENDMENT 3**

Authorizes the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit consideration of changes or improvements to residential real property which increase resistance to wind damage and installation of renewable energy source devices as factors in assessing the property's value for ad valorem taxation purposes. Effective upon adoption, repeals the existing renewable energy source device exemption no longer in effect.

YES

**AMENDMENT 4**

Requires Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or other perpetual conservation protections, defined by general law. Requires Legislature to provide for classification and assessment of land used for conservation purposes, and not perpetually encumbered, solely on the basis of character or use. Subjects assessment benefit to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions established by general law. Applies to property taxes beginning in 2010.

YES

**AMENDMENT 6**

Provides for assessment based upon use of land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes; land used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable and accessible to the public; marinas and drystacks that are open to the public; and water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities, subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified by general law.

YES

**AMENDMENT 8**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require that the Legislature authorize counties to levy a local option sales tax to supplement community college funding; requiring voter approval to levy the tax; providing that approved taxes will sunset after 5 years and may be reauthorized by the voters.

YES

## AMENDMENT 2

This amendment protects marriage as the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife and provides that no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized.

NO

### Local referenda:

#### Wild Spaces & Public Places

Shall Alachua County be authorized to extend the Alachua County Forever program to acquire and improve environmentally significant lands, to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat, and to create, improve, and maintain park and recreational facilities in all cities and the county, with citizen oversight and independent audit, by the levy of a one-half percent (1/2%) sales tax for two (2) years, starting January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2010?

YES

#### Alachua County School Funding Initiative

Shall the Alachua County School District's ad valorem millage be increased by a total of one mill, beginning July 1, 2009, and ending four years later on June 30, 2013, for necessary operating expenses including funds to provide school nurses; maintain elementary music and art programs, middle school band programs, school library programs, elementary guidance programs, and academic/career/ technical magnet programs; and update classroom technology; with oversight by an independent citizens' committee?

YES

#### Registration of Protected Public Places

Shall the Alachua County Charter be amended to require that the sale or conversion to another use of County owned lands acquired or used for conservation, recreation, or cultural purposes be effective only if approved by a majority of the electors in the County in a County-wide referendum election?

YES

Tim Cunha for United States Congressional representative for District 6