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- Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval completely  next to your choice. Use only the marking device provided or a black or blue pen.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.
- To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval and print the name clearly on the blank line provided for the write-in candidate.

<b>President and Vice President</b> (Vote for 1)	Shall Justice Meredith Sasso of the Supreme Court be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<b>No. 2 Constitutional Amendment Article I, Section 28</b>
<input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump JD Vance REP		<b>Right to Fish and Hunt</b> Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris Tim Walz DEM	<b>District Court of Appeal</b> Shall Judge Kevin M. Emas of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<input type="radio"/> Chase Oliver Mike ter Maat LPF	Shall Judge Ivan F. Fernandez of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<b>No. 3 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 29</b>
<input type="radio"/> Claudia De la Cruz Karina Garcia PSL	Shall Judge Norma Shepard Lindsey of the 3rd District Court of Appeals be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<b>Adult Personal Use of Marijuana</b> Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law; does not change, or immunize violations of, federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date.  The amendment's financial impact primarily comes from expected sales tax collections. If legal today, sales of non-medical marijuana would be subject to sales tax and would remain so if voters approve this amendment. Based on other states' experiences, expected retail sales of non-medical marijuana would generate at least \$195.6 million annually in state and local sales tax revenues once the retail market is fully operational, although the timing of this occurring is unclear. Under current law, the existing statutory framework for medical marijuana is repealed six months after the effective date of this amendment which affects how this amendment will be implemented. A new regulatory structure for both medical and nonmedical use of marijuana will be needed. Its design cannot be fully known until the legislature acts; however, regulatory costs will probably be offset by regulatory fees. Other potential costs and savings cannot be predicted. <b>THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE A NET POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS IMPACT MAY RESULT IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES.</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Randall Terry Stephen Broden CPF		
<input type="radio"/> Peter Sonski Lauren Onak ASP		
<input type="radio"/> Jill Stein Rudolph Ware GRE		
<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____		
<b>United States Senator</b> (Vote for 1)	<b>City Commissioner District VI</b> (Vote for 1)	
<input type="radio"/> Rick Scott REP	<input type="radio"/> Aaron Castillo	
<input type="radio"/> Debbie Mucarsel-Powell DEM	<input type="radio"/> Marci L. Rose	
<input type="radio"/> Feena Bonoan LPF	<b>Utility Board Member Seat C</b> (Vote for 1)	
<input type="radio"/> Tuan TQ Nguyen NPA	<input type="radio"/> Rachel Oropeza	
<input type="radio"/> Ben Everidge NPA	<input type="radio"/> Timothy Root	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____		
<b>Representative in Congress District 28</b> (Vote for 1)	<b>No. 1 Constitutional Amendment Article IX, Section 4 and Article XII</b>	
<input type="radio"/> Carlos A. Gimenez REP	<b>Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards</b>	
<input type="radio"/> Phil Ehr DEM	Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election. However, partisan primary elections may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.	
<b>State Representative District 120</b> (Vote for 1)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> James "Jim" Vernon Mooney Jr REP		
<input type="radio"/> Michael Travis DEM		
<b>Supervisor of Elections</b> (Vote for 1)		
<input type="radio"/> Sherri Hodies REP		
<input type="radio"/> Ron Saunders DEM		
<b>County Commissioner District 3</b> (Vote for 1)		
<input type="radio"/> James "Jim" Scholl REP		
<input type="radio"/> Chris Massicotte DEM		
<b>Justice of the Supreme Court</b>		
Shall Justice Renatha Francis of the Supreme Court be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		

<p><b>No. 4 Constitutional Amendment Article I, New Section</b></p>	<p><b>School Board Referendums</b></p>	<p><b>City of Key West General Obligation Bonds for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Facilities Projects</b></p>
<p><b>Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion</b></p> <p>No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.</p> <p>The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigation to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate.</p> <p><b>THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO AMBIGUITIES AND UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE AMENDMENT'S IMPACT.</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>Renewal of Operational Funding for Monroe County Schools</b></p>	<p>To finance the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving, and equipping parks, recreation and cultural facilities including without limitation renovation and improvement of City parks and amphitheater, shall the City of Key West issue not exceeding \$50,000,000 general obligation bonds, in one or more series, maturing in thirty years or less, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum legal rate, secured by and payable from the full faith, credit and unlimited ad valorem taxing power of the City?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes (For Bonds) <input type="radio"/> No (Against Bonds)</p>
<p><b>No. 5 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 6 and Article XII</b></p>	<p>The School District seeks to continue its current funding for operational expenses including teacher salaries and safe-school officers. Such funds will be shared with local charter schools proportionally based on their full-time student enrollment.</p> <p>Shall the District continue to enact a yearly ad valorem tax of no more than 0.5625 mill, for four (4) years beginning January 1, 2027, to fund safe-school officers and operational expenses of Monroe County Schools?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>City of Key West General Obligation Bonds for Transportation, Roadway and Parking Improvements</b></p>
<p><b>No. 6 Constitutional Amendment Article VI, Section 7</b></p>	<p><b>Facilitating School District Capital Projects Through Sales Tax Levy Rather than Raising Local Property Taxes</b></p>	<p>To finance the cost of acquiring and constructing transportation, roadway and parking improvements, shall the City of Key West issue not exceeding \$51,000,000 general obligation bonds, in one or more series, maturing in thirty years or less, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum legal rate, secured by and payable from the full faith, credit and unlimited ad valorem taxing power of the City?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes (For Bonds) <input type="radio"/> No (Against Bonds)</p>
<p><b>Annual Adjustments to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions</b></p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies and for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2025.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Renewed funding is required for the School District's capital improvement plan such as new construction, renovations, additions, security needs, technology implementation, school buses, and permitted capital improvements. The revenues collected must be shared with eligible charter schools based on their proportionate share of the total school district enrollment.</p> <p>Shall the School Board of Monroe County, Florida continue to levy a one-half cent sales surtax for a period of ten (10) years beginning January 1, 2026?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> For the One-Half Cent Tax <input type="radio"/> Against the One-Half Cent Tax</p>	<p><b>City of Key West General Obligation Bonds for Infrastructure Adaptations Related to Weather/Flooding Mitigation</b></p>
<p><b>Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement</b></p> <p>Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>Authorization to Accept Two Parcels of Land from Monroe County Land Authority for Recreational Purposes</b></p> <p>Should the City of Key West accept two parcels of vacant land located at 306 Catherine St. and 307 Louisa St. from the Monroe County Land Authority for consideration of ten dollars each to be used solely for recreational purposes?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>To finance the cost of acquiring and constructing capital improvements related to public infrastructure adaptations for weather resistance and storm and flooding mitigation, shall the City of Key West issue not exceeding \$65,000,000 general obligation bonds, in one or more series, maturing in thirty years or less, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum legal rate, secured by and payable from the full faith, credit and unlimited ad valorem taxing power of the City?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes (For Bonds) <input type="radio"/> No (Against Bonds)</p>
<p><b>Amendment to Sec. 1.08 of the City Charter Regarding Acquisition of Real Property</b></p> <p>Should the city charter be amended to allow for acquisition of real property for public parks, recreation, affordable housing, or civic buildings by supermajority vote of the City Commission? Annexation, and acquisition of real property for any other purpose, will remain only by referendum.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p><b>City of Key West General Obligation Bonds for Public Safety Projects (Police and Fire)</b></p>	<p>To finance acquisition, construction, improvement and equipping of police and fire infrastructure including a new fire station, shall the City of Key West issue not exceeding \$60,000,000 general obligation bonds, in one or more series, maturing in thirty years or less, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum legal rate, secured by and payable from the full faith, credit and unlimited ad valorem taxing power of the City?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes (For Bonds) <input type="radio"/> No (Against Bonds)</p>