

POLITICS IN THE BARN

Face to Face with candidates

Chamber of Commerce Politics in the Barn informative

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Candidates for elected offices representing Osceola County citizens at the City, County, State and Federal levels were in attendance at the St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce's **Politics in the Barn** event on Tuesday, August 17. Included in the activities was Straw Ballot Voting for all political races and an old-fashioned barbecue dinner at the City of St. Cloud Civic Center.

Brilliantly decorated booths created aisles for ticket-holders to meet and speak face-to-face with candidates running for elected office in the primaries. Entertainment during the evening included St. Cloud's own country music sensation, Kenyon Lockry. Each candidate was allowed a few short minutes at the microphone to introduce themselves and state their platform, which was closely watched by everyone present.

The Straw Ballot Voting was busy the entire evening, but at 8:00pm the doors were firmly closed to allow volunteers and staffers from the **Osceola County Supervisor of Elections** office to tally the results.

St. Cloud Chamber Politics in the Barn Straw Ballot Results

Congressional level

US Senator

(R) Rubio 63%
(D) Greene 35%
(NPA) Crist 29%

Representative District 8

(R) Webster 22%
(D) Grayson 18%
(TEA) Dunmire 23%

Representative District 12

(R) Ross 21%
(D) Edwards 19%
(TEA) Wilkinson 32%

Representative District 15

(R) Posey 75%
(D) Roberts 25%

State level

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

McCalister (R) 29 votes
McCollum (R) 116 votes
Scott (R) 110 votes
Sink (D) 139 votes
Moore (D) 66 votes

Attorney General

Benson (R) 65 votes
Bondi (R) 86 votes
Kottkamp (R) 78 votes
Gelber (D) 111 votes
Aronberg (D) 72 votes

Chief Financial Officer

Atwater (R) 143 votes
Ausley (D) 98 votes

Commissioner of Agriculture

Putnam (R) 118 votes
Maddox (D) 66 votes
Chester (TEA) 62 votes
Hamilton 11 votes

Legislative

State Representative District 41

Precourt (R) 117
Douglas (D) 56
Foley (TEA) 83

State Representative District 49

Soto (R) 133 votes
La Chance (NPA) 71 votes

State Representative District 79

Chalifoux, Jr. (R) 16%
Horner (R) 50%
Freeman (D) 10%
Alvarez (TEA) 24%

County

County Commissioner District 2

Quinones (R) 67%
Ramirez (D) 33%

County Commissioner District 4

Attkisson (R) 47%

M Davis (R) 15%

Shroyer (R) 15%

Welch (R) 23%

Healy, Jr. (D) 22%

Miers (D) 51%

Colon (NPA) 27%

Non-Partisan

Justice of the Supreme Court

Retain **Canady** 54% YES

46% NO

Justice of the Supreme Court

Retain **Labarga** 48% YES

52% NO

Justice of the Supreme Court

Retain **Perry** 54% YES

46% NO

Justice of the Supreme Court

Retain **Polston** 49% YES

51% NO

5th District Court of Appeals

Retain **Cohen** 53% YES

47% NO

5th District Court of Appeals

Retain **Griffin** 54% YES

46% NO

5th District Court of Appeals

Retain **Jacobus** 52% YES

48% NO

5th District Court of Appeals

Retain **Monaco** 53% YES

47% NO

5th District Court of Appeals

Retain **Torpy, Jr.** 49% YES

51% NO

Circuit Judge Circuit 9; Group 6

Elahi 23%

Wallis 77%

School Board Member District 1

Gemskie 71%

Wheeler 29%

School Board Member District 4

Horn 60%

Stone 40%

School Board Member District 5

W. Davis 21%

Long 29%

McCland 23%

McKay 27%

City of St. Cloud

City Council Seat 1

Borders 39%

Polachek 61%

City Council Seat 3

Dolhon 45%

Holmes 55%

City of Kissimmee

City Commissioner Seat 2

Fisher 20%

Van Meter 24%

Rentas 18%

K. Smith 10%

Cortes 10%

Irizarry 18%

City Commissioner Seat 4

Miranda 27%

Grieb 73%

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

No. 1 Repeal of public campaign financing requirement

YES 54%

NO 46%

No. 2 Supplemental ad valorem tax credit for deployed military personnel

YES 79%

NO 21%

No. 3 5% Property tax limit for nonhomestead property; additional homestead exemption for new homestead owners.

YES 56%

NO 44%

No. 4 Requires local referendum for the adoption and amendment of local government comprehensive land use plans. Cost on local government and communities cannot be determined.

YES 42%

NO 58%

No. 5 Standards for legislature to follow in legislative redistricting

YES 69%

NO 31%

No. 6 Standards for legislature to follow in congressional redistricting

YES 69%

NO 31%

No. 7 Standards for legislature to follow in legislative and congressional redistricting shall apply federal requirements

YES 63%

NO 37%

No. 8 Revision of the class size requirements for public schools

YES 68%

NO 32%

Proposed Osceola County Referendum

Authorize the County to collect an additional 1% sales tax for road and bridge construction.

YES 24%

NO 76%

Non-binding Advisory Referendum

Referendum for an amendment to the U. S. Constitution calling for a balanced Federal budget without raising taxes

YES 83%

NO 17%

City of St. Cloud

To reinstate Cyber Spot

YES 54%

NO 46%

Of note, as of **August 18, 2010** there were a **total of 145,013** registered voters in Osceola County. Of the total number, 64,376 were registered Democrat; 41,188 registered as Republican; 32,398 registered as Non Partisan and 7,051 registered as Other.