

## **Florida Realtors PAC congratulates candidates on their victories**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Nov. 7, 2018** – The 2018 general election has come to a close, and out of 97 state races in which Florida Realtors PAC backed a candidate, 90 candidates won their respective election – a 93 percent success rate. Three additional races are heading toward a recount.

"Congratulations to all our victorious candidates on their election wins," says Ann DeFries, chair of Florida Realtors PAC Trustees. "Florida's economy is growing and communities throughout the state are benefiting from this prosperity. We look forward to working with our supported candidates, along with their new colleagues to ensure this success continues."

In addition to the many victories for Florida Realtors PAC-endorsed candidates, the election also ended in success for a major Florida Realtors public policy issue: Passage of Amendment 2.

Amendment 2 preserves the 10 percent cap on annual increases of non-homestead property taxes that has been in place for the last 10 years. Its passage prevents an estimated \$700 million tax increase on the 2.2 million non-homestead properties currently protected in the state.

"The passage of Amendment 2 is a huge victory for communities throughout the state," adds DeFries. "Thank you to every member who took the time to promote the importance of the 10 percent cap and explain why it matters to all Floridians. Our state and our economy can now continue to thrive."

Florida Realtors PAC-endorsed candidates were evaluated on numerous factors, including their voting record on issues that are relevant to the real estate profession.

For a full list of winners in each race, visit the [Department of State's Division of Elections](#).

### **Successful Florida Realtors PAC-endorsed candidates for Florida Governor and Cabinet:**

**Governor**      Ron DeSantis

**Attorney General**      Ashley Moody

**Chief Financial Officer**      Jimmy Patronis

**Commissioner of Agriculture**      \*Too close to call

### **Successful Florida Realtors PAC-endorsed candidates for the Florida Senate:**

**District**      **Candidate**

2              Senator George Gainer

4	Senator Aaron Bean
8	Senator Keith Perry
10	Senator Wilton Simpson
12	Senator Dennis Baxley
16	Ed Hooper
18	*Too close to call
20	Senator Tom Lee
22	Senator Kelli Stargel
23	Representative Joe Gruters
24	Senator Jeff Brandes
25	Representative Gayle Harrell
26	Representative Ben Albritton
28	Senator Kathleen Passidomo
30	Senator Bobby Powell
34	Senator Gary Farmer Jr.
36	Representative Manny Diaz Jr.
40	Senator Annette Taddeo

**Successful Florida Realtors PAC-endorsed candidates for the Florida House:**

<b>District</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
1	Mike Hill
3	Representative Jayer Williamson
4	Representative Mel Ponder
6	Representative Jay Trumbull
10	Chuck Brannan
11	Representative Cord Byrd
12	Representative Clay Yarborough

- 15 Wyman Duggan
- 16 Representative Jason Fischer
- 17 Representative Cyndi Stevenson
- 19 Representative Bobby Payne
- 21 Representative Chuck Clemons
- 22 Representative Charlie Stone
- 23 Representative Stan McClain
- 24 Representative Paul Renner
- 25 Representative Tom Leek
- 26 \*Too close to call
- 27 Representative David Santiago
- 28 David Smith
- 29 Representative Scott Plakon
- 31 Representative Jennifer Sullivan
- 32 Anthony Sabatini
- 34 Representative Ralph Massullo Jr.
- 35 Representative Blaise Ingolia
- 36 Representative Amber Mariano
- 37 Ardian Zika
- 38 Representative Danny Burgess
- 39 Representative Josie Tomkow
- 40 Representative Colleen Burton
- 42 Representative Mike La Rosa
- 48 Representative Amy Mercado
- 49 Representative Carlos Guillermo Smith
- 50 Representative Rene "Coach P" Plasencia
- 51 Tyler Sirois

52 Representative Thad Altman  
53 Representative Randy Fine  
54 Representative Erin Grall  
55 Representative Cary Pigman  
56 Melony Bell  
57 Mike Beltran  
58 Representative Lawrence McClure  
60 Representative Jackie Toledo  
61 Dianne Hart  
64 Representative James Grant  
65 Representative Chris Sprowls  
66 Nick DiCeglie  
67 Representative Chris Latvala  
71 Will Robinson  
73 Tommy Gregory  
74 James Buchanan  
76 Representative Ray Rodrigues  
77 Representative Dane Eagle  
78 Representative Heather Fitzenhagen  
79 Spencer Roach  
80 Representative Byron Donalds  
82 Representative Mary Lynn Magar  
83 Toby Overdorf  
85 Representative Rick Roth  
86 Representative Matt Willhite  
87 Representative David Silvers  
93 Chip LaMarca

- 98** Michael Gottlieb
- 105** Ana Maria Rodriguez
- 106** Representative Bob Rommel
- 111** Representative Bryan Avila
- 112** Representative Nicholas Duran
- 114** Representative Javier Fernandez
- 115** Vance Aloupis
- 116** Representative Danny Perez
- 118** Anthony Rodriguez
- 119** Juan Fernandez-Barquin
- 120** Representative Holly Raschein

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