



**Indian River County Primaries
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Office: Sheriff

Closed Race – must be a registered Republican to vote for these candidates

Eric Scott Flowers, R

www.flowersforsheriff.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has worked for the IRC Sheriff's Office for 16 years• Currently serves as major for the bureau of administration at the IRC Sheriff's office, leads about 200 people in this position• Bachelor's degree in business administration from Stetson university, graduate certificate of police leadership and Master of Science in Criminal Justice from UCF currently earning his Ph.D. In public affairs from UCF
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasis on safety of the community, prosecuting those who commit crimes, opportunity for rehabilitation, strict punishments for violent offenders• Fiscally conservative, wants to use taxpayer dollars wisely• Loyalty to employees, treating them like members of his family, but correcting them when necessary• Lack of emphasis on community policing, transparency, and concern for minority populations
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheriff Deryl Loar (IRC Sheriff), Erin Grall (FL State Representative), Carole Jean Jordan (IRC Tax Collector), St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara, Tiffany Justice (IRC School Board), Peter O'Bryan (IRC County Commissioner), Laura Moss (Vero Beach City Council)• More comprehensive list available on candidate's website, listed above

Charles Kirby, R

<https://kirby2020.com>

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked in the IRC Sheriff's office for 25 years, retired with the rank of Captain• Was the leader of the Sheriff's Office special operations section, oversaw aviation, ag-marine, traffic, K-9, reserve and school resource units• 36 years of combined active duty/reserve military service in the US Coast Guard and army, retired at the rank of USCG chief warrant officer
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data-driven approach in order to focus resources where they will be most effective• Transparency as to how all tax dollars are spent, curtail year-end spending surges, return unused funds to taxpayers• Establish a competitive step-pay plan and a fair, consistent process for promotions for employees of the Sheriff's Office• Focus on racial disparities in community policing
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fred Jones, Steve Kegerreis and Mike Dean

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Richard George Rosell, R

<https://richrosell4sheriff.com>

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has worked in law enforcement for 38 years, currently serves as Police Chief of Indian River Shores• Military service in the marine corps, currently on his last tour of duty in the army reserve before retiring as a master sergeant• 2 Master’s Degrees in human resources and homeland defense and security studies from naval postgraduate school; pursuing Doctorate
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Sheriff must have operational, supervisory, managerial, and leadership experience, of which he has the most• Address the growing concern related to disparate treatment of the minority community• Prioritizes honesty, integrity, and transparency• Focus on building community partnerships
ENDORSEMENTS	N/A

Keith Monroe Touchberry, R

<https://votetouchberryforsheriff.com>

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 31 years of law enforcement experience in Indian River County, including the past 6 years of service as Fellsmere’s Police Chief• 6.5 years of active duty service in the Marine Corps infantry• Master of science degree in criminal justice from UCF, currently adjunct faculty at IRSC where he teaches an advanced course in ethics to certified law enforcement officers and Florida Institute of Technology
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use crime data to address crime where it occurs, improve partnerships with local and federal agencies• Actively engage community for solutions via Partner Institution Policing, focus on crime prevention because crime is a social problem• Reduce recidivism, facilitate re-entry, address mental health and substance abuse• IRCISO welfare and development: improve leadership and training, mentoring program, early warning system to prevent misconduct, fair administration of discipline, and fair, impartial and consistent standards for promotion
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Florida Police Chiefs Association• Cited by Laurence Reisman (TCPalm) as winning first candidate debate

Office: Tax Collector

Open Race – members of any party can vote

Brenda Bradley, R

www.votebrendabradley.net

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22 years of banking experience• 14 years of experience in the tax collector's office, last 5 years as chief of staff/director of operations
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduction in wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars by the Tax Collector's Office (for lunches, trips, promotional advertising, satellite office, etc.)• Employee retention – respect for employees, appropriate salaries and merit-based increases, no politics in the office• Immediate halt to camera surveillance of staff and clients
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rose Spytek (financial planner at Raymond James), Stephen Dorrance, Jerald Smith• More comprehensive list available on candidate's website, listed above

Carole Jean Jordan, R (incumbent)

www.CaroleJeanJordan.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Former elected chairman of the Republican Party of Florida• Appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as a member of the National Women's Business Council in 2007, served as Chair in 2008• Elected to position of tax collector in 2008, reelected in 2012 and 2016
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adaptability, convenience, efficiency• Customer service as the priority but balancing with cost-saving measures

Office: Board of County Commissioners, District 3
Open Race

Joseph Earman, R

www.joearman2020.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduated Vero Beach High School; A.A. degree IRSC • Served in the Vero Beach Fire Department/IRC Fire Rescue from 1980 to 2015, when he retired with a rank of Captain
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects of COVID on the local economy • Work closely with scientific community and water/environmental groups to protect the Indian River Lagoon • Responsible urban planning and infrastructure to protect the environment • Pro-business • County health insurance costs • Facilitate public safety training and agencies by providing them the tools they need and by offering competitive wages and benefits • Relationship-building and teamwork among colleagues and officials at the county level • Monitor and mitigate the effects of the All Aboard Florida (Brightline) railway on IRC • Term limits

Tim Zorc, R (incumbent)

www.timzorc2020.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local realtor and builder at Coldwell Banker Paradise • Elected to county commission in 2012, reelected in 2016 • Graduated Vero Beach High School; A.A. Brevard Community College • Filed for bankruptcy in 2008
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect health and safety of community in midst of COVID • Freeze taxes and spending to 2019-2020 levels • Provide funding for law enforcement as a top priority • Protecting businesses through job creation, fiscal responsibility, utility savings efforts • Protecting the Indian River Lagoon – initiated the Bethel Creek flushing study • Explore workforce and affordable housing solutions • Preserving community services: Boys & Girls Club, Historic Dodgertown, Go Line Bus system, IRC recycling program
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harry Howle (City Councilor of Vero Beach), Susan Mehiel (Director of Alliance for Safe Trains) • More comprehensive list available on candidate’s website, listed above

Office: Board of County Commissioners, District 5
Open Race

Bob Autwaerter, R

www.votebobauw.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elected Councilman of Indian River Shores in 2016, now the Vice Mayor Vice Chairman of Vero Beach Utilities Commission
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposed to Brightline railway through IRC Advocates for improved water quality in and monitoring of the Indian River Lagoon, Blue Cypress Lake, and beaches Consolidating Vero Beach’s water and sewer system
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeb Bush (former Governor of Florida), Bob Solari (retiring IRC Commissioner, District 5), Joel Tyson (Mayor of Fellsmere), Pilar Turner (former Mayor of Vero Beach) More comprehensive list available on candidate’s website, listed above

Stephen Boyle, R

www.steveboyle2020.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founder of Boyle & Drake Appraisal Service In Vero Beach in 1993 Past Director of The Florida East Coast Chapter of the Appraisal Institute
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning up the Indian River Lagoon and the lakes of IRC – manage runoff, drainage, etc. Attracting higher-paying professional-level jobs to the county Instituting regulations and infrastructure development to prepare for and facilitate county growth in a responsible way Promoting local businesses, attracting new businesses

Laura Moss, R

www.votelauramoss.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served on Vero Beach City Council from 2016-Present Served as Mayor of Vero Beach 2016-2017, now serves as Vice Mayor
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for open spaces in IRC, protect the environment

Office: IRC School Board, District 3

Open Race, Nonpartisan

Dr. Peggy Jones

www.peggyjonesforschoolboard.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 31 Years of Experience In The School District of Indian River County – Held Positions of Teacher, Dean, Assistant Principal, and Principal (was the Sebastian River High School Principal For 11 Years)• Served as SDIRC’s Executive Director of Secondary Schools
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regain community respect• Restore employee trust• Respect and follow School Board policy
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barry Seasack (retired Principal)• More comprehensive list available on candidate’s website, listed above

Laura Zorc (incumbent)

www.laurazorc.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected School Board Member 2016-2020• Chairwoman of School Board 2018-Current• President of the IRC PTA and served as parent advisor to Governor Scott• Removed Former Superintendent, Hired Interim Superintendent and Current Superintendent
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance vocational training programs in middle and high schools• Increase dual enrollment for high school students at IRSC• Expansion of school choice opportunities• Measures to improve literacy scores• Improve campus security• Support initiatives to help struggling students• Improve recruitment and retention of high quality workforce
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charles Searcy and Gene Waddell (former SDIRC School Board Chairmen)• Judy Stang (retired IRC School Board Executive Assistant)• More comprehensive list available on candidate’s website, listed above

Office: IRC School Board, District 5
Open Race, Nonpartisan

Brian Barefoot

www.votebarefoot.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master’s Degree in Business Administration • Former President of Babson College • Mayor of Indian River Shores 2013-2018 • Former Member Of Board of Trustees of Saint Edward’s School
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency, fiscal responsibility, and quality for the School Board
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Mersky (St. Edward’s Head of School), Harry Howle (former mayor of Vero Beach), Pilar Turner (former mayor and councilman of Vero Beach), Tom Slater (mayor of Indian River Shores)

Alla Kramer

www.vote4kramer.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Degrees In Education: Bachelor’s Degree In Elementary Education, Bachelor’s Degree In Esl (English as a Second Language), Master Of Arts In Education • Active Volunteer At IRC Schools, Mother of Children Who Attended Five Local Schools (Public And Charter) • HR Director/Business Office Manager At Assisted Living Facility • Past President of Republican Women Of Indian River
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a safe environment • Promoting self esteem • Empowering parents • Bolstering college, trade, and vocational interests equally • Recognizing the need for emotional and psychological support • Creating optimal settings for both academics and life skills

Office: IRC Hospital District, Seat 3

Open Race, Nonpartisan

Barbara Bodnar (incumbent)

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected to the IRC Hospital District Board of Trustees In 2016• Trained Physical Therapist, Specializing in Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
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James W. Large, M.D.

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Surgery Specialist, with over 48 Years Of Experience
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Office: IRC Soil & Water Conservation District, Seat 2

Open Race, Nonpartisan

David Gunter (incumbent)

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected to The Board In 2016• Currently Overseeing Citrus Growth and Water Management• Superintendent Indian River Farms Water District
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Christopher Roberts

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduated from FSU in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree In Social Science and Religious Studies• Worked in Child Protective Services
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating policies that ensure clean water and a clean environment

Office: Indian River Mosquito Control District, Seat 1

Open Race, Nonpartisan

Jeffrey Andros

EXPERIENCE	
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Janice Broda (incumbent)

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice Chairman of Mosquito Control, Elected In 2016
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Craig Maccoy

EXPERIENCE	
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Office: Indian River Mosquito Control District, Seat 3

Open Race, Nonpartisan

Matthew Erpenbeck

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee• 30 Years' Work Experience in Operations, Sales, And Senior Management• Holds an MBA From Florida Southern College• 25 Years of Experience In The FL Citrus Industry• Past President of the Taxpayer's Association (2020)
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protection from mosquito-borne illnesses while ensuring minimal impact on the community and environment

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EXPERIENCE	
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Louis (Buck) Vocelle, Jr. (incumbent)

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected to Mosquito Control In 2016• Civil Trial and Business Attorney, Personal Injury Attorney
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Office: US House of Representatives, FL-08

Closed Race

Jim Kennedy, D

www.kennedyforflorida.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Served in the Navy• Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from The University Of Massachusetts, MBA From Harvard University• Worked as an Engineer for The Navy and the Space Center
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally affordable healthcare• Hold polluters accountable to reduce their carbon footprint• Improve VA system – mental health care, educational and vocational opportunities• Increase funding for schools and salaries for teachers• Gun regulation – background checks, documentation of sales• Term limits for politicians• Reproductive rights – access to safe abortions, contraceptives, sexual health education• Campaign finance reform
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Democratic Veterans Caucus of Florida• Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus• Mom’s Demand Action, 2020 Gun Sense Candidate

Bill Posey, R (incumbent)

<https://billposey.com>

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Served in The FL Senate From 2001-2009• Elected to US House Of Representatives in 2008 – has had 19 Legislative Initiatives Signed Into Law
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holding Congress accountable and enforcing transparency• Opposed to the Green New Deal• Inexpensive American energy and lower taxes to create jobs• Opposed to Medicare for All, but wants to make health insurance more affordable and to regulate private insurance companies• Diminish national defense budget without cutting vital national security spending• Remain at the forefront of space research and exploration – to bring jobs to the Space Coast and to maintain national security against China and Russia• Supports Medicare, Social Security
ENDORSEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Donald Trump

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Office: Florida House of Representatives, District 54
Closed Race

Al Griffiths, D

www.algriffiths4statehouse.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran • Retired small business owner of management and maintenance company in Connecticut • Joined the IRC Democratic Executive Committee in 2018, Co-Precinct Captain of Precinct 8 in Sebastian with his wife, Nancy; served as Vice Chair of Democratic Executive Committee
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports women’s reproductive rights • Gun safety • Opposed to injustice and inequality • Allow for constitutional amendment referenda • Business-friendly legislation
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote Vets

Erin Grall, R (incumbent)

www.eringrall.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner at Grall Law Group, Former President Of The IRC Bar Association • Elected to State House In 2016 • Early Childhood Advocate In IRC
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Values (against reproductive rights for women) • Parental Rights • Second Amendment Rights
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff Daryl Loar, Jeff Smith (IRC Clerk of the Court), Pat Blackburn • Florida Pro-Life PAC • Florida Right to Life PAC • National Rifle Association • Florida Police Benevolent Association, Inc. • Florida Professional Firefighters • Florida Realtors • Treasure Coast Builders Association

Office: Florida Senate, District 17

Closed Race

Scot Fretwell, D

<https://www.fretwellforfl.com>

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works in the automotive service industry
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for veterans' programs• "Will always choose progress over party"• Environmental conservation• Healthcare reform• Legalize recreational marijuana; reduce jail sentences for individuals incarcerated for nonviolent marijuana crimes• Regulate the war on drugs, which disproportionately affects people of color
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Floridians for Equality and Justice

Debbie Mayfield, R (incumbent)

www.debbiemayfield.com

EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected to FL Senate in 2016
PLATFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop Common Core, elect a Commissioner of Education• Create jobs by lowering taxes and deregulating businesses• Protect the Indian River Lagoon• Repeal Obamacare• Secure our borders against illegal immigrants• Opposed to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers• Protect the Second Amendment
ENDORSEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Florida Board of Realtors• Fraternal Order of Police• Florida Right to Life• Treasure Coast Builders Association• The Ronald Reagan Club of Brevard County• The Republican Women of Indian River County• Florida Parents Against Common Core• The Republican Liberty Caucus of Central Florida

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