



**Indian River County General Election  
Vote November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

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INDICATES A DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

**Office: Sheriff**  
**Closed Race**

**Eric Scott Flowers, R**

[www.flowersforsheriff.com](http://www.flowersforsheriff.com)

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| EXPERIENCE   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has worked for the IRC Sheriff’s Office for 16 years</li> <li>• Currently serves as major for the bureau of administration at the IRC Sheriff’s office, leads about 200 people in this position</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>          |
| PLATFORM     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on safety of the community, prosecuting those who commit crimes, opportunity for rehabilitation, strict punishments for violent offenders</li> <li>• Fiscally conservative, wants to use taxpayer dollars wisely</li> <li>• Loyalty to employees, treating them like members of his family, but correcting them when necessary</li> <li>• Lack of emphasis on community policing, transparency, and concern for minority populations</li> </ul> |
| ENDORSEMENTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• More comprehensive list available on candidate’s website, listed above</li> </ul>   |

**Deborah Cooney, NPA (Non-Party Affiliate)**

<https://sheriffdeb.law.blog>

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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B. A. in economics from Brown University</li> <li>• Current President and CEO of Academy of the Stars</li> <li>• Civil rights advocate</li> </ul>  |
| PLATFORM   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small time drug addicts given option of rehabilitation rather than prosecution; members of drug cartels should be prosecuted</li> <li>• Across-the-board pay raise for all sheriff’s staff</li> <li>• Accountability within the sheriff’s office</li> <li>• Employees barred from joining police unions</li> <li>• Create trust for law enforcement in the community: end false arrests, illegal stop and frisks, entrapment</li> <li>• Allow for participation of organizations like Black Lives Matter, Me Too, NAACP, etc. in community discourse on law enforcement</li> <li>• End vaccine mandates, reduce pollution in the environment (sewage, pesticides, tobacco, pharmaceuticals, etc.)</li> <li>• Opposed to banning or confiscating guns, opposed to mandated background checks</li> </ul> |

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**Office: Vero Beach City Council**

**Open Race, Nonpartisan  
3 Seats up for Election**

**Brian Heady**

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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Former member of Vero Beach Utility Commission, High Speed Rail Commission</li></ul> |
| PLATFORM   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Promote transparency and truth when dealing with the public</li></ul>                |

**Honey Minuse**

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| EXPERIENCE   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Member of planning and zoning board for 10 years</li><li>President of Vero Isles Homeowners Association for 9 years</li><li>Leader of Indian River Neighborhood Association (IRNA)</li></ul> |
| PLATFORM     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ability to work with those with divergent viewpoints to find the best solution for the people of Vero Beach</li></ul>  |
| ENDORSEMENTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dick Winger, former Mayor and City Council Member, City of Vero Beach</li></ul>  |

**Bob McCabe**

<http://bobmccabecampaign.com/>

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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Former executive for General Motors, responsible for operations on six continents</li><li>Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce CEO</li></ul>   |
| PLATFORM   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Facilitate reopening of businesses in Vero Beach by creating a mask mandate</li><li>Comprehensive review of zoning ordinances</li><li>Managing finances and budgets</li><li>Protecting the IR Lagoon</li><li>Facilitate the development of the arts, tourism</li></ul> |

**John  
Cotugno**

**John Cotugno**

<https://www.johncotugnoforverobeach.com>

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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Marketing consultant</li><li>Serves of Gov. Desantis' State Health Improvement Plant Committee</li></ul> |
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|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serves on Vero's Three Corners Steering Committee and Utilities Commission</li> </ul>  |
| PLATFORM     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rational approach, building consensus and providing solutions to contentious problems</li> <li>Focus on saving the Lagoon and development balanced with conservation and preservation</li> <li>Ensure financial viability without increasing taxes</li> <li>Biggest issues facing Vero Beach: the Three Corners property, Marina Project, wastewater treatment plant relocation, water quality in the lagoon, public safety</li> </ul> |
| ENDORSEMENTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dick Winger, former Mayor and City Council Member, City of Vero Beach</li> </ul>   |

**Robbie Brackett (incumbent)**

<https://www.voterobertbrackett.com>

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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner at Brackett Family Limited Partnership</li> <li>Former member of Professional Services Advisory Board of IRC</li> </ul>  |
| PLATFORM   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the sale of Vero Electric to FPL</li> <li>Overhaul budget and keep taxes low</li> <li>Address parking issues downtown and beachside</li> <li>Support local law enforcement</li> </ul> |

**Office: IRC Hospital District, Seat 3**  
**Open Race, Nonpartisan**

**Barbara Bodnar (incumbent)**

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

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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Surgery Specialist, with over 48 Years Of Experience</li> </ul> |
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**Office: IRC Soil & Water Conservation District, Seat 2**  
**Open Race, Nonpartisan**

**David Gunter (incumbent)**

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

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

**Office: Indian River Mosquito Control District, Seat 1**  
**Open Race, Nonpartisan**

**Jeffrey Andros**

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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Currently pursuing a master’s degree in cybersecurity from USF</li><li>• Consultant in information technology, cybersecurity</li><li>• Resident of Vero Beach for 10 years</li></ul>   |
| PLATFORM   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End rubber-stamping of the budget</li><li>• Fiscal transparency (monthly reviews of financials/salaries, end “wish list” spending)</li><li>• Modernize mosquito control systems</li><li>• Improve customer service</li></ul> |

**Janice Broda (incumbent)**

Website: <https://vote4broda.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JaniceBrodaforMosquitoControl>

**EXPERIENCE**

- Janice Broda Has Been A Resident Of Indian River County Since 1982.
- MA, Economics, Washington University, St. Louis
  
- BA, Economics, New College Of Florida
- Her Professional Experience Is Broad And Her Volunteer Service Reflects Her Concern For Our Community And Its Natural Resources.
- Educational Services, Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory, 1991 – Present
- Pilates Teacher (Specialty: Spinal Issues), Johns Island, 2000 – Present
- Group Fitness Class Teacher, Various Venues, 1989 – Present
- Small Business Owner, Private Pilates Studio, 2014 – 2020 (Closed Due To Covid-19)
- Small Business Owner, Computer Consulting, 1990 – 2002
- Water Conservation Education Consultant, St. Johns River Water Management District, 1998- 2003
- Multi-County Extension Agent For The Indian River Lagoon, 1995 – 1997
- Adjunct Instructor, Economics & Computer Science, Indian River Community College, 1988 – 2000
- Technical Writer/Systems Analyst/Computer Programmer, 1982 – 1990

**Volunteer Service**

- Landscape Committee, Environmental Learning Center, 2019 – Present
- Secretary, Eugenia Chapter Of The Florida Native Plant Society, 1992 – Present
- East Coast Vice President, Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society, 2012 – 2020
- Chair, Commissioners’ Section, Florida Mosquito Control Association, 1998 – 2001
- Commissioners’ Representative, Florida Mosquito Control Association Dodd Education Committee, 1994 – 2014

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mosquito Control Representative, Indian River County Land Acquisition Advisory Committee, 2003 – 2010</li> <li>• Environmental Education Chair, Pelican Island Audubon Society, 2003 – 2008</li> <li>• Treasurer, Cultural Council Of Indian River County, 2003 – 2005</li> <li>• Treasurer, Arthritis Association Of Indian River County, 2001 – 2003</li> <li>• President, Florida Native Plant Society, 1996 – 1998</li> <li>• 1st Vice President, Pelican Island Audubon Society, 1994 – 1998</li> <li>• Education Committee Chair, Environmental Learning Center, 1993 – 1997</li> <li>• Secretary, Rare Fruit Council Of Indian River County, 1990 – 2010</li> </ul> |
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**Craig Maccoy**

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| PLATFORM | Running to give back to community and to bring a businessman's mindset to the mosquito control. |
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**Office: Indian River Mosquito Control District, Seat 3**  
**Open Race, Nonpartisan**

**Matthew Erpenbeck**

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

**Vada Mossavat**

<https://votevada.com/>



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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mother of two young children</li><li>• Master's degree from UMD, B.A. from St. John's College</li><li>• 20 years of experience in journalism, communications, and non-profits</li><li>• Currently writing a book for an infectious disease expert</li><li>• Licensed private investigator intern</li></ul> |
| PLATFORM   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Science-based solutions to ensure community health and fiscal responsibility</li><li>• Economic transparency</li><li>• Holding members accountable for their actions</li><li>• Additional communication with the public</li></ul>  |

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

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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elected to Mosquito Control In 2016</li><li>• Civil Trial and Business Attorney, Personal Injury Attorney</li><li>• Arrested for DUI in August 2020</li></ul> |
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**Office: US House of Representatives, FL-08**

**Closed Race**

**Jim Kennedy, D**

[www.kennedyforflorida.com](http://www.kennedyforflorida.com)



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

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| ENDORSEMENTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Democratic Veterans Caucus of Florida</li> <li>• Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus</li> <li>• Mom’s Demand Action, 2020 Gun Sense Candidate</li> <li>• Orlando Sentinel</li> <li>• Indivisible</li> <li>• Democratic Women’s Club of Florida</li> <li>• Democratic Environmental Caucus</li> <li>• Brevard Young Democrats</li> <li>• Sierra Club</li> </ul> |
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**Bill Posey, R (incumbent)**

<https://billposey.com>

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

**Office: Florida House of Representatives, District 54**

**Closed Race**



**Al Griffiths, D**

[www.algriffiths4statehouse.com](http://www.algriffiths4statehouse.com)

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| EXPERIENCE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran</li> <li>• Retired small business owner of management and maintenance company in Connecticut</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul> |
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| PLATFORM     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports women’s reproductive rights</li> <li>• Gun safety</li> <li>• Opposed to injustice and inequality</li> <li>• Allow for constitutional amendment referenda</li> <li>• Business-friendly legislation if equally favorable terms are given to the citizens of Florida</li> </ul> |
| ENDORSEMENTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote Vets</li> <li>• Democratic Women’s Club of Florida</li> <li>• Mom’s Demand Action, 2020 Gun Sense Candidate</li> <li>• Votewater.org</li> <li>• Women’s March of Florida</li> </ul>  |

**Erin Grall, R (incumbent)**

[www.eringrall.com](http://www.eringrall.com)

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

**Office: Florida Senate, District 17**

**Closed Race**



**Scot Fretwell, D**

<https://www.fretwellforfl.com>

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| EXPERIENCE   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works in the automotive service industry</li></ul>   |
| PLATFORM     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support for veterans' programs</li><li>• "Will always choose progress over party"</li><li>• Environmental conservation</li><li>• Healthcare reform</li><li>• Legalize recreational marijuana; reduce jail sentences for individuals incarcerated for nonviolent marijuana crimes</li><li>• Regulate the war on drugs, which disproportionately affects people of color</li></ul> |
| ENDORSEMENTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Floridians for Equality and Justice</li><li>• Democratic Environmental Caucus</li><li>• Mom's Demand Action, 2020 Gun Sense Candidate</li></ul>  |

**Debbie Mayfield, R (incumbent)**

[www.debbiemayfield.com](http://www.debbiemayfield.com)

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

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Constitutional Amendment Recommendations from the Florida Democratic Party (FDP), the Democratic Womens' Club of Florida (DWCF), the AFL-CIO, and the League of Women Voters (LWV)

**Amendment 1:  
Suffrage**

|  | FDP | DWCF      | AFL-CIO | LWV       |
|--|-----|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Change Florida Constitution to say "only US citizens" can Vote In Elections; Attempt To Suppress The Legal Votes Of Immigrant Citizens |     | <b>NO</b> |         | <b>NO</b> |

**Amendment 2:  
Minimum Wage**

|  | FDP        | DWCF       | AFL-CIO    | LWV        |
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| Increase the state's minimum wage to \$15 by 2026; Provide more livable wage for workers in service industry | <b>YES</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>YES</b> |

**Amendment 3:  
Elections**

|  | FDP       | DWCF      | AFL-CIO   | LWV       |
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| Change Florida's state elections to a top-two open primary system in which top two finishers in the primary advance to the general election. Will reduce electoral power of minorities and | <b>NO</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>NO</b> |

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| voters in gerrymandered districts |  |  |  |  |
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**Amendment 4:  
Direct Democracy**

|  | FDP       | DWCF      | AFL-CIO   | LWV       |
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| Requires voter-approved constitutional amendments to be approved a second time by voters in a general election; Will create an extra burden for citizen-initiated amendments | <b>NO</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>NO</b> |

**Amendment 5:  
Florida Taxes**

|  | FDP | DWCF      | AFL-CIO   | LWV       |
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| Increases period during which a person may transfer "Save Our Homes" benefits to a new homestead property to three years; Will further complicated Florida's tax structure |     | <b>NO</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>NO</b> |

**Amendment 6:  
Florida Taxes**

|  | FDP | DWCF      | AFL-CIO | LWV       |
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| Allows a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran. Will |     | <b>NO</b> |         | <b>NO</b> |

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| further complicated<br>Florida's tax structure |  |  |  |  |
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