

## **ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIES: NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES**

### **JUDGES**

#### **Justice Carlos G. Muñiz** (Retain: Yes or No)

- 2019 - present: Justice, Florida Supreme Court. Appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis.
- 2018 - 2019: General Counsel under Betsy DeVos, U.S. Department of Education. Appointed by President Donald Trump, confirmed by the U.S. Senate.
- 2011 - 2014: Deputy Attorney General & Chief-of-Staff under Pam Bondi, Office of the Attorney General of Florida
- 2007 - 2009: General Counsel & Deputy Chief-of-Staff under Senator Marco Rubio, Office of the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives
- 2005 - 2006: General Counsel, Florida Department of Financial Services
- 2001 - 2003: Deputy General Counsel, administration of Governor Jeb Bush
- Policy Director of the Republican Party of Florida (2006-2007)
- He is a conservative, textualist justice
- Member of the Federalist Society since law school.

#### **Judge Alan O. Forst** (Retain: Yes or No)

- Judge of the Florida 4th District Court of Appeal since March 7, 2013.
- Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University
- J.D. from the Columbus School of Law of the Catholic University of America.
- 20 year career in Washington, D.C., serving in the Departments of Justice and Labor, as counsel to the vice chair of the Merit Systems Protection Board and as special assistant/counsel to Chairman Clarence Thomas at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- He was chair of the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission (formerly the Unemployment Appeals Commission) from 2001 to 2013.
- A College Republican who volunteered for the Bush-Dole presidential campaign.

- In 1981, he worked for a “pro-Reagan PAC and Reagan-Bush Inaugural Committee.”
- Long association with the Federalist Society, a conservative legal group.
- Served under Presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton in front office positions at the Departments of Justice and Labor (special assistant to the Administrators of OFCCP and the Wage and Hour Division), as counsel to the Vice Chair/Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and as special assistant/counsel to Chairman Clarence Thomas at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- President of the Martin County Bar Association in 2007-08 and
- Chair of the Florida Bar’s Labor and Employment Law Section in 2008-09.

**Judge Mark W. Klingensmith** (Retain: Yes or No)

- 2011-Present: University of Florida Law School Board of Trustees
- 2011-2013: Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County
- 2011-2013: Executive Roundtable of St. Lucie County
- 2008-Present: District Chairman, Treasure Coast District, Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America
- 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010: Florida Super Lawyers
- 2003-2009: Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, The Florida Bar
- 1997-2003: Rules of Civil Procedure Committee, The Florida Bar
- 1997-2000; 2003-2005: Grievance Committee, The Florida Bar (Chairman, 2000)
- 1997: Adjunct Professor, Legal Aspects of Health Care Administration, Nova Southeastern University

**Judge Martha Warner** (Retain: Yes or No)

- currently the longest-serving appeals court judge in Florida,
- Selected by the Florida Association of Women Lawyers to receive its highest honor, the Rosemary Barkett Outstanding Achievement Award, for 2020.
- Appointed to the 4th District Court of Appeal by then-Gov. Bob Martinez in November 1988.

- The only female lawyer in Martin County when she was first admitted to The Florida Bar in October 1974. Now there are many, many accomplished women practicing in this area, whose numbers have grown exponentially
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## **CANDIDATES FOR VERO BEACH CITY COUNCIL**

### **Bob McCabe**

- Came close to being elected last year when only two seats were open so he's trying again.
- retired executive for General Motors. With extensive experiences working with various government entities around the world successfully negotiating agreements that were beneficial for the governments involved and for the firms he was representing.
- CEO of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce.
- member of the Vero Beach Utility Commission.

### *FOR YOU, VERO BEACH, I WILL:*

- Represent City Residents and not Special interests
- Protect city services, parks and Indian River Lagoon. "And this process should involve all the residents of the city."
- Bring jobs and economic development to our city
- Facilitate Opening Businesses by mandating face masks
- SUPPORTS TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT The City can become more directly involved in economic development activities supporting Indian River County in this effort. The City can be more involved in increasing tourism and attracting conventions, weddings, and events such as the annual Pirate Festival which attract people to the City - particularly during the "off season".
- INFRASTRUCTURE AND CITY PLANNING The City can develop a master plan to increase the availability of visitor parking, particularly in the more congested areas around Main Street (14th Avenue) in the Downtown Arts

District and along Ocean Drive in support of the Oceanside Galleries, Businesses, and Boutiques.

- Development of the Cultural Arts Village is positive in both an historical preservation viewpoint and the development of creative work spaces and businesses in this mixed-use neighborhood.
- ENVIRONMENTAL The City can increase its efforts at protecting the Indian River Lagoon by working with various area volunteer groups to maintain and improve our very ecologically important and valuable tourist-friendly environment.
- PROTECT THE CITY'S ASSETS He wants city assets protected, including parks and buildings, before any decisions are made to divest any of them. "The City Council should lead a comprehensive review and evaluation of these assets with a long-term perspective," McCabe wrote on his website.

### **Honey Minuse**

- "It has been a privilege to serve my city for the past ten years on the Planning and Zoning Board.
- Honey is known for her work in the community.
- She has lived in the City since 1989 and for 9 years was President of the Vero Isles Homeowners Association
- She worked with city, county and state officials and staff to protect their community from unwelcome impacts of growth.
- Leadership role with the Indian River Neighborhood Association (IRNA), working for neighborhoods throughout the county for a quality of life that will continue to be enjoyed by future generations.
- Transitioned the IRNA from political advocacy to a non-profit status, removing it from political divisiveness.
- Served on Vero's Planning and Zoning Board for 10 years.
- "Intelligent, savvy and a dedicated public servant" – TCPalm

### **Councilman Robbie Brackett**

- the only incumbent running for re-election

- His candidate packet reveals Brackett's financial interest in 90 properties in Indian River County and 55 properties elsewhere in Florida.
- A Vero native and member of one of the county's most generous philanthropic families,
- Bullish on Vero's economy and the city's prospects for attracting commercial investment in the riverfront project, including a major hotel.
- To bolster the can-do contingent, Brackett wants to bring more young, optimistic people into the planning process to push a more forward-thinking approach.

### **John Cotugno**

- Marketing consultant
- Cotugno's Facebook page lays out an agenda of fiscal responsibility "My goal is to make municipal government as responsive and efficient as possible, and I think those go together.
- WHY I'M RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL:  
"Over the past few years Vero has faced too many contentious issues, but cooler heads always prevail. It is time for a common vision going forward for our great city. I take a rational approach to government to ensure the financial viability of our City without increasing tax liability. My abilities lie in listening to people and then knitting various opinions together to build consensus and provide solutions. This leads to a more efficient, transparent, and cost-effective government that enhances the quality of life of all citizens."

### **Brian Heady**

- Does not campaign or promote himself in the traditional sense, because he wants to be judged on what he stands for, and for who he is – an unbridled maverick.
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## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

### **Barbara S. Bodnar**

- Degree in physical therapy from Chattanooga State College.
- Elected to the Indian River County Hospital District Board of Trustees in 2016,
- Physical therapist, specializing in orthopedics and sports medicine,
- Resident of Vero Beach since 1981.
- An integral part of the sports medicine team at Vero Beach High School for 35 years.
- Completed the reserve police academy training, and served with the Vero Beach Police Department from 1982-1989.
- VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT
- City of Vero Beach Recreation Committee,
- Arthritis Association of Indian River County,
- Senior Good Life Games.

### **James W. Large, MD**

- Resident of Vero Beach since 1981
- 5 years of a General Surgery practice in Michigan.
- General Surgeon in Vero for 25 years,
- Served as the Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff before he transitioned to Hospital Management as the Chief Medical Officer for Indian River Medical Center.
- An Aetna Medical Director for the State of Florida and several Academic Medical Centers from New York to California.
- President of the FI Chapter, American College of Surgeons
- Boards of the American Cancer Society, the Visiting Nurse Association, and the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.
- BA from Washington & Lee University,
- MD from Wayne State University,
- Surgical training from Ohio State University,
- Masters of Medical Management from Carnegie Mellon University.

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## INDIAN RIVER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT, Seat 1

### Jeffrey Andros

- Consultant in IT and relevant areas.
- Self-employed,
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Southern New Hampshire University.
- Currently enrolled in the Master's program at USF for Cybercrime.
- My work and educational experience gives me the ability to look at budget items and oversight with a technology and fiscal transparency sense.

### Janice Broda

- 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
- Mosquito Control Representative, Indian River County Land Acquisition Advisory Committee, 2003 – 2010
- Environmental Education Chair, Pelican Island Audubon Society, 2003 – 2008
- Treasurer, Cultural Council of Indian River County, 2003 – 2005
- Treasurer, Arthritis Association of Indian River County, 2001 – 2003
- President, Florida Native Plant Society, 1996 – 1998
- 1st Vice President, Pelican Island Audubon Society, 1994 – 1998
- Education Committee Chair, Environmental Learning Center, 1993 – 1997
- Secretary, Rare Fruit Council of Indian River County, 1990 – 2010
- Website: <https://vote4broda.com>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JaniceBrodaforMosquitoControl>

### **Craig MacCoy**

- No information found.

### **INDIAN RIVER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT, Seat 3**

### **Matthew Erpenbeck**

- Florida State University, Bachelor of Science, Business Management;
- Florida Southern College, Master of Business Administration
- Currently an independent life insurance agent
- 25 years in the Florida citrus processing industry in positions including operations, sales and senior management.



- Account manager to a fortune 500 company, responsible for \$40 million in sales, general manager, and director of sales involved in company-wide forecasting and strategy.

### **Volunteer and Civic Engagement**

- Past board member of the Florida Feed Association,
- Graduate of the Hendry-Glades Co. Leadership program.
- Currently a member of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Committee,
- A member of The Taxpayers' Association of Indian River County.
- Indian River County 4H,
- Indian River Golf Foundation.
- Top Priority: to ensure that the Mosquito Control District provides protection from mosquito-borne illnesses and disease while ensuring minimal impact on our residents, pets and livestock, environment and the Indian River lagoon.
- Numerous county leadership and chamber of commerce boards.
- <https://www.facebook.com/matterpenbeck4mosquitocontrol/>

### **Vada Mossavat**

- I believe there's an old boys' network in this county that loves the status quo and resists change and oversight.
- The board needs me because we need to have public officials who follow and respect the law.
- The board needs to be able to take up uncomfortable topics, and as a mom of two young children, I cut through nonsense from dawn till dusk.
- I am a mother of two young children which means I'm versatile, quick, and up for any challenge. I ask great questions and I don't stand for shenanigans.
- A degree in the history of math and science from St. John's College in Annapolis
- Master's degree in Persian Studies from the University of Maryland.
- I have spent most of my career in communications, the majority of it in journalism

- Reporter, a photographer, a video editor, a production coordinator,
- Held two director-level positions at non-profits and dealt with budgets in tight times.
- I know what working with a board entails. I am used to working with teams with clearly defined missions -- like the Mosquito Control District.
- I've delivered essential supplies in Kosovo with the Dutch military.
- I've coordinated the production of a tv show that the U.S. government broadcast to Iran.
- Currently a licensed Florida Investigator intern.
- [www.VoteVada.com](http://www.VoteVada.com)

### **Louis "Buck" Vocelle, Jr.**

- Founding and senior partner of Vocelle & Berg, LLP.
- His family has been on the Treasure Coast of Florida since 1924.
- AA from Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida,
- Bachelor's Degree from Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, North Carolina
- Law degree (J.D.) with honors, from the Florida State University College of Law in 1982.
- He is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell (the highest rating that one can achieve from other lawyers and judges through a prestigious peer review organization).
- He has served on the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar,
- Served as Chairman of the Professional Ethics Committee of the Florida Bar,
- Served and chaired Florida Bar Grievance Committees,
- chaired the Judicial Nominating Committee for the 19th Judicial Circuit,
- In 2001 was selected as one of six finalists interviewed by the White House for a newly created Federal Judgeship in the Southern District of Florida.
- Past chair of The Board of Legal Education and Specialization of the Florida Bar which regulates and oversees all of the Board Certified Lawyers in Florida.
- He has been invited to speak on trial skills and tactics at legal seminars in the United States, Mexico and England.

- Current President of the Vero Beach Sunrise Rotary Club,
  - served on the Indian River State College Foundation board of directors,
  - acted as an assistant Boy Scout troop leader,
  - served as an EMT
  - served as president of the Board of Directors of the Indian River County Volunteer Ambulance Squad,
  - served as a member of the Indian River Academy Charter School Board of Directors
  - Volunteer Pilot for Angel Flight International. Mr. Vocelle is an instrument rated pilot.
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## **INDIAN RIVER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, Seat 2**

### **David E. Gunter**

- Current Superintendent of the Indian River Farms Water Control District.
- Indian River Farms Water Control District primarily operates in the Canal Operation business / industry within the Water Transportation sector. This organization has been operating for approximately 108 years. Indian River Farms Water Control District is estimated to generate \$783,000 in annual revenues, and employs approximately 7 people.
- Secretary Treasurer – March 15, 2002-present
- Supervisor Oct. 8, 1981 - March 14, 2002
- Citrus grower

### **Christopher Roberts.**

- Resident of Indian River County since 2004.
- Graduated from Sebastian River High School.
- Over the last fifteen years I have adopted two children, bought a house, and found a rewarding career in Child Protective Services.
- As my children are getting older I want to become more involved in my community and help contribute to the area I call home.

- I believe that having clean water and clean natural resources is essential for the future of our community. I want to represent voters to ensure the county does the best job possible in creating policies that do just that.
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