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**Official
 Sample Ballot
 November 4th, 2008
 General Election**

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VOTE! It's As Easy As 1-2-3

- Vote By Mail
- Vote Early
- Vote At Your Precinct

This is NOT an official ballot.
DO NOT VOTE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT AND SEND IT TO US AS AN ABSENTEE.

Absentee Voting

Any voter may request an absentee ballot and vote by mail. An absentee ballot may be requested for all elections through the next two general elections after the request is made. Requests can be made online at www.VoteAlachua.com, in person, by mail, by fax, or by telephone. All requests for ballots to be mailed must be made no later than 5PM on the sixth (6) day prior to an election. You may pick up absentee ballots at the Supervisor of Elections Office through Election Day. **All absentee ballots must be received in the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7PM Election Day.** A voter may designate in writing another person to pick up an absentee ballot not earlier than five (5) days prior to the day of the election. For more information visit our website at www.VoteAlachua.com or call us at (353) 374-5252.

Early Voting Dates

October 20th - November 1st

Monday - Friday
 10/20 - 10/24 - 9 AM to 5 PM
 10/27 - 10/31 - 9 AM to 5 PM

Saturday
 10/25 - 9 AM to 1 PM
 11/1 - 9 AM to 5 PM

Sunday
 10/26 - 1 PM to 5 PM

3 Early Voting Sites

1. **Supervisor of Elections Office**
 Alachua County Admin. Building
 12 SE 1st Street
 Gainesville, FL 32601
2. **Millhopper Branch Library**
 3145 NW 43rd Street
 Gainesville, FL 32606
3. **Tower Road Branch Library**
 3020 SW 75th Street
 Gainesville, FL 32607

Polls Open 7AM to 7PM

**Please remember,
 Polling Places are
 open from
 7 AM to 7 PM
 on Election Day,
 November 4th, 2008.**

Florida Law

- You must be registered to vote 29 days prior to the election.
- You must vote in the precinct of your residence. If you move, you must notify our office of your new address.
- You must provide a picture and signature ID at the polls and early voting sites, or you will need to vote a provisional ballot.
- Buyer's Club cards and employee ID cards are no longer valid forms of identification for voting.**

Has Your Signature Changed?


You may update your signature at any time by submitting a completed Voter Registration Form to our office. Voter Registration Applications are available online at www.VoteAlachua.com, or at municipal city halls, libraries, driver license offices, UF, SFC, public assistance offices, and many area stores. Be sure to mark the box for signature update.

All signature updates for use in verifying absentee and provisional ballots must be received by our office no later than the start of the canvassing of absentee ballots by the Canvassing Board.

Voting Equipment

Alachua County uses optical scan equipment. You must completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

One audio enhanced, accessible touch screen voting machine is available at each precinct and early voting site. This equipment is available for voters who are blind, visually impaired, or who are unable to cast a paper ballot without assistance. The voter is able to listen to the ballot and vote using a keypad or by touching the screen.



CANDIDATE

**SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

- **TO VOTE COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL ● NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.**
- Use only the marking device provided or a number 2 pencil.
- If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.
- To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, fill in the oval, and write in the candidate's name on the blank line provided for a write-in candidate.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	COUNTY	NONPARTISAN
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> John McCain Sarah Palin REP <input type="radio"/> Barack Obama Joe Biden DEM <input type="radio"/> Gloria La Riva Eugene Puryear PSL <input type="radio"/> Chuck Baldwin Darrell Castle CPF <input type="radio"/> Gene Amondson Leroy Pletten PRO <input type="radio"/> Bob Barr Wayne A. Root LBT <input type="radio"/> Thomas Robert Stevens Aiden Link OBJ <input type="radio"/> James Harris Alyson Kennedy SWP <input type="radio"/> Cynthia McKinney Rosa Clemente GRE <input type="radio"/> Alan Keyes Brian Rohrbough AIP <input type="radio"/> Ralph Nader Matt Gonzalez ECO <input type="radio"/> Brian Moore Stewart Alexander SPF <input type="radio"/> Charles Jay John Wayne Smith BTP <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Kevin Riordan REP <input type="radio"/> Mike Byerly DEM <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in	DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL Shall Judge Clay Roberts of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Lloyd W. Bailey, Jr. REP <input type="radio"/> Paula M. DeLaney DEM	Shall Judge William A. Van Nortwick Jr. of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Ward Scott REP <input type="radio"/> Rodney Long DEM	COUNTY JUDGE COUNTY JUDGE GROUP 2 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Denise Ferrero <input type="radio"/> Lorraine H. Sherman
	NONPARTISAN JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT Shall Justice Charles T. Wells of the Florida Supreme Court be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	SOIL AND WATER ALACHUA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Group 2 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> David T. Gildart <input type="radio"/> Todd P. Martin
	DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL Shall Judge Robert T. Benton of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	ALACHUA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Group 4 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Rob Brinkman <input type="radio"/> Mary Ann Gosa
	DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL Shall Judge Marguerite H. Davis of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 Declaration of Rights Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to delete provisions authorizing the Legislature to regulate or prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
	CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT 6 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Clifford B. (Cliff) Stearns REP <input type="radio"/> Tim Cunha DEM	Shall Judge Joseph Lewis Jr. of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
	LEGISLATIVE STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 23 (Vote for One) <input type="radio"/> Bernie DeCastro REP <input type="radio"/> Charles S. "Chuck" Chestnut, IV DEM	Shall Judge Ricky L. Polston of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS		COUNTY REFERENDA
<p align="center">NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, NEW SECTION</p> <p>Florida Marriage Protection Amendment</p> <p>This amendment protects marriage as the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife and provides that no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized.</p> <p>The direct financial impact this amendment will have on state and local government revenues and expenditures cannot be determined, but is expected to be minor.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p align="center">NO. 6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION</p> <p>Assessment of Working Waterfront Property Based Upon Current Use</p> <p>Provides for assessment based upon use of land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes; land used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable and accessible to the public; marinas and drystacks that are open to the public; and water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities, subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified by general law</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p align="center">Approval Of An Additional One Mill Ad Valorem Tax For School District Operating Expenses</p> <p>Shall the Alachua County School District's ad valorem millage be increased by a total of one mill, beginning July 1, 2009, and ending four years later on June 30, 2013, for necessary operating expenses including funds to provide school nurses; maintain elementary music and art programs, middle school band programs, school library programs, elementary guidance programs, and academic/career/technical magnet programs; and update classroom technology, with oversight by an independent citizens' committee?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p align="center">NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3 AND 4 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION</p> <p>Changes and Improvements Not Affecting the Assessed Value of Residential Real Property</p> <p>Authorizes the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit consideration of changes or improvements to residential real property which increase resistance to wind damage and installation of renewable energy source devices as factors in assessing the property's value for ad valorem taxation purposes. Effective upon adoption, repeals the existing renewable energy source device exemption no longer in effect.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p align="center">NO. 8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 9</p> <p>Local Option Community College Funding</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require that the Legislature authorize counties to levy a local option sales tax to supplement community college funding; requiring voter approval to levy the tax; providing that approved taxes will sunset after 5 years and may be reauthorized by the voters.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p align="center">Wild Spaces & Public Places Environmental Lands, Parks and Recreation One-Half Percent Sales Tax</p> <p>Shall Alachua County be authorized to extend the Alachua County Forever Program to acquire and improve environmentally sensitive lands to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat, and to create, improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in all cities and the County, with citizen oversight and independent audit, by the levy of a one-half percent (1/2%) sales tax for two (2) years starting January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2010?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR the one-half percent sales tax <input type="radio"/> AGAINST the one-half percent sales tax</p>
<p align="center">NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 3 AND 4 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 28</p> <p>Property Tax Exemption of Perpetually Conserved Land; Classification and Assessment of Land Used for Conservation</p> <p>Requires Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or other perpetual conservation protections, defined by general law. Requires Legislature to provide for classification and assessment of land used for conservation purposes, and not perpetually encumbered, solely on the basis of character or use. Subjects assessment benefit to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions established by general law. Applies to property taxes beginning in 2010.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>		<p align="center">Protection of County-Owned Lands Acquired or Used for Conservation, Recreation, or Cultural Purposes</p> <p>Shall the Alachua County Charter be amended to require that the sale or conversion to another use of County-owned lands acquired or used for conservation, recreation, or cultural purposes be effective only if approved by a majority of the electors in the County in a County-wide referendum election?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>

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Important Information for Alachua County Voters



Voter's Bill of Rights

Each registered voter in the State of Florida has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Party Abbreviations

Be prepared for reading the Ballot. Here are all of the Party abbreviations you may see this election.

- REP** = Republican Party
DEM = Democratic Party
PSL = Party for Socialism and Liberation - Florida
CPF = Constitution Party of Florida
PRO = Prohibition Party
LBT = Libertarian Party
OBJ = Objectivist Party of Florida
SWP = Florida Socialist Workers
GRE = The Green Party of Florida, Inc.
AIP = America's Independent Party of Florida
ECO = Ecology Party of Florida
SPF = Socialist Party of Florida
BTP = Boston Tea Party of Florida
REF = Reform Party

Audio Sample Ballot

The Supervisor of Elections has audio sample ballots for the November 4th, 2008 General Election available for voters who are sight impaired. The audio sample ballot may be accessed online at www.VoteAlachua.com, or you may call the Supervisor of Elections Office for a list of audio ballot sites.

No Solicitation Within 100 Feet

- No person or group may solicit Voters inside the polling place. *Subject to the exception below*, no person or group may solicit Voters within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place or early voting site.
- *The only exception* is for the media or others conducting exit-polling activities by approaching Voters *after* they leave the polling place.

Poll Workers Needed!

Supervisor of Elections, Pam Carpenter, is currently recruiting citizens to work as Poll Worker for upcoming elections.

To sign up online please visit our web site at www.VoteAlachua.com or contact our office to request additional information and receive a sign-up packet. You may come by our office at 111 SE 1st Avenue or call **(352) 374-5252** to be a Poll Worker.

Street Addresses of all Alachua County Polling Places

PCT	POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PCT	POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS
1	First Baptist Church of Waldo	14370 Kennard St., Waldo	36	Doyle Conner Building	1911 SW 34 th St., Gainesville
2	LaCrosse Town Hall	20613 North SR 121, LaCrosse	37	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship	4225 NW 34 th St., Gainesville
3	Alachua Recreation Center	14300 NW 146 th Ter., Alachua	38	Warehouse at Farmer's Market	Corner of NW 34 th St. & US 441, Gainesville
4	Campus Church of Christ	2720 SW 2 nd Ave., Gainesville	39	Living Faith Fellowship	5510 NW 39 th Ave., Gainesville
5	First Lutheran Church	1801 NW 5 th Ave., Gainesville	40	University City Church of Christ	4626 NW 8 th Ave., Gainesville
6	Newberry Fire Station	310 NW 250 th St. (SR 41), Newberry	41	Cornerstone	100 Castle Dr., Gainesville
7	Ignite Life Center	NW 15 th Ave. & NW 4 th St, Gainesville	42	(A - L) Tower Road Branch Library	3020 SW 75 th St., Gainesville
8	Hawthorne City Hall	6700 SE 221 st St., Hawthorne	43	(M - Z) Anthem Church	2902 SW 75 th St., Gainesville
9	Island Grove Baptist Church	20905 SE 219 th Ave., Island Grove	42	Grace United Methodist Church	9325 Newberry Rd., Gainesville
10	Micanopy Town Hall	706 NE Choioikka Blvd., Micanopy	44	Performing Arts Center	315 Hull Rd., UF Campus, Gainesville
11	SFC (Davis Center)	17500 SW Archer Rd., Archer	45	Trinity United Methodist Church	4000 NW 53 rd Ave., Gainesville
12	Parkview Baptist Church	3403 NW 13 th St., Gainesville	46	Westside Baptist Church	10000 W. Newberry Rd., Gainesville
13	Mt. Carmel Baptist Church	2505 NE 8 th Ave., Gainesville	47	The Family Church	2022 SW 122 nd St., Gainesville
14	Eliam Baptist Church	6009 NE Hampton St., Melrose	48	Country Inn & Suites	4015 SW 43 rd St., Gainesville
15	Windsor Baptist Church	918 SE County Road 234, Windsor	49	Jonesville Fire Station	109 NW 143 rd St., Gainesville
16	Wilhelmina Johnson Resource Center	321 NW 10 th Street, Gainesville	51	Faith Presbyterian Church	5916 NW 39 th Ave., Gainesville
17	Elks Lodge # 990	2424 NW 23 rd Blvd., Gainesville	52	Disabled American Veterans State HQ	2015 SW 75 th St., Gainesville
18	Kanapaha Presbyterian Church	6221 SW 75 th St., Gainesville	54	Harm Museum, UF	Hull Rd. & SW 34 th St., Gainesville
19	Springhill Baptist Church	120 SE Williston Rd., Gainesville	55	Carpenter's Local 75 Union Hall	1910 NW 53 rd Ave., Gainesville
20	High Springs Civic Center	330 NW Santa Fe Blvd., High Springs	56	Covenant Presbyterian Church	1001 NW 98 th St., Gainesville
21	First Assembly of God Church	2925 NW 39 th Ave., Gainesville	57	Z. L. Sung Seventh Day Adventist School	2115 NW 39 th Ave., Gainesville
22	First Church of the Nazarene	5020 NW 23 rd Ave., Gainesville	58	Lighthouse Baptist	2611 NW 68 th Ave., Gainesville
23	American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge	2121 SW 16 th St., Gainesville	59	Days Inn/University	1901 SW 13 th St., Gainesville
24	B'nai Israel	3830 NW 16 th Blvd., Gainesville	60	Fellowship Church	16916 NW Hwy. 441, High Springs
25	SFC Center for Innov/Eco Dev.	530 West University Ave., Gainesville	61	The Atrium	2431 NW 41 st St., Gainesville
26	Westside Recreation Center	1001 NW 34 th St., Gainesville	62	North Central Baptist Church	8001 NW 23 rd Ave., Gainesville
27	Thelma Boltin Activity Center	516 NE 2 nd Avenue, Gainesville	63	Turkey Creek Golf & CC	11400 Turkey Creek Blvd., Alachua
28	McPherson Recreation Center	1717 SE 15 th St., Gainesville	64	Westminster Presbyterian Church	1521 NW 34 th St., Gainesville
29	R. T. Schafer Lodge	2505 NE 9 th St., Gainesville	65	Newberry United Methodist Church	24845 Newberry Rd., Newberry
30	Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church	701 SE 43 rd St., Gainesville	66	Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel	4200 NW 97 th Blvd., Gainesville
31	J. Wayne Reitz Union	Museum Road, UF Campus, Gainesville	67	Oak Dale Baptist Church	17015 W. Newberry Rd., Jonesville
32	Lifesouth Community Blood Centers	4039 Newberry Rd., Gainesville	68	Gainesville Shrine Club	8100 SW Archer Rd., Gainesville
33	Highlands Presbyterian Church	1001 NE 16 th Ave., Gainesville	69	Haile Meeting Hall	5100 SW 91 st Ter., Gainesville
34	Fairbanks Baptist Church	5709 NE 78 th Pl., Fairbanks	70	North Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	25330 NW CR 239, Alachua/LaCrosse
35	Southwest United Methodist Church	2400 SW Williston Rd., Gainesville	71	Archer United Methodist Church	400 West Church Blvd., Archer