



SEIU Local 1991
 Brief Rationale for
 Endorsed Amendments
 2018 General Election

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| Amendment 1 |
| Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. |
| Vote: No |
| Any cuts to the tax base would hurt the county budget which would limit jobs and raises for public employees. |

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| Amendment 2 |
| Proposes to retain current provisions which limit property tax assessment increases on specified nonhomestead real property to 10% each year. |
| Vote: No |
| Similar to above, tax cuts take money from the public sector budget which is not beneficial for Jackson or it's employees. |

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| Amendment 3 |
| Provides Florida voters the exclusive right to authorize casino gambling with their vote. |
| Vote: No |
| We believe that laws regarding gambling are not suited for the Constitution. This measure also takes away control from local counties. |

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| Amendment 4 |
| Restores voting rights to Floridians with felony convictions after the completion of their full sentence including parole or probation. Does not apply to felons convicted of murder or sexual assault. |
| Vote: Yes |
| This amendment would allow roughly 1.4 Floridians the right to vote again. People who are allowed to earn back their eligibility to vote are less likely to commit crimes in the future. |

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| Amendment 5 |
| Proposes that rather than a simple majority it would be required to have a two-thirds majority vote in the Florida House and Senate to approve any new or increased taxes or fees. |
| Vote: No |
| We do not believe that raising taxes should necessitate a super majority. |

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| Amendment 6 |
| Proposes to vastly expand the scope of victims' rights under the state Constitution; increases the mandatory retirement age for judges from 70 to 75. Forces courts and judges to interpret laws and rules for themselves rather than rely on interpretations from government agencies. |
| Vote: No |
| Victims' right are already protected in the Constitution, and this amendment would hurt the rights of the accused, which we do not support. |



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Amendment 7

Proposes to create a supermajority requirement for universities to impose new or increase existing student fees; enshrines in the Constitution guidelines for the State College System; mandates that employers or the state pay a death benefit to first responders and members of the military killed in the line of duty.

Vote: No

We oppose a supermajority vote to increase fees or taxes. A State College System already exists. Benefits for first responders and members of the military killed in the line of duty already exist.

Amendment 9

Proposes to prohibit offshore oil and gas drilling under all state owned waters. Prohibits vaping in enclosed workspaces.

Vote: Yes

Our concern for the environment outweighs our concern for indoor vaping.

Amendment 10

Proposes to require the Legislature to hold its session in early January on even-numbered years. Creates an Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism within the Florida Department of Law. Mandates the existence of a state Department of Veterans' Affairs. Forces all counties to elect a sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections and Clerk of Circuit Court.

Vote: No

We believe this amendment is clearly an effort to restrict the powers of local government. Florida Department of Law Enforcement is already the lead agency in coordinating efforts to prevent terrorism. Constitution has already authorized Legislature to create a Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Amendment 11

Proposes to delete a provision from our constitution that allows the state to prohibit non-citizens from buying, owning, and selling property. Deletes provision that forces the state to prosecute criminal suspects under the law they were originally charged under, even if the law changes.

Vote: Yes

We support removing an unconstitutional, anti-immigrant provision from the Constitution. Allowing criminal justice reforms to apply retroactively reduces the problem of mass incarceration.

Amendment 12

Proposes to expand ethics rules for elected officials and government employees by expanding from 2 to 6 years the amount of time officials have to wait before they could lobby state government.

Vote: No

We feel 6 years of waiting to be onerous, and that this amendment does not address the real issue of money in political campaigns.

Amendment 13

Proposes to phase out commercial dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020. Does not affect other gaming activities.

Vote: Yes

We do not support any industry that leads to animal abuse. This should not affect too many jobs as gaming is not being interfered with.