



FTBA Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

Name: _____

Party Affiliation: DEM REP INDEPENDENT LIB Other _____

Office: Florida House Florida Senate District #: _____

1. Transportation

In past years, the Legislature has used money from various state trust funds to supplement general revenue instead of raising taxes or fees or cutting spending.

Would you be willing to shift money from the State Transportation Trust Fund to pay for service typically paid for by General Revenue, such as education or healthcare spending?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
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2. Transportation

Reductions in transportation revenues have created a greater deficit for funding of transportation projects. Florida's current transportation is estimated at over \$50 billion in the next 20 years.

Would you favor an increase in transportation user fees such as increased tolls, license fees, gasoline tax and vehicle registration, if it was devoted exclusively to transportation infrastructure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
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3. Aggregates

Florida's aggregate industry is critical to our road building as well as construction industry, both of which are key factors to our economy.

Would you support more state authority to ensure these aggregates are able to be mined and brought to market, even if it meant overriding some local regulation that may be in conflict with that purpose?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
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4. Understanding that Florida’s economy is driven by tourism and new growth, please give three examples of policies or initiatives that would encourage economic stimulus in the event Florida’s economy became stagnate:

5. Labor/Legal Issues

Do you support Florida’s continuing policy of employment-at-will, which allows employers and employees to terminate their relationships at any time for any reason?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
Should an employer that prevails in its defense of an employment-related lawsuit be entitled to be reimbursed for its attorneys' fees and costs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
Do you believe that when a person has a lawsuit against a business, that person can also sue other businesses who have a relationship with the business but have no direct responsibility for the injury or damage that led to the suit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
Should a defendant in a lawsuit be forced to pay damages which a jury says are caused by the fault of another?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position

6. Union Only “Project Labor Agreements” (PLAs)

Organized Labor has attempted to have local government pass union-only Project Labor Agreements, or PLAs. These agreements ordinarily affect large public construction projects like airports, road construction, schools, government buildings and arenas. This unfair practice limits bids to union contractors and favors organized labor.

Would you support a prohibition of union only Project Labor Agreements on public construction in Florida?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
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7. Tort Reform/Fabre Doctrine

The Fabre Doctrine originated with the Florida Supreme Court in a 1993 decision. The Florida Supreme Court said that Juries are allowed to fairly apportion fault among all those responsible for a plaintiff's injuries, including those who are not parties to a lawsuit. The Fabre Doctrine says that fault may be apportioned among everyone who may be responsible for an injury, even if they are not named defendants. This doctrine was codified in 1999 by the Florida Legislature. The Fabre doctrine ensures that jury awards are fair. When a jury determines responsibility for damages, it should be allowed to apportion fault among all those responsible - defendants, plaintiffs, and any others, whether named in the lawsuit or not. Without the Fabre doctrine, plaintiffs and their attorneys would be able to force those least responsible to pay a disproportionate share of damages.

Would you oppose efforts to overturn the Fabre doctrine?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
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8. Elimination of Exemptions in Workers Compensation in Construction

Fraud in exemptions in workers compensation in construction is estimated to be 1.5 billion dollars a year. The Legislature in 2003 passed a law that significantly restricts exemptions in construction.

Would you support maintaining the current restrictions on exemptions in construction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
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9. Owner Controlled Insurance Programs (OCIPS)

A trend is developing in some counties to require all workers compensation and liability insurance to be purchased from the owner in construction projects such as schools and other public buildings, even though the state attorney general issued an opinion that such assumption of private liability is not allowed under Florida laws. The normal procedure is for contractors to purchase their insurance from an insurance agent of their choice. The mandatory insurance often provides less insurance coverage, which gives the contractor the option of being underinsured or purchasing additional insurance. OCIPS are difficult to administer for contractors because contractors are often involved in several jobs at one time. Some of the jobs might be OCIP jobs and most of them not.

Do you support giving contractors a choice in choosing their insurance agents and companies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
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10. Hometown Democracy

Amendment 4 sponsored by Florida Hometown Democracy, Inc. has made the 2010 Ballot. This Constitutional Amendment will change the way local governments adopt any new comprehensive land use plan or amend an existing local land use plan. It will require that every time a local government needed to make a change, it will have to hold an election and have the local voters approve it.

Do you support Amendment 4?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No position
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11. Have you ever met a payroll?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Occupation/Employer: _____

Signed by Candidate: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

**Please return completed form to:
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