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DADE COUNTY SCHOOL MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE

Understanding the Vote:

Amendment 1- If this amendment passes, Florida will lose vital tools to help lower your health care costs. Additionally, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that these provisions are constitutional under the U. S. Constitution. This means that if this language is added to our own state constitution it will set up yet another expensive legal standoff, paid for with your tax dollars, between the State of Florida and the Federal Government, a standoff most legal experts agree we will lose. **(Opposed)**

Amendment 3- If this amendment passes, It would block any efforts to increase funding for our schools, health care programs or infrastructure improvements and make it impossible to close any of the hundreds of special interest tax exemptions and loopholes in the taxes paid by big business. This arbitrary tax cap failed miserably in Colorado, the only state to pass such a cap. Following the Colorado failure, 30 other states have rejected these caps and 16 have defeated similar measures at the ballot box. **(Opposed)**

Amendment 4- If this amendment passes, the first time homesteader provision will reduce non-school property tax revenues by \$94.5 million in fiscal 2013-14. The reoccurring loss would increase to \$412 million in 2016-17. Other provisions will result in a reduction of school property tax revenues of \$5 million in 2013-14, with a recurring impact of \$17 million. **(Opposed)**

Amendment 5- If this amendment passes, it will allow the legislature the power to repeal, yes repeal, any Supreme Court decision with a simple majority of 50 percent plus one. **(Opposed)**

Amendment 8- if these amendment passes, any religious group or sect would be able to use our tax dollars to fund their own religious schools, with no oversight to safeguard your tax dollars to institutions who are tax exempt yes pay no taxes. **(Opposed)**

AMENDMENT 9- If this amendment passes, it would allow counties and municipalities to offer a total or partial property tax exemption to the spouses of military veterans or first responders, who died in the line of duty. **(Support)**

Note:

Florida's Supreme Court

The Florida Supreme Court serves to prevent state government from overstepping its legal boundaries and causing needless litigation to undo legislative moral activism disguised as "policy".

FRS members lost 3% of their salary due to a decision from the state which has been challenged in the Florida Supreme Court the decision of the court to interpret the law can now be overturned by a 50% plus 1 vote of the Florida senate this is an ingenious way to overturn the rule of law and the unsuspecting voter will give them the right to do this if Amendment 5 is voted in.

Rolando Sardiñas

Business Agent

Quote for you:

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Don't Be Fooled!

Here's what Amendment 8 is really about:

- ✓ Amendment 8 is not about "freedom;" it is about taxpayer funding of religion.
- ✓ Amendment 8 requires zero oversight or accountability, which could lead to misuse of taxpayer dollars and massive fraud.
- ✓ Amendment 8 makes any religious group eligible for a handout of unlimited taxpayer dollars, which makes no sense since religious groups already pay no taxes.



On November 6, 2012
**Vote No on
Amendment 8**

FLORIDA SERVICES THAT WOULD BE HURT BY AMENDMENT 3

Spending by area, not including Medicaid and federal funds, (Fiscal year 2013)

