



FIVE KEY ISSUES OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN ADDRESS TO ENCOURAGE FREE MARKET PRINCIPLES AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY - MAKING FLORIDA NUMBER ONE FOR FAMILIES, BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS

## **1 MAKE TAXES FAIR & END CORPORATE WELFARE**

Florida tax policy is dictated by political favoritism. When politicians pick winners and losers they hurt business owners and hardworking taxpayers. Florida needs fair and common sense tax policy to promote jobs and financial security for families and small businesses. The legislature should eliminate the corporate income tax, as well as all special interest, business-specific tax credits and exemptions. This will decrease the burden on all businesses allowing for economic growth and job creation, while eliminating the corporate welfare that is given to a select, politically favored few.

## **2 DON'T MAKE FINANCIAL PROMISES TAXPAYERS CAN'T KEEP**

Florida's elected officials have been gambling with taxpayer money. They continue supporting financially unsustainable programs, like the current pension system and Citizens Property Insurance, because they don't want to tell us a truth we may not like hearing -- these programs are financially un-sound. Politicians must stop making promises that taxpayers can't afford. We must force them to be honest with us, and make decisions that will protect us now and in the future. We need a fair, honest, transparent retirement plan that works for both hardworking taxpayers and government workers, and we need a property insurance system that will protect our homes without jeopardizing our future financial security.

## **3 BE STEWARDS OF GOOD, TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT**

With an annual budget of \$74 billion Florida has the fourth largest budget out of all 50 states. Sixty percent of that budget is spent on contracted services that lack required standards and deliverables. That means the state spends billions of taxpayer dollars each year for programs with little or no oversight. It is time that the light is shined on all state spending and it is made public, transparent and accountable. Taxpayers deserve to know where their money is going and what they are getting for it.

## **4 EMPOWER KIDS WITH THE BEST EDUCATION**

Parents and students should be in control of their education, not bureaucrats or administrators. Florida has excellent opportunities available to students that don't want to take the traditional public school path. These programs should be expanded, given the tools necessary for success and parents should have the ability to turn around failing schools. Florida kids deserve a future rich with opportunity. We must empower each parent and student with the freedom to choose the best education for them, and give all kids the skills to achieve their dreams.

## **5 FREE ENTREPRENEURS TO PURSUE THE AMERICAN DREAM**

Bureaucratic delays and government over-regulation stifle the entrepreneurial spirit and block job creation. You deserve the chance to achieve your own personal success without government hassles standing in the way. Burdensome regulations and licensing laws should continue to be examined and eliminated. Permitting also provides unnecessary delays. Local governments should report to the state how long it takes them to approve permits, creating transparency for businesses and encouraging local governments to make the process faster and more streamlined.