

Legislative UPDATE

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Lee County School Board Candidates and Party Affiliation

The Lee County School Board is a non-partisan race. With the 6-1 vote in favor of the District's half-penny sales tax referendum, we have witnessed that the current elected board only has one true conservative serving. Board member, Melisa Giovanelli, could use some conservative support on this board. While I believe we should use caution in using political party

registration as the sole determining factor in who you vote for - considering the current board contains only two registered Democrats - we MUST be informed and elect a board that is fiscally responsible with our tax dollars.

Here is a list of the 2018 School Board candidates, which includes their political party. I trust this will be useful for party leaders, like myself, who must abide by rules pertaining to advocacy for certain candidates and those who have taken an oath not to openly advocate for a non-Republican over a Republican. Please share and get out the VOTE!

District 1 - Cape Coral

Charles Dailey	Republican	
Mary Fisher	Democrat	Incumbent

District 4 - Portion of Cape Coral and North Fort Myers

Don Armstrong	Republican
Louis C Navarra	Republican
Debbie Jordan	Democrat
Gerri Ware	Democrat

District 5 - Lehigh Acres

Pamela Lariviere	Republican	Incumbent
Taruas Pugh	Republican	
Jon Shudlick	Republican	
Gwynetta Gittens	Democrat	
Moses Jackson II	Democrat	

District 6 - All of Lee County

Nicholas Alexander	Republican
Lori Fayhee	Republican
Betsy Vaughn	Democrat
Karen Putman Watson	Democrat

Vote by mail Election Ballots for the August 28, 2018 Primary election were mailed to voters the last week of July. If you haven't signed up to receive your ballot in the mail, you may want to request one for the 8-page General Election Ballot in November, which will include 13 Proposed Constitutional Amendments and the Lee County School District's half-penny sales tax referendum.

