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Municipal Elections for the Cities of Fellsmere, Sebastian and Vero Beach, November 2, 2021

Lease of Portion of Old City Nursery to Indian River County

Shall the current lease with Indian River County which expires in 2026, covering 0.27 acre(s) for a tower that supports communications for first responders at Old City Nursery, be replaced with a new lease for 0.64 acre(s) for a tower that supports communications for first responders and commercial users lasting 99 years, commencing January 2022, in exchange for IRC paying \$500,000 to the City and relinquishing its interest in South Beach Park and Charles Park.

Yes –2,031

No - 553

Municipal Elections for the Cities of Sebastian and Vero Beach, November 7, 2017

Amendment of the Vero Beach Charter to Increase Councilmember Term of Office to Three Years

Shall Section 2.02 of the City of Vero Beach Charter be amended as provided in Ordinance 2017-06 to increase the term of office of city councilmembers from two years to three years?

Yes—892

No—1,820

General Election, November 8, 2016

Indian River County One Cent Sales Tax Extension

Shall the duration of the one-cent sales surtax levied in Indian River County be extended an additional fifteen years from December 31, 2019, its currently scheduled expiration date, to December 31, 2034, to finance, plan, and construct infrastructure including roads, bridges, jail expansion, libraries, fire/paramedic stations, storm water improvements, recreation facilities, county administration buildings, closure of landfills, and any other county and municipality infrastructure projects allowed by law?

For—48,085

Against—26,643

General Election, November 8, 2016

City of Sebastian, Florida Charter Amendment

Compensation and Expenses for Mayor and City Council Members

Shall Section 2.05 of the Charter be amended as follows:

- To increase the compensation for the Mayor from \$450.00 to \$750.00 a month and to increase the compensation for the for the Vice-Mayor and City Council Members from \$300.00 to \$600.00 a month, and
- To require that any payments for expenses be limited to reimbursement of actual expenses incurred?

Yes—3,701

No—9,106

Primary Election, August 30, 2016

The School District of Indian River County, Florida Essential Operating Needs Referendum Election

Shall the School District levy a 0.50 ad valorem millage for essential operating needs in order to provide high quality educational opportunities, retain highly qualified teachers, purchase and upgrade technology and supporting infrastructure, and implement and maintain Career and Technical programs, beginning July 1, 2017,

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and ending four fiscal years later, which will replace the existing voter approved 0.60 ad valorem millage that expires June 30, 2017, with annual reporting to the citizenry?

Yes—19,733

No—10,974

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 15, 2016

Should the Charter of the town of Indian River Shores be amended as provided in ordinance 523, to change the term of office of town council members and election dates from March of odd numbered years to November of even numbered years to coincide with general election dates beginning in November 2016; to clarify the town manager provision; to amend financial procedures to remove competitive bidding WHICH IS OTHERWISE COVERED IN PROCEDURAL ORDINANCES; AND TO CLARIFY AND UPDATE LANGUAGE IN VARIOUS SECTIONS?

Yes—1,516

No—499

General Election, November 4, 2014

Amendment of City of Vero Beach Charter Section 5.05

Shall City Charter Section 5.05 be amended as provided in Ordinance 2014-11 to add the following properties to limit their sale, lease, trade or gift, with listed exceptions, correct certain park names, and delete obsolete language.

Crestlawn Cemetery, Old City Nursery, Block Manor Park, Charles Park, Jacoby Park, Alex MacWilliam Boat Basin Park, Piece of Pie Park, Pine Terrace Park, Royal Palm Pointe Park, Van Busch Park, Lake Rose, Leisure Square, Michael Field.

Yes—4,293

No—1,228

General Elections, March 12, 2013

City of Vero Beach Referendum on Sale and Disposition of Vero Beach Electric Utility

Do you approve of the sale and disposition of the City of Vero Beach electric utility and substantially all of its assets for the purpose of exiting the electric utility business under terms substantially similar to the asset purchase and sale agreement between the City and Florida Power & Light Company?

Yes—2,339

No—1,330

Primary Election, August 14, 2012

The School District of Indian River County, Florida Essential Operating Needs Referendum Election

Shall the School District 0.60 ad valorem millage be continued for essential operating needs such as teachers, instructional materials, and technology in order to provide all students with high quality educational opportunities beginning July 1, 2013, and ending four (4) fiscal years later on June 30, 2017, with annual reporting to the citizenry?

Yes—17,727

No—9,333

Municipal General Election, November 8, 2011

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City of Sebastian Question #1

Conduct Elections in Even Numbered Years and Provide Four-Year Terms for City Council Members

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that council members shall:

- Be elected in even numbered years instead of having elections every year; and
- Be elected to four year terms instead of two-year term; provided that, for purpose of transition, council members elected in 2011 shall serve until November 2014?

Yes—992

No—1,613

Municipal General Election, November 8, 2011

City of Sebastian Question #2

Removal of Charter Officers

Shall Section 3.03 of the Charter be amended to provide that any charter officer may be removed from office with or without cause by a majority vote of the entire city council, without the presentation of written charges, suspension, notice to the charter officer, hearing and delay provided for the current Charter?

Yes—894

No—1,668

Municipal General Election, November 8, 2011

City of Sebastian Question #3

Filling Vacancies on the City Council

Shall Section 2.08 of the Charter be amended to fill city council vacancies without calling special elections:

- If there is a scheduled citywide election within 6 months of the vacancy, the city council may appoint a replacement
- If there is no election within 6 months, the city council shall appoint a replacement within 45 days; and
 - Vacancies are created if there are fewer candidates than city council seats open for election?

Yes—1,549

No—1,003

Municipal General Election, November 8, 2011

City of Sebastian Question #4

Election Arrangements

Since general state law and other provisions of the City Charter establish the manner in which elections are to be called and held, shall Section 4.07 of the Charter, which deals with the same subject, be repealed in its entirety?

Yes—1,474

No—1,001

Municipal General Election, November 8, 2011

City of Sebastian Question #5

City Council Investigations and Order

Since the Charter prohibits the city council from giving orders to any employee other than a charter officer, shall Section 2.11 of the Charter be amended to delete references to penalties for failing or refusing to follow orders from the city council?

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Yes—1,392
No—1,001

Municipal General Election, November 8, 2011

City of Sebastian Question #6

Commencement of Council Member Term

In order to provide the city with additional time to receive election results from the Supervisor of Elections, shall Sections 2.04, 2.06, and 4.08 of the City Charter be amended to provide that newly elected council members be sworn in at the first regular meeting of the council following certification of the election results?

Yes—2,095
No—433

Municipal General Election, November 8, 2011

City of Sebastian Question #7

Judge of Qualifications for Office and The Conduct of Candidates

Shall Sections 2.09 and 4.13 of the Charter be amended to provide that the Florida Division of Elections, the Florida Elections Commission or the courts shall determine issues relating to the qualifications and election of city council members, rather than assigning these responsibilities to the city council?

Yes—1,685
No—811

Municipal General Election, November 8, 2011

City of Sebastian Question #8

Delete References to Poor Houses, Dairies & Slaughter Houses

Shall Section 1.02 of the City Charter be amended to delete the inferences to “poor houses”, “dairies” and “slaughter houses” listed in that Section?

Yes—1,716
No—776

Municipal General Election, November 8, 2011

Referendum on Lease of City Power Plant Site

Do you approve of the lease of the City of Vero Beach power plant site north of the 17th Street Bridge, west of the Indian River, and east of Indian River Boulevard, with the City retaining ownership of the land, for the purpose of selling the City electric utility if the City Council finds that such sale is beneficial to the citizens of Vero Beach?

Yes—2,074
No—1,075

General Election, November 2, 2010

Nonbinding Statewide Advisory Referendum

Balancing the Federal Budget

A Nonbinding Referendum Calling for an Amendment to the United States Constitution

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In order to stop the uncontrolled growth of our national debt and prevent excessive borrowing by the Federal Government, which threatens our economy and national security, should the United States Constitution be amended to require a balanced federal budget without raising taxes?

Yes—32,909

No—10,672

General Election, November 2, 2010

Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions

Shall the board of county commissioners of this county be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

For—26,364

Against—16,871

General Election, November 2, 2010

Referendum Continuing for Two Years 0.25 Mill Levy for Critical Needs of the School District

Shall the 0.25 mill currently levied in the School District of Indian River County for CRITICAL OPERATING NEEDS be continued for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years, in support of direct classroom expenditures?

Yes—25,978

No—17,137

General Election, November 2, 2010

Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions (City of Fellsmere)

Shall the City Council of the City of Fellsmere be authorized to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses that create jobs and expansions of existing businesses that create new jobs?

For—170

Against—70

General Election, November 2, 2010

Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions (City of Vero Beach)

Shall the City Council of the City of Vero Beach be authorized to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Article VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses that create jobs and expansions of existing businesses that create new jobs?

For—3,460

Against—1,762

Municipal General Election, March 13, 2007

City of Vero Beach

Shall the properties which the City power plant and the City wastewater treatment plant are located on be added to Section 5.05 of the City Charter so that these properties must be held for public or civic use unless approved otherwise by the voters of the City?

Yes—1,509

No—242

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Municipal General Election, March 13, 2007

Town of Indian River Shores

Should the charter of the Town of Indian River Shores be amended as provided in Ordinance 487, primarily clarifying and updating language?

Yes—320

No—24

General Election, November 7, 2006

Proposed Non-Binding Referendum

Do you favor the adoption of a special act for Indian River County by the Florida Legislature to require voter approval of any amendment to the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan which expands the urban service area boundary?

Yes—28,797

No—11,635

Municipal General Election, March 14, 2006

Referendum A

Shall the Charter of the City of Vero Beach be amended to provide for a requirement of a minimum of one year of residency in the City as of the qualifying deadline for eligibility to be a member of the City Council?

Yes—2,530

No—230

Municipal General Election, March 14, 2006

Referendum B

Shall the Charter of the City of Vero Beach add emergency management authority to the powers and duties of the City Manager?

Yes—2,093

No—625

Municipal General Election, March 14, 2006

Referendum C

Shall the Vero Beach Charter be amended to change the councilmember compensation set in 1982 as follows:

- a) Combine the non-mayor councilmembers' monthly salary of \$400.00 with the monthly car allowance of \$435.00 with an increase of \$65.00 for a total of \$900.00 per month; and
- b) Combine the mayor's monthly salary of \$500.00 with the mayor's monthly car allowance of \$495.00 with an increase of \$130.00 for a total of \$1,125.00 per month?

Yes—1,527

No—1,226

Municipal General Election, March 14, 2006

Referendum D

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Shall the Charter of the City of Vero Beach be amended to allow settling City Council Salary, compensation, allowance or expense reimbursement only as authorized by statute, ordinance or resolution instead of by voter referendum?

Yes—975

No—1,750

Municipal General Election, March 14, 2006

Amending Section 1.02 (11) concerning eminent domain power.

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to add the following provision?

“The City shall not use the power of eminent domain for a project having the purpose of transferring rights in the properties acquired to a private party in pursuit of economic development.”

Yes—2,499

No—334

General Election, November 2, 2004

Indian River County Bond Referendum Election

Water resources protection, environmentally significant lands, open space and wildlife habitat preservation

To acquire and preserve land to protect water resources, drinking water sources, environmentally significant lands, historic sites, agricultural lands, open spaces, and/or wildlife habitat, shall Indian River County be authorized to issue general obligation bonds with maturities not exceeding 15 years at interest rates not exceeding the legal maximum in an amount not exceeding \$50 million payable from ad valorem taxes not exceeding ½ mill, with project spending subject to annual independent audit?

For Bonds—37,946

Against Bonds—18,272

General Election, November 2, 2004

City of Sebastian Non-Binding Referendum

If land next to the City is designated for development, should the City annex it?

Yes—4,238

No—4,856

General Election, November 2, 2004

Town of Indian River Shores

Shall the Charter of the Town of Indian River Shores be amended to read as follows:

Regular elections for the office of town of council member shall be held on the second Tuesday in March. Each candidate for town council member shall run town-wide. The candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast that particular office shall be elected. All candidates who qualify shall have their names printed on the official ballot in order determined by lot conducted by the Town Clerk.

Yes—2,473

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No—177

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 9, 2004

Referendum No. 1

Shall the City of Fellsmere revise the City Charter, effective as of March, 2005, to change its form of government from a strong mayor to city manager?

Yes—150

No—52

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 9, 2004

Referendum No. 2

Shall the City of Fellsmere amend the City Charter effective as of March 17, 2005, to delete unnecessary provisions governing the adoption and repeal of emergency ordinances?

Yes—157

No—47

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 9, 2004

Referendum No. 3

Shall the City of Fellsmere amend the City Charter, effective as of March 17, 2005, to delete obsolete provisions regarding the adoption of standard codes of technical regulations by reference thereto?

Yes—147

No—52

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 9, 2004

Referendum No. 4

Shall the City of Fellsmere amend the City Charter, effective as of March 17, 2005, to delete unnecessary provisions governing the appointment and duties of the City Clerk?

Yes—164

No—42

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 9, 2004

Referendum No. 5

Shall the City of Fellsmere amend the City Charter, effective as of March 17, 2005, to add new sections designating the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney as Charter officers and providing for their appointment, removal, duties and powers?

Yes—156

No—46

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 9, 2004

Referendum No. 6

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Shall the City of Fellsmere amend the City Charter, effective as of March 17, 2005, to delete unnecessary provisions relating to the Police Department and Chief of Police that are provided for in other regulations and laws?

Yes—159

No—42

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 9, 2004

Referendum No. 7

Shall the City of Fellsmere amend the City Charter, effective as of March 17, 2005, to provide for the requirements to be the City Attorney, the duties of the City Attorney and the authority of the City Council to retain additional counsel when necessary?

Yes—160

No—39

Democratic Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 9, 2004

Referendum No. 8

Shall the City of Fellsmere amend the City Charter, effective as of March 17, 2005, to provide for changes in the method of calling and handling elections in order to be consistent with State law and the way elections are now being conducted?

Yes—168

No—34

Special Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 11, 2003

City of Sebastian

Shall Ordinance O-02-17, requiring that all improved property in the City uniformly receive, and be assessed/charged for, solid waste collection service, go into effect?

Yes—628

No—2,459

Special Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 11, 2003

City of Vero Beach

Referendum A

Shall the Charter of the City of Vero Beach be amended to change the term for City Councilmembers from two years to three years?

Yes—668

No—1,658

Special Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 11, 2003

City of Vero Beach

Referendum B

Shall the Charter of the City of Vero Beach, which presently provides that vacant council seats be filled by appointment by the City Council, be amended to give the Council the option of leaving the seat unfilled if the seat becomes vacant less than six months before the next regular election for City Council?

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Yes—1,690

No—618

Special Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 11, 2003

City of Vero Beach

Referendum C

Shall the Charter of the City of Vero Beach be amended to increase the required notice for special call City Council meetings from twelve hours to twenty-four hours, if practicable?

Yes—1,994

No—321

Special Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 11, 2003

City of Vero Beach

Referendum D

Shall the Charter of the City of Vero Beach be amended to change all references to ‘Councilman’ or ‘Councilmen’ or ‘Councilmembers,’ as appropriate?

Yes—1,723

No—592

Special Primary and Municipal General Elections, March 11, 2003

City of Vero Beach

Referendum E

Shall the Charter of the City of Vero Beach be amended to delete obsolete and unnecessary words that create a conflict with the established procedure for Councilmembers serving as major, which would clarify that Councilmembers continue to hold office until their successors take office?

Yes—1,956

No—324

General Elections, November 5, 2002

County Referendum

One-Cent Sales Tax Extension

Shall the duration of the one-cent sales surtax levied in Indian River County be extended an additional fifteen years and seven months from May 31, 2004, its currently scheduled expiration date, to December 31, 2019, to finance, plan, and construct infrastructure including roads, bridges, jail expansion, libraries, fire/paramedic stations, county administration buildings, closure of landfills, and any other county and municipal infrastructure projects allowed by law?

For—28,190

Against—14,831

General Elections, November 5, 2002

City of Vero Beach

Referendum

Shall a one-time exception to the building height limitation of 50 feet be allowed for the construction of a church steeple at 2365 Pine Avenue up to one hundred eight (108) feet?

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Yes—2,538
No—3,921

General Election, November 7, 2000

Circuit Court Judge Referendum

Local Option for Selection of Circuit Judges

Shall the method of selecting circuit court judges in the nineteenth judicial circuit be changed from election by vote of the people to selection by the judicial nominating commission and appointment by the Governor with subsequent terms determined by a retention vote of the people?

Yes—15,666
No—28,553

General Election, November 7, 2000

County Court Judge Referendum

Local Option for Selection of County Judges

Shall the method of selecting county court judges in Indian River County be changed from election by vote of the people to selection by the judicial nominating commission and appointment by the Governor with subsequent terms determined by a retention vote of the people?

Yes—13,959
No—30,006

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to lengthen the limit on terms airport leases from 20 to 30 years?

Yes—1,455
No—1,108

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to remove the special status given nonconforming uses annexed into the city?

Yes—1,182
No—1,260

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to change council terms from two to four years?

Yes—712
No—1,864

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Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to increase the salaries for the mayor by \$50 a month, and the vice-mayor and other members of council by \$50 and \$150 respectively?

Yes—1,405

No—1,165

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to clarify that the mayor signs legislative documents and city manager signs contracts and other business documents?

Yes—1,990

No—538

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to require that council vacancies of greater than six months be filled by special election rather than appointment?

Yes—2,015

No—542

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to provide procedures to be followed when removal of council members is under consideration?

Yes—1,889

No—612

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to give all council members equal authority to call special meetings of council?

Yes—1,869

No—659

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to allow standing committees to be governed by ordinance as well as resolution?

Yes—1,946

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No—501

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to provide for removal of charter officers without cause if such removal is allowed under the terms of the officer's employment contract?

Yes—1,282

No—1,162

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to set standards to be considered by council in a vote to charge a charter officers with cause for removal?

Yes—1,946

No—484

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to designate that the budget and millage rate be adopted by resolution?

Yes—1,800

No—635

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to provide that election filing fees shall be set by law instead of by council resolution?

Yes—2,097

No—379

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to designate the city attorney as a member of the canvassing board?

Yes—1,546

No—867

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

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City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to require a run-off election to decide ties for council elections instead of drawing lots?

Yes—2,133

No—379

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to make a violation of state election code a basis for disqualification and providing procedures for such action?

Yes—1,824

No—605

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to provide that remaining charter officers, rather than mayor or police chief, succeed city clerk as the official responsible for appointing interim government when no functioning council exists?

Yes—1,758

No—688

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

City of Sebastian Referendum

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to delete obsolete provisions governing the transition to the existing charter from a previous charter?

Yes—1,996

No—445

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

Town of Orchid Referendum No. 1

Should Article II, Section 2.08 (a) of the Charter of the Town of Orchid be amended to provide that the Town Council shall not be required to meet in July or August of any year if a majority of its members so decide?

Yes—24

No—4

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 14, 2000

Town of Orchid Referendum No. 2

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Should Article II, Section 2.08 of the Charter of the Town of Orchid be amended by the addition of Section 2.08 (e) to provide that a council member may attend a council meeting by telephone conferencing or other appropriate technology?

Yes—20

No—8

General Election, March 9, 1999

Referendum No. 1: Providing for the Periodic Appointment of a Committee to Review the City Charter

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to provide that a Charter Review Committee be appointed by the City Council every seven years to review the City Charter and to make recommendations to the City Council that proposed amendments be submitted to the voters for adoption?

Yes—2,037

No—363

General Election, March 9, 1999

Referendum No. 2: Providing Procedures to Resolve Ties in Elections for Office

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to provide that in the event two or more candidates for the same office receive the same number of votes, the question shall be decided by lot?

Yes—1,521

No—860

Municipal Election, March 11, 1997

City of Sebastian

Referendum No. 2: Extending Maximum Allowable Term Leases of Airport Land from 20 to 40 Years

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to extend the maximum allowable lease term for airport property from 20 years to 40 years?

Yes—942

No—1,379

General Election, November 5, 1996

Tax Exemption Referendum

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County be authorized, pursuant to Article VII, Section 3 of the State Constitution, to grant limited property tax exemptions to new industrial businesses, new corporate offices, and expansions of existing industrial businesses?

Yes—16,273

No—17,946

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 12, 1996

Referendum No. 3 Appointment of City Clerk by City Manager

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to provide that the city manager has the authority to appoint the city clerk and the authority to remove the city clerk with the consent of the city council, and that the city

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manager shall have the authority to appoint the city election canvassing board, and to conform remaining provisions with the amendments?

Yes—918

No—2,410

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 12, 1996

Referendum No. 4 Extending Maximum Allowable Term Leases of Airport Land to 50 Years

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to extend the maximum allowable lease term for airport property from 20 years to 40 years?

Yes—939

No—2,309

Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 12, 1996

Referendum No. 5 Providing Procedures to Resolve Ties in Elections for Office

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to provide that in the even two or more candidates for the same office receive the same number of votes, the question shall be decided by lot?

Yes—945

No—2,363

Fellsmere and Sebastian General Elections, March 14, 1995

Referendum No. 1: Street Paving and Drainage Project

Shall the City of Fellsmere pave all city streets and improve drainage throughout the City by borrowing approximately \$5,000,000.00 through a 40-year assessment revenue bond, to be paid back by a special assessment every year for 40 years of approximately \$1.00 per front foot for each lot in the City? (By way of example only, a lot with 75 feet of road frontage would pay approximately \$75.00 per year as a street/drainage assessment.)

Yes—68

No—143

General Election, March 8, 1994

Referendum No. 1: Amending City Charter to delete provisions interfering with implementation of Sebastian Municipal Airport Master Plan

Shall the City of Sebastian amend Section 1.02 of the City Charter by deleting the second full paragraph of Paragraph (7), deleting Subparagraphs (7.1), (7.2), (7.3), (7.4), (7.5) and (7.6) in their entirety, and deleting the second full paragraph of Paragraph (10), to facilitate the implementation of the Master Plan for the Sebastian

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Municipal Airport by removing provisions of the City Charter that are in conflict with the provisions of the Master Plan?

Yes—1,770

No—1,079

Special Election, April 13, 1993

Referendum

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County be authorized, pursuant to S. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, to grant property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

Yes—12,076

No—13,286

General Election, March 9, 1993

Referendum No. 1: Amending City Charter to make corrections and clarify existing provisions.

Shall the City of Sebastian amend Sections 2.05, 2.08, 2.12, 3.01, 3.03, 3.08 and 5.01 of the City Charter to make corrections in and to provide clarification of, existing provisions regarding council salaries, filling council vacancies, manner of voting, establishing departments, removal of charter officers, police officers right to bear arms and severability?

Yes—1,443

No—492

General Election, March 9, 1993

Referendum No. 2: Amending the City Charter regarding terms and the election of Mayor and vice-mayor.

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to eliminate separate elections for Mayor and provide for the election of Mayor from among the City Council members commencing in March, 1994, to provide for annual terms for the Mayor and vice-mayor, and to conform remaining provisions with these amendments?

Yes—1,010

No—959

General Election, March 9, 1993

Referendum No. 3: Amending Article IV of the City Charter regarding municipal elections, ballots and canvassing board.

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to update the City Charter to remove current provisions that are governed by the laws of the State of Florida or are Inconsistent with other provisions contained in the City Charter, and to establish procedures for convening a City Canvassing Board and recording the results of the Board?

Yes—1,411

No—550

General Election, November 3, 1992

Bond Referendum

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Environmental/Natural Lands Acquisition

Shall Indian River County be authorized to acquire environmentally significant land to protect water quality, open spaces, and wildlife habitat, by issuing general obligation bonds not exceeding \$26,000.00 to be repaid in not-to-exceed 15 years and structured so that at the time of issuance the rate necessary to fund the maximum annual payments on the bonds shall not exceed ½ mill?

For the bonds—16,781

Against the bonds—15,100

Presidential Preference Primary, March 10, 1992

Town of Indian River Shores

Referendum Requirement Regarding State Road A1A

The Town Council shall not approve or undertake any project to add one or more additional driving lanes to State Road A1A without first submitting the project to the electors of the Town for approval by a majority of those voting at a General Election or at a Special Election called for such purpose. If the project is not approved by a majority of those voting, then the Town Council shall not proceed to adopt or otherwise approve such project.

Yes—1,111

No—136

Presidential Preference Primary, March 10, 1992

Town of Indian River Shores

Shall the Town Charter be amended to include the following:

“No member of the Town Council shall be eligible for re-election to the Council who will have served eight or more consecutive years as a Council member at the expiration of his then current term.”

Yes—1,156

No—85

Presidential Preference Primary, March 10, 1992

City of Sebastian

Referendum No. 1: Amending City Charter to provide for gender-neutral titles.

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to provide that throughout the Charter the term “councilmen” shall be changed to “council members”, the term “councilman” shall be changed to “council member”, and the term “council” shall be changed to “City Council”?

Yes—2,021

No—1,218

Presidential Preference Primary, March 10, 1992

City of Sebastian

Referendum No. 2: Amending City Charter regarding powers of Mayor and Manager; filling vacancies; calling meetings; establishing Committees.

Shall the City of Sebastian amend the City Charter to allow the Mayor to sign all official documents for the City; establish procedures for filling vacancies on City Council; require City Council meetings to be established by resolution; require City Council meetings to be public, except as authorized by law; authorize appointment of standing committees; authorize City Manager to sign all official documents as authorized by City Council or law?

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Yes—1,946

No—1,248

Presidential Preference Primary, March 10, 1992

City of Sebastian

Referendum No. 4: Determining support for the twin pairs concept for County Road 512.

Should the Board of County Commissioners for Indian River County, Florida, proceed with the construction of a twin pairs concept for the eastern portion of County Road 512?

Yes—1,827

No—1,418

First Primary, September 1, 1992

City of Fellsmere, Special Referendum

Whether the City of Fellsmere shall continue to undertake, approve and complete the Fellsmere/ Farmers Home Administration Municipal Water System Project.

Yes—146

No—113

Special Election, January 14, 1992

Referendum No. 1

Shall the City of Fellsmere, FL adopt an amendment to the Charter, so it shall no longer be required to hold a Special Election to fill a vacant council seat when the unexpired term is more than twelve (12) months, and as an alternative allow the mayor and city council to appoint a successor.

Yes—no results on record

No—no results on record

Special Election, January 14, 1992

Referendum No. 2

Shall the City of Fellsmere, Florida adopt an amendment to the Charter, so it shall no longer be required to hold a Special Election to fill the vacancy of the mayor when the unexpired term is more than twelve (12) months, and as an alternative allow the council, by unanimous vote, to appoint a successor.

Yes—no results on record

No—no results on record

Mail Ballot, November 5, 1991

Referendum

Indian River County Referendums

Shall the Indian River Mosquito Control District boundaries be enlarged to include the Town of Fellsmere, Vero Lake Estates subdivisions, and adjacent areas with the ability to impose an ad valorem tax of not-to-exceed ten mills on the properties so included, all for the purposes for which the District was established?

Yes—392

No—87

Special General Election, March 12, 1991

Shall the North, West, and South Indian River County Fire Districts and the County Emergency Medical Services Division be consolidated into a new Emergency Services District, being a dependent special taxing district of the Board of County Commissioners, composed of all Indian River County except for the Town of Indian River Shores and with an authorized ad for the Town of Indian River Shoes and with an authorized ad valorem taxing power of not-to-exceed three and one-half mills?

For—8,396

Against—1,799

Special General Election, March 12, 1991

Shall the annual ad valorem property tax authorized to be levied by the North Indian River County Fire District be increased from one mill to not-to-exceed three mills, effective October 1, 1991, so that expanded and improved fire, rescue, and other emergency services can be provided equal to that provided in the other two fire districts?

For—1,245

Against—1,163

General Election, November 6, 1990

Shall the School District issue \$45,200,000 bonds, bearing interest at a legal rate, maturing within 20 years, secured by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the District, to finance the cost of; north county high school; improving and remodeling elementary, middle, and Wabasso schools; sites for south county middle and high schools; and connecting several schools to water and sewer systems.

For bonds—22,579

Against bonds—8,478

General Election, November 6, 1990

Shall the School District issue \$16,200,000 bonds, bearing interest at a legal rate, maturing within 20 years, secured by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the District, to finance the cost of; south county middle school.

For bonds—19,770

Against bonds—10,847

Municipal Election, March 13, 1990

City of Vero Beach

Shall the City Charter be amended so that the existing building height limitations and density levels in the Zoning Ordinance shall not be increased without the approval of the City electors at a referendum proposing a building height or density level increase?

Yes—3,180

Indian River County Referendums

No—1,059

Municipal Election, March 13, 1990

City of Vero Beach

Shall the City participate in a Beach Erosion Control Project which is environmentally acceptable involving a combination of sand renourishment and a Sta-Beach, or equivalent, dewatering system. The length of the project shall be such as to achieve a positive benefit/cost ratio, as recommended by the federal government; provided, however the project shall not exceed 9,600 feet.

Yes—1,685

No—2,574

Municipal Election, March 13, 1990

City of Vero Beach

Shall the City Charter be amended so that the term of office for City Councilmen be extended from two (2) years to four (4) years except for the 1991 election which shall be for a 3-year term so as to phase in the election on every other year basis?

Yes—635

No—3,603

Municipal Election, March 13, 1990

Town of Orchid

Major Charter Amendment Resulting in New Charter for the Town of Orchid to reflect the 1968 Florida Constitution as amended and the Municipal Home Rule Powers Act of 1973 (Charter 166, F.S.) providing for the Council-Manager form of Government, providing for the Town of Council, Charter officers, Elections, General Provisions, and Transition Schedule.

For new Charter—5

Against new Charter—0

Bond Referendum, November 7, 1989

Indian River County

Shall Indian River County be authorized to issue general obligation bonds or notes of the county in an amount not exceeding \$2,900,000.00 for the purchase of the McKee Jungle Gardens, of approximately 19 acres, and 3 nearby wetland parcels, of approximately 81 acres, with any such bonds or notes to be repaid from ad valorem taxes within one year at an interest rate not exceeding the legal rate?

For—5,586

Against—6,781

Special General Election, March 14, 1989

Indian River County

Shall Indian River County adopt a one-cent sales tax for 15 years to be used for funding construction of needed county facilities, and health buildings, and for other capital projects, including land acquisition, drainage, and roads, with all such projects qualifying as infrastructure, pursuant to chapter 212.055, Florida statues, and with the list of projects to be funded by these revenues approved at a public hearing?

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For—7,826
Against—5,285

Special General Election, March 14, 1989

City of Sebastian

Referendum No. 1: Adopting a revision to the City Charter

Shall the City of Sebastian adopt revisions to the city charter to provide, among other things, that the city manager shall be the chief administrative officer; that the police chief shall be appointed by the city manager; that council members shall not dictate the appointment or removal of any city employee other than charter officers; that the city manager, city clerk and city attorney are charter officers who may be removed for cause?

Yes—1,897
No—667

Special General Election, March 14, 1989

City of Sebastian

Referendum No. 2: Adopting a revision to the City Charter

Shall the City of Sebastian adopt a revision to current Section 4.14 to provide, among other things, for the deletion of the requirement of run-off elections where no candidate for mayor or councilmen has received a majority of the votes cast for such office; to provide that in all general or special elections, the candidate receiving the highest vote in each of the offices of mayor or councilmen to be filled, shall be elected?

Yes—1,826
No—463

Special General Election, March 14, 1989

City of Sebastian

Referendum No. 3: Adopting a revision to the City Charter

Maintenance of local control of Sebastian Airport: limiting taxation, noise, growth, federal or state interference. Shall the City Charter be amended to require for Sebastian Municipal Airport that voter approval must be given before strengthening or improving any runway, except to maintain good repair; that user charges provide the exclusive financial support; that no debt shall be incurred nor special tax or assessment imposed; that Municipal Golf Course revenues beyond those presently required not be expended; and, that noise restrictions and landing fees shall be imposed?

Yes—1,528
No—1,110

Special General Election, March 14, 1989

City of Fellsmere

Referendum No. 1: Adopting a Revised City Charter

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The City of Fellsmere, Florida, shall adopt a revised Charter, which Charter implements current requirements of the general laws of the State of Florida for administration of municipal governments and deletes some provision of the existing Charter that have been superseded by changes in law.

Yes—235

No—63

Special General Election, March 14, 1989

City of Vero Beach

Shall the Vero Beach City Charter be amended so that all beach restoration projects involving the expenditure of tax dollars must be approved by the voters at referendum elections?

Yes—2,872

No—1,613

Special General Election, March 14, 1989

City of Vero Beach

Shall the City of Vero Beach, Florida participate in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers beach restoration projects currently under consideration and study (Circa 1986-1992)? Said projects to be funded by Federal, State, and Local Taxes and assessment of beachfront property owners. Local tax share shall be about 3 percent of the total cost of the project.

Yes—1,922

No—2,565

General Election, March 8, 1988

City of Sebastian

Restrictions at Sebastian Municipal Airport

Shall the City Charter be amended so that Sebastian Municipal Airport capital projects specified in the proposed amendment must henceforth be approved by the voters at referendum elections before such projects can be implemented?

For—2,120

Against—652

General Election, March 8, 1988

City of Sebastian

Increasing Salaries of Vice Mayor and Councilmen

Shall the City Charter be changed to increase the salaries of Vice Mayor and City Council Members?

For--626

Against—2,019

Special Election, May 24, 1988

School District of Indian River County, Florida

Shall there be issued not exceeding \$41,902,000 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the School District of Indian River County, Florida, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, enlarging, or furnishing of, or other improvements to, buildings or school grounds in the District including: additions to Highlands Elementary School, South County Middle School, and North County High School, such Bonds to bear

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interest at a rate not exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law, to mature not later than twenty (20) years from the date of issuance thereof, and to be secured by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the School District of Indian River County, Florida, as more specifically described and provided in a resolution of The School Board of Indian River County, adopted on March 8, 1988.

For—2,589

Against—8,429

Special Election, May 24, 1988

School District of Indian River County, Florida

Millage Referendum

Should the Indian River County School Board be authorized to levy an additional one mill ad valorem tax for two years? The proposed two-year levy of one mill per year requested by the School Board is for the purpose of improving teachers' salaries. The funds would be utilized only for salaries and salary-related expenses for the instructional staff.

For—3,327

Against—7,550

Special Election, March 10, 1987

Tourist Development Tax

Shall there be a tourist Development Tax of 2% levied pursuant to Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes?

For—2,561

Against—1,865

Special Election, March 10, 1987

North Indian River County Fire District

Shall the authorized millage of the North Indian River County Fire District be increased from one-half mill to one mill per annum on each dollar value of taxable property within the District to cover the expenses of the District?

For—1,128

Against—823

Special Election, March 10, 1987

City of Vero Beach

Shall the City Charter be amended so that the term of office for City Councilmen be extended from two (2) years to four (4) years except for the 1988 election which shall be for a 3-year term so as to phase in the election on every other year basis?

Yes—539

No—1,574

Special Election, March 10, 1987

City of Vero Beach Mayor Salary

Shall the City Charter be amended so that the salary for the Mayor is increased from \$500 per month to \$800 per month and for all other City Councilmembers increased from \$400 per month to \$700 per month?

Yes—1,415

No—1,895

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Special Election, March 10, 1987

Non-Binding Referendum, No. 1

Should the City permit within City limits new seawalls or similar structures to be erected along the beach?

Yes—1,211

No—1,989

Special Election, March 10, 1987

Non-Binding Referendum, No. 2

Should the City permit within City limits any structures including geotextile sand-filled containers to be used along the beach?

Yes—1,737

No—1,407

Special Election, March 10, 1987

City of Sebastian

City Manager: Mayor's Salary Decrease

Shall Section 2.05 and Section 2.11 of the City Charter be changed, effective on Monday, March 14, 1988, to establish a City Manager form of Government and reduce the salary of the Mayor from \$19,500 to \$4,800 per year?

For—859

Against—805

General Election November, 4, 1986

City of Sebastian Mayor's Salary

Shall Section 2.05 of the City Charter be changed to increase the salary of the Mayor to \$19,500 per year?

For—1,502

Against—1,108

General Election November, 4, 1986

City of Sebastian

Shall the City Council borrow up to one million dollars to purchase 3.262 acres of land North of River View Park for five hundred thousand dollars; also to construct a new police station for approximately two hundred thousand dollars; also to purchase equipment for the Public Works Department at a total cost of approximately three hundred thousand dollars?

For Loan—1,211

Against Loan—1,297

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Primary Election, September 2, 1986

Library Bond Referendum

Shall Indian River County, Florida, issue general obligation bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,900,000 bearing interest at the rate or rates, not exceeding the maximum rate permitted by applicable law at the time of the sale of the bonds, to be determined upon sale of the bonds, maturing not later than 30 years from the date of the issuance thereof, payable from ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the County without limit as to rate or amount, for the purpose of financing the cost of improvements to and expansion of the public library system and services in the County as more specifically described and provided in the Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners adopted July 16, 1986.

For—8,392

Against—4,083

Primary Election, September 2, 1986

City of Sebastian Mayor's Salary Referendum

Shall Section 2.05 of the City Charter of Sebastian be changed to increase the salary of the Mayor to \$25,000 per year and to provide for adjusting the Mayor's salary every other year (Mayoral election year) based on the average percentage adjustment to the base wage of all employees who are represented by any labor union?

For—701

Against—808