

Polk County Farm Bureau Endorses Candidates, Opposes Amendment 4

Polk County Farm Bureau is engaged with local and state policy makers and recognizes the need to support candidates that will take agriculture's best interests into consideration once elected.

The purpose of a political endorsement shall be to show the unified support of a particular candidate or referendum by the bipartisan membership of the Polk County Farm Bureau (PCFB) Board of Directors. In order for PCFB to endorse a candidate, or referendum, a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of all duly elected directors shall be required.

The Polk County Farm Bureau (PCFB) proudly endorses the following candidates in the fall 2010 elections:

Ben Albritton, Candidate, FL House District 66
Congressman Adam Putnam, Candidate, Florida Commissioner of
Agriculture & Consumer Services
Dennis Ross, Candidate, U.S. Congress District 12
Representative Kelli Stargel, FL House District 64

"These individuals exemplify the qualities we look for in an elected representative, namely integrity, fairness and a true understanding of the issues affecting agriculture. Because Farm Bureau's core membership are the farmers, growers and ranchers of Polk County, the board of directors select candidates who best represent their interests," President Larry Black said. We applaud these candidates and encourage Farm Bureau members to support these candidates in their elections August 24th and November 2nd.

In addition to endorsing candidates, the PCFB Board has taken a position on Amendment 4, appearing on the November ballot. Amendment 4- is one of the greatest threats to Florida's economy and quality-of-life. This "Vote on Everything" amendment would force Florida voters—not the representatives they elect—to decide thousands of changes to local government comprehensive plans each year at the ballot box.

"Polk County Farm Bureau has made the campaign to defeat this amendment top priority. This amendment threatens private property rights, will raise taxes, cost jobs and discourage economic development at a time when we need it the most," stated Black. Members and industry supporters are encouraged to visit the campaign website— www.Florida2010.org.

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