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2010 Christian Coalition Issues Survey Questions for Florida Candidate

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Please find the following 2010 Christian Coalition Issues Survey Questions for Florida Candidates. Answers to this Survey will be used to create a Christian Coalition voter guide which will be made available at [www.FLVotesValues.com](http://www.FLVotesValues.com) and will be distributed to St Lucie County churches. Each candidates complete survey will be posted at [www.FLVotesValues.com](http://www.FLVotesValues.com). Please indicate your position on each of the following issues by placing a check mark in the blank in front of "Support, Oppose, or Undecided." Please only select one answer per question. If you choose to not check one of the answers, your answer may be listed as DNR (Did Not Respond). If your answer contradicts public record, we reserve the right to cite your position stated in public record instead of or in addition to your answer. If you choose to not respond to the issues survey, your name may be omitted from the voter guide or may be included with DNR (Did Not Respond) on answers to the questions. If you choose to comment and/or clarify, you answer (up to 25 words) will be included on our website along with this questionnaire. Christian Coalition reserves the right to make your answers and written statements public through voters guides passed out in churches, distributed through e-mail and the Internet, and other means. Surveys must be signed (with each page initialed) and delivered (not postmarked) by 6:00 PM, July 21, 2010 and may be delivered via US mail, Fax, E-Mail, or in person.

Taxes

1. Require voter approval for new taxes.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

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2. Require voter approval for projects requiring long term debt financing.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
3. Exempt churches from impact fees and other use taxes.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
4. Return local government budgets to 1999 levels, adjusted for population growth and the rate of inflation and limit future increases in the budget to population growth and the rate of inflation.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
5. Increases in local sales or property tax to pay for education.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
6. Use Federal Stimulus money and/or Federal Grants to balance local government budgets.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### Use of Public Funds

7. Use of tax revenues intended to support specific agencies to instead support the Executive Round Table.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
8. Use of tax revenues to support family planning clinics where abortion counseling and referrals occur, such as Planned Parenthood.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
9. Use of tax revenues to support programs at health clinics that offer contraception to minors without parental consent.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
10. Use of tax revenues for condom distribution to adults.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
11. Use of tax revenues for condom distribution to minors without parental consent.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### Employee Relationships

12. Health insurance provided for "same sex" and live-in partners for employees of local government.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
13. Provide abortion coverage as part of employee health care packages.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
14. Give "sexual preference, sexual orientation or lifestyle" minority protection status equivalent to that currently covered under existing civil rights laws.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### Educational Standards

15. Stressing basic academic skills (i.e. reading, writing, mathematics) over social programs (i.e. health care issues, social engineering, values clarification issues, etc.)  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
16. Replace traditional A, B, C, D, F report card system with assessments and portfolios.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
17. Teaching reading by a strong phonics curriculum as opposed to a whole language approach.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose  Undecided
18. Phase out advanced classes so children of all abilities take classes together.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
19. Prohibit mind or conscience-altering practices such as yoga, guided imagery, or hypnosis with students by school personnel without express parental permission.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
20. Amend DOE Curriculum Framework for Biology and Life Science to also allow the teaching of interpretations of evolution and alternate theories of origins, including life by intelligent design.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
21. Each year students should be given a standardized test to gauge the school's, the teacher's and the students' progress.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
22. Replace teacher tenure with merit pay, which is awarded based upon student progress gauged by standardized test results.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose  Undecided

### Parental Rights

23. Include a majority of parents and non-school board employees on policy making committees.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
24. Allowing parents the right to withdraw their children from classes teaching material contrary to their moral values.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided

### School Choice

25. Tax funded education vouchers that allow parents to choose public or private schools. (GI Bill for kids).  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
26. Private and home school children able to participate in public school extracurricular activities such as sports and music programs.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
27. Legislation that protects parental rights to home school or send their children to private school.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
28. Increase the number of charter schools.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
29. Institute neighborhood schools to reduce school bussing.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided

### Sex Education

30. Express parental consent prior to students receiving sexuality and reproductive health care information or care in school-based health clinics.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
31. Students should be taught alternative lifestyles that include homosexuality premarital and extramarital relations as normal and acceptable.

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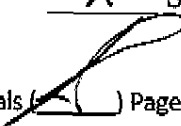
- \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
32. Implementing curriculum that teaches grades K-6 students about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
33. Allowing school-based clinics to dispense birth control devices without express written parental consent.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
34. Making sex education an opt-in by parental request program rather than an opt-out program.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
35. Public funding to support Planned Parenthood programs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
36. Sexual education programs that include demonstration of condoms.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
37. Sexual education programs that depict condoms as a way to prevent STDs including HIV.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
38. Abstinence based sex education that gives information on refusal skills, STD's, contraceptives with their failure rates and no demonstration of condoms.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided

**Zoning**

39. Zoning laws to restrict church or religious meetings, including home Bible studies, from residential or commercial areas.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
40. Restrict use of office or commercial property to prevent use by churches on Sunday.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
41. Exempt private schools from costly fees, regulations, and building codes (except health & safety standards) from which public schools are already exempt.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
42. Zoning laws that restrict church growth by making the building and zoning codes for churches more restrictive than those required for government buildings.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided

**Religious Freedom**

43. Permit prayer on public property.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
44. Permit crosses, nativity scenes, menorah, and other religious items to be displayed on public property with secular items, as part of a seasonal celebration.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
45. Permit songs that mention 'Jesus' to be sung as part of a Christmas program.  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided
46. Permit Student participation in the national day of prayer "Pray around the flag pole".  
 Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided

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47. Permit teachers to display and study, in the classroom, writings and documents of importance to the founding of the US including references to religion in the lives of our Founding Fathers and in the founding of this nation.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
48. Permit a court-approved Bible history course may be taught as an elective.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
49. Permit churches to rent public property for meetings.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
50. Permit government board meetings to be opened with a word of prayer.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
51. Pass an ordinance requiring a compelling interest before government may interfere in the free exercise of religion.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
52. Participate in, support, or attend gay/lesbian parades or other gay/lesbian sponsored public activities.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
53. Faith-based Programs in the Criminal Justice System to combat drug abuse and reduce crime.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
54. Encourage and support a quality chapel in the County Jail.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
55. Voluntary student prayer in school or at school related events such as sports and graduation.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### Adult Businesses

56. Exempt existing adult businesses from adult zoning regulation changes  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
57. Fully enforce regulations applicable to adult entertainment facilities  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
58. Revoke the "adult use" license of adult businesses upon conviction of violations.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
59. Strengthen the ordinance to prohibit adult businesses from operating within 2,500 feet of a residence, school, church, or government building.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
60. Pass an ordinance forbidding Internet porn businesses from operating websites and/or producing pornographic still and/or video images within 2,500 feet of a residence, school, church, or government building.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
61. Require that adult businesses do not perform or sell, rent, or display material that goes beyond the community standard of decency.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
62. Require libraries to filter Internet access to prohibit access to pornographic and obscene sites.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### Guns

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63. Ban possession of firearms within the city/county.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### Sunshine Laws

64. Place information that government officials receive, including agendas, minutes, and audio and video recordings of meetings on the Internet, free for anyone to access.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
65. Place purchase orders, contracts, and payment records on the Internet.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### Gambling


66. Gambling in the county should be expanded as a source of new revenue and jobs.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
67. Voter approval for all new or expanded gambling activities in the county.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
68. Apply and enforce current gambling laws to close down adult arcades.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### Abortion

69. Proposed Florida Personhood Constitution Amendment to define all human beings as persons under the constitution regardless of age, race, health function, condition of physical and/or mental dependency and/or disability.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
70. Pass an ordinance to prohibit abortion facilities from operating within 2,500 feet of a school, home, church, or government building.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
71. Requiring parental consent in cases where a minor seeks to have an abortion.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
72. Requiring an ultrasound prior to having an abortion.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
73. Contracting for services from medical groups that also offer abortion counseling.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

### Immigration

74. Enforce existing immigration laws.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
75. Require individuals prove they are legal citizens prior to receiving welfare or government assistance.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
76. Require businesses to use E-verify to prove that their workers are legal prior to receiving government contracts.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided
77. Enact an Arizona style immigration statute or ordinance.  
 Support  Oppose  Undecided

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**Other**

78. Proposed Florida Constitution Amendment 4 that would require voter approval the adoption of a new comprehensive land use plan or the amendment of an existing comprehensive land use plan.

Support  Oppose  Undecided

79. Proposed Florida Constitution Amendment 9 that prohibits laws or rules from compelling any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system (including a Universal Healthcare System as passed by the US House and Senate).

Support  Oppose  Undecided

Signature  Date 07-14-10

Print Name James S. Rich

*Priorities: On an attached page please explain in a total of 75 words or less why you are running and your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.*

## **CHRISTIAN COALITION ISSUES SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR FLORIDA CANDIDATES**

### **REASON FOR RUNNING FOR MAYOR**

As an appointed member of the city of Port St. Lucie Planning & Zoning Board, I have represented District 2 and the entire city as an unpaid volunteer, providing City Council with recommendations pertaining to land use, zoning issues and variances. My experience on the Planning & Zoning Board has provided me the insight as to how our local government operates, allowed me to develop a working relationship with a variety of city personnel and key business owners.

### **PRIORITIES**

**Job creation:** Aggressively work with Chamber of Commerce, Workforce solutions, Enterprise Florida and the Governor's office to market Port St. Lucie. No appreciable increase in city budget.

**Improve relations with local communities:** Develop better relationships with St. Lucie County, City of Fort Pierce, Martin and Indian River counties and work to market and improve Treasure/Research Coast collectively. No appreciable increase in city budget.

**Fiscal responsibility/accountability:** Make every city department accountable for expenses and reduce overall budget. Increase general fund revenue.