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As promised, this issue will discuss several of the amendments that will be on the November ballot. Your participation in the election process as a well-informed voter is vital, so please do not hesitate to contact my district office to further clarify these proposed Amendments.

This week was a time of commemoration, as we memorialized the passing of Harry Bolwell, who was a dedicated servant as Chairman of the Indian River Hospital District, and held "Billy Livings Night" at Vero Beach High School to honor the life of a great football coach.

I would like to announce Mayra Hernandez as my new District Secretary. Mayra has extensive experience in the banking industry and was the owner of Fellsmere Title. Welcome, Mayra!

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DISTRICT MEETING WITH SUN UP ARC



Scott Connelly, Mary Eckhart, Patricia Moody, and Michelle Penley meet with Rep Debbie Mayfield

This week, I was thrilled to meet with some of Sun Up ARC's representatives. Currently, this group of outstanding individuals is planning a spring field trip to Tallahassee to learn more about state government. They have also organized a benefit concert, with proceeds to benefit Sun Up ARC. The concert will be on November 18 at the First Church of God. For tickets, please call 772-770-6626. For more information about Sun Up ARC services, or to donate to the trip, please contact the Executive Director, Chuck Bradley, at 772-766-1438.

CHAMBER AWARDS LOCAL INDUSTRY LEADERS

Following is a list of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce Industry Appreciation award winners. Each recipient met and surpassed the qualifications for recognition. Please join me in congratulating them!

"Manufacturer of the Year" - SpectorSoft Corp.

"Entrepreneur of the Year" - True Colors Salon & Spa

"Latin Business of the Year" - Ay Jalisco Restaurant in Vero Beach.

"Company of the Year" (less than 25 employees) - Vero Insurance

"Company of the Year" (25-50 employees) - Seacoast National Bank

"Company of the Year" (over 50 employees) - NetBoss Technologies, Inc

"Architectural Recognition" Awards were given to:

The Center for Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine; CenterState Bank; The Burnham Center; Izziban Sushi; Cardinal Commercial Building; Commercial Real Estate LLC; WillowBrooke Court at Indian River Estates; and Vero Beach Elementary School. Congratulations!

Email Representative

Important Dates

September 29

National Estuaries Day
at Harbor Branch

Oceanographic Institute
10 AM – 3 PM

October 1

Satellite Office Hours
at North County Library
10 AM – 12 PM

October 6

Mental Health Awareness
5K Run/Walk benefitting
Horizons
at Digital Domain Park
7 AM Start Time

October 7

Tour de Vero to Benefit
Indian River Firefighters
Benevolent Association
at Carrabba's on US 1
7:15 AM Start Time

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following amendments were sponsored by the Florida Legislature and will be on our November ballot. Passage requires the approval of 60% or more of the voters participating. Below is a summary of the current law (or lack thereof), along with a description of the proposed revision. Underneath each title, please find the link to the full text of the Joint Resolution passed by the Florida Legislature for greater detail.

#	Title	Description
Amendment 1	Health Care Services CS/SJR 2	<p>Current: No law exists in our State Constitution allowing Florida to reject certain provisions of the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>Revision: Amendment 1 creates a section under Article I, which expressly rejects and prohibits any law which forces or compels individuals or employers to provide health care coverage through taxation or penalty. It allows for an individual or an employer to pay directly for health care coverage without a third party. It allows for a private health care services market to exist without abolishment by law or rule.</p> <p>Background: While it will hold little sway in the wake of the recent ruling upholding the individual mandate, it would prevent the state from passing a similar health care law in the future, particularly if the Affordable Care Act is repealed.</p>
Amendment 2	Veterans Disabled Due to Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount CS/SJR 592	<p>Current: A disabled veteran is only eligible to receive an additional homestead discount if he or she was a FL resident at the time of deployment.</p> <p>Revision: Amendment 2 extends these additional Homestead benefits to include disabled Veterans who were not FL residents when entering military service.</p> <p>Background: This additional benefit is a discount off of property taxes owed on a Homestead, and will equal the percentage of the veterans' permanent service-connected disability — eg. A 50% disability would garner a 50% discount. About 74,000 veterans may qualify for this benefit according to the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.</p>
Amendment 3	State Government Revenue Limitations CS/SJR 958	<p>Current: State Revenues are limited by a certain growth index. It is capped by a percentage that describes the rate of change in the aggregate "Florida Personal Income" (similar GDP) over a 5 year period.</p> <p>Revision: Amendment 3 replaces the existing limitation with a new percentage based on both the rate of inflation and population change. The Legislature is also provided with a five year period to adjust to this new revenue tool.</p> <p>Background: Complicated and contentious, this revision aims at providing more stringent restrictions for future revenues increases. It still allows the Legislature to increase the revenue by supermajority.</p>