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## 2018 Estero Candidate Screening Committee Recommendations

***After interviewing 9 candidates over two days, the participating Committee Members voted by substantial margins to recommend the following 4 candidates for Congress, State Senator, the Lee County Board and the Lee County School Board***

**Names are listed in the order they appear on the ballot**

- ✓ **Francis Rooney**, Representative in Congress, 19<sup>th</sup> District Republican
- ✓ **Anissa Karim**, State Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> District Democrat
- ✓ **Bill Taylor**, Board of County Commissioners, District 2 Republican
- ✓ **Nicholas Alexander**, Member School Board, District 6 Nonpartisan

**Voters can learn about why the Committee selected these candidates and how they can help their favorite candidate by clicking the following link:**

<http://brookskoncernedcitizens.com>

*Please share this information*

*with your Estero friends and neighbors*

The League of Women Voters of Florida has examined all 12 Constitutional Amendments on the November 6<sup>th</sup> ballots and taken positions on each. The following section summarizes those recommendations. Click the following link to review the detailed explanation of each amendment and the League's reasoning for their position... <https://www.lwvfl.org/amendments/>

Amendment 1...Oppose  
Amendment 2...Oppose  
Amendment 3...Support  
Amendment 4...Support  
Amendment 5...Oppose  
Amendment 6...Oppose  
Amendment 7...Oppose  
Amendment 8...Deleted by Court Order  
Amendment 9...Support  
Amendment 10...Oppose  
Amendment 11...No Position  
Amendment 12...No Position  
Amendment 13...Support

### **At the Bottom of the Ballot**

Levy of One-half Cent per Dollar Sales Surtax for Educational Improvements, Equipment and Technology...Yes

*The Committee met with the School Board twice during the spring to understand the need for this increase and voted without opposition to support this 10 year increase.*

### **The Committee's Statement of Support**

The upcoming November 6 election ballot includes an item that will impact all of Lee County for years, maybe decades to come.

The quality of schools is the biggest economic driver in any community.

- It impacts the ability to attract high wage businesses to Lee County,
- It impacts the District's ability to educate students so that we can provide highly skilled employees to our local employers; and
- It impacts your property values.

When passed, the half-penny investment may only be used for capital expenditures—safety and security, new construction, maintenance, and technology. None of these designated monies may be used for salaries or daily operations.

Some of these funds will be used to finance a new elementary and a new middle school in Estero within the next 10 years.

The Committee urges everyone stand up for what is best for our community and to vote yes on the half penny sales tax.