

Candidate: Carol Whitmore Office: Manatee Co Commission Dist 6

Party: R

Constitutionally Limited Government: _____

2nd Amendment: TPM Score: 2.5

Nothing found. Our vetting process gives the candidate the benefit of the doubt, while keeping in mind the candidate's party's platform.

Pro-life: TPM Score: 2.5

Nothing found. Our vetting process gives the candidate the benefit of the doubt, while keeping in mind the candidate's party's platform.

Note that Whitmore is endorsed by the Christian Family Coalition Florida Nov 2018 Voter Guide

Immigration: TPM Score: 2

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Fiscal Responsibility: Taxes/Spending TPM Score: 2 _____

"Whitmore voted to impose (the controversial half-cent sales tax) (2014). Whitmore has voted to unleash a flood of spending destined to fatten the wallets of special interests"

<http://baltimorepostexaminer.com/carole-whitmores-foiled-party-purge-manatee-florida/2014/09/01>

"Said the county must adopt a stormwater fee to prevent neighborhood flooding."

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180706/incumbent-manatee-commissioner-faces-challenger-for-republican-nomination>

Free Market Solutions: _____

Educ choice: TPM Score: 2.5

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Healthcare: TPM Score: 2.5

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Pro-Biz: TPM Score: 2

Voted for sales tax increase (2014), which is not pro-biz:

"If Carol Whitmore was a conservative, she wouldn't have voted to spend hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars having that half-cent sales tax election in the middle of the summer when they could have done it for free," said Hayes, who said she made phone calls lobbying against the proposed referendum." <http://thebradentontimes.com/former-commissioner-donna-hayes-plying-is-second-nature-to-carol-whitmorep-p9327-158.htm>

Top 3 Issues:

- ❑ **Control the budget** - She says she recognizes that we must live within our means.
- ❑ She says she **Supports local businesses** so that our citizen have jobs to support their families.
- ❑ **Support the additional \$25,000 Homestead Tax exemption** on the November ballot to put more money back in our pockets. Government can adjust their budget to decrease revenue by controlling expenses. <https://carolwhitmore.com/>

Total TPM Score: 16

Summary Comments:

Whitmore votes to raise taxes. For example “Whitmore **voted to impose (the controversial half-cent sales tax)** (2014). According to a 2014 news article, Whitmore has **voted to unleash a flood of spending destined to fatten the wallets of special interests**”

Whitmore was a **Democrat well into her adult life**, and while she served as Holmes Beach mayor: “Activist Donna Hayes said of Whitmore, (T)hat's back when she was a Democrat. She didn't understand Republican politics at the time, though in my opinion, she doesn't understand them any better today.”

But of herself, Whitmore wrote, “I am for free enterprise, low taxes and don't support government intrusion and this is what our tea party founders platform started on.” She has difficulty holding on to her values.

Admirably, Carol Whitmore has served many years in many civic roles. However, she has a record that marks her as a RINO, despite her insistence she is conservative (see her email, at the end of her documented sheet). Conservative Donna Hayes' calling her out for lying (“it's second nature to her”) is alarming, too.

Unfortunately, Whitmore's opponent, Candace Luther, is a self-described “environmentalist, an animal advocate, and a citizen activist,” with limited information available online, so most of her positions are unknown. But she doesn't look likely to Constitutionally limit our government.

TPM is not endorsing in this race.

Affiliations:

Whitmore was a **Democrat well into her adult life**, and while she served as Holmes Beach mayor: “(T)hat's back when she was a Democrat. She didn't understand Republican politics at the time, though in my opinion, she doesn't understand them any better today. She's what we call a RINO – Republican in name only. There are a lot of Republicans around here who jumped over when they thought it was the smart thing to do, but that doesn't make them conservatives.”

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Other Topics/ Actions/Positions held

Registered as a Democrat up through while mayor of Holmes Beach (up to 2006)

(Voted for the 20 Voted to remove the Confederate memorial from the courthouse lawn.

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180706/incumbent-manatee-commissioner-faces-challenger-for-republican-nomination>

Re: the “No Kill” resolution ...Signed in 2011, the resolution had no teeth and left gaping holes in its enforcement which would be exploited by county officials in a **scandal that left thousands of citizens aghast.**

“And when Whitmore later referred to her handling of the situation as one of her proudest moments on the Board, what looked like a case of simple **negligence** turned into one of **denial.**”

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Republican activist Donna Hayes said **lying is second nature to Whitmore.** About Pat Glass and the REC comments Whitmore made, Hayes said:

“I've heard her make that statement twice now, both times on television, and I can tell you flat out that she's lying,” said Hayes, when she called me from Volusia by phone Friday afternoon. “That in itself is nothing new, because Carol's always been comfortable telling a lie; it's second nature to her.”

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“Having grown up on Anna Maria Island, Carol started her local government service in 1991 when she was elected to the Holmes Beach City Commission, later serving as Mayor of the City of Holmes Beach from 1998 – 2006. She was elected to the Manatee Board of County Commissioners in 2006 and re-elected in 2010 and 2014. Carol has chaired a number of committees such as Port Manatee, Manatee County Civic Center Authority and the Tourist Development Council. She was also a member of Manatee County Food Bank, Manatee Opportunity Council, Manatee Heart Association, Children's Services, START (Solutions To Avoid Red Tide), Member and President of Aids Council of Manatee, American Red Cross Board of Directors, United Way Board of Directors, Families Against Addictive Drug Abuse (FAADA), Board Member Meals on Wheels Advisory Council, Crime Stoppers Sarasota and Manatee, Metropolitan Planning Organization.” <https://carolwhitmore.com/>

Supporters/Endorsements include:

Endorsed by Robin DeSabatino

Endorsed by State Senator Bill Glavano (R)

Christian Family Coalition Florida Nov 2018

“Prominent contributors include former Holmes Beach Commissioner David Zaccagnino, restaurateurs John Horne and Ed Chiles, retailer Robert Beall, **former School Board member John Gause**, Bradenton Beach Mayor and former County Commissioner John Chappie, former County Commissioner Pat Glass, County Commission District 4 candidate Laurie Galle, Bradenton Mayor Wayne Poston, Bradenton City Councilman Gene Gallo, former Bradenton Beach Mayor William Shearon, the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, **developers Pat Neal**, Ronald Allen, Schroeder-Manatee Ranch and Whiting Preston, Manatee Memorial Hospital, the Manatee County Medical Society and numerous attorneys and physicians.” <http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180706/incumbent-manatee-commissioner-faces-challenger-for-republican-nomination>