

2026 General Election Voter Guide

Sourcing & Citations

This document provides the sourcing behind Florida Family Voice's 2026 General Election Candidate & Amendment Guide. Every position below is footnoted to a direct quote, campaign platform, voting record, or news report. We highly encourage voters to dive in and do additional research on all of the candidates to better inform themselves on where the candidates stand on the issues that matter to Florida voters. We have provided links to all the websites and main social media platforms for each of the candidates covered by our educational voter guides.

Candidate Websites & Social Media

Byron Donalds (R – Governor): [Website](#) · [Facebook](#) · [X](#) · [Instagram](#)

David Jolly (D – Governor): [Website](#) · [Facebook](#) · [X](#) · [Instagram](#)

Ashley Moody (R – Senate): [Website](#) · [Facebook](#) · [X](#) · [Instagram](#)

Angie Nixon (D – Senate): [Website](#) · [Facebook](#) · [X](#) · [Instagram](#)

Candidates at a Glance: Quick-Reference Matrix

Legend: SUPPORTS · OPPOSES · MIXED · UNKNOWN / NO PUBLIC RESPONSE

Issue	Byron Donalds (R) — Gov.	David Jolly (D) — Gov.	Ashley Moody (R) — Senate	Angie Nixon (D) — Senate
1. Florida Heartbeat Protection Act	SUPPORTS	OPPOSES	SUPPORTS	OPPOSES
2. Gender Transition	OPPOSES	SUPPORTS	OPPOSES	SUPPORTS
3. Girls' Sports	OPPOSES	MIXED	OPPOSES	SUPPORTS
4. ID & Citizenship Voting Requirements	SUPPORTS	UNKNOWN	SUPPORTS	OPPOSES
5. Recreational Marijuana	OPPOSES	SUPPORTS	OPPOSES	SUPPORTS
6. Parental Rights	SUPPORTS	MIXED	SUPPORTS	OPPOSES
7. School Choice	SUPPORTS	MIXED	SUPPORTS	OPPOSES
8. AI Data Centers	SUPPORTS	SUPPORTS	SUPPORTS	SUPPORTS
9. Second Amendment / Constitutional Carry	SUPPORTS	OPPOSES	SUPPORTS	OPPOSES
10. License Plate Surveillance	SUPPORTS	SUPPORTS	UNKNOWN	SUPPORTS

CORRECTION — Issue 10, License Plate Surveillance: Ashley Moody's position is listed above as UNKNOWN. An earlier printed version of this guide listed her position as SUPPORTS in error. After an extensive review of her public statements, voting history, and tenure as Florida Attorney General and Senator, no public record of a position on additional regulations on automated license plate reader (ALPR) / Flock Safety camera networks could be found. We will update the position here upon any additional evidence being uncovered.

Detailed Sourcing by Issue

1. Florida Heartbeat Protection Act

Upholding Florida's current law banning abortion after approximately six weeks of pregnancy.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Said at a Sept. 2026 UCF campaign stop: "I am pro-life. I'm very happy that we have a heartbeat-protection act on the books...we want to keep that bill on the books." Endorsed by Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. Consistently pro-life voting record. [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	OPPOSES	Supported the pro-life cause in 2014–2015; now favors a return to a Roe v. Wade standard, calling it "a responsible, balanced framework." [2]
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Defended the law as AG and asked the Florida Supreme Court to block Amendment 4; challenged prior pro-abortion legal precedent in Florida. [3]
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	OPPOSES	Supports abortion up to the moment of birth; voted no on the Heartbeat Protection Act. [4]

Sources

1. Donalds: "We're gonna stay the same." [fox49.tv](https://www.fox49.tv); Marilyn Musgrave, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America: "[Donalds] earned an A+ on our scorecard..." [floridapolitics.com](https://www.floridapolitics.com); Donalds: "As a father, I can safely say that my three children are the greatest gifts I have ever received..." [donalds.house.gov](https://www.donalds.house.gov); Donalds, Turning Point USA event at UCF, Sept. 2026: "What I'm saying is, I am pro-life. I'm very happy that we have a heartbeat-protection act on the books. We want to keep that bill on the books, keep that law on the books, but we also now want to do the hard work of continuing to educate mothers about what all their options are." [desantisdaily.com](https://www.desantisdaily.com); [hoodline.com](https://www.hoodline.com); [miamitimesonline.com](https://www.miamitimesonline.com)
2. Jolly in 2014: "I believe life begins at conception..." [ontheissues.org](https://www.ontheissues.org); Jolly's website in 2026 campaign: "Freedom means trusting people...Florida should be a place where people are trusted, respected, and free to make their own choices." He proposes replacing Florida's 6-week ban with a statute permitting abortion until 24 weeks with no restrictions, and select abortions allowed later in the pregnancy. [davidjolly.com](https://www.davidjolly.com)
3. Moody: "While I personally would not vote for this initiative no matter what definition of 'viability' it was using..." [floridapolitics.com](https://www.floridapolitics.com); "Florida's Heartbeat Protection Act expressly permits ending a pregnancy when doing so 'is necessary to save the pregnant woman's life.'" [floridapolitics.com](https://www.floridapolitics.com)

4. Nixon: "[I] will fight for protecting reproductive freedom, including the right to abortion, contraception, and IVF, free from political interference." angienixon.com. She voted No (April 13, 2023) on final passage of SB 300, the Heartbeat Protection Act: [flhouse.gov \(bill detail\)](https://flhouse.gov/bill/detail); [flhouse.gov \(vote record\)](https://flhouse.gov/vote/record)

2. Gender Transition

Allowing gender transition surgeries and treatments for minors.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	OPPOSES	Strongly criticized Jolly for support of gender ideology; articulates a biblical view of human sexuality. [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Vocally supported LGBTQ+ issues during the Biden administration; moderated messaging in the governor's race but hasn't rescinded prior statements. Endorsed by Equality Florida Action PAC and the Florida LGBTQ+ Democrat Caucus. [2]
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	OPPOSES	Sued Biden HHS to block a rule requiring FL to cover the treatments. [3]
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Opposed HB 1639 (requiring insurers who cover gender transitions to also cover de-transitions); opposed bans on "drag queen story hour" events; voted against Combating ESG Activism. [4]

Sources

1. Donalds: "David Jolly still thinks it's okay to transgender kids. This is sick to me..." advocate.com; Donalds on transgender surgery: "You think that's compassionate? It's not compassionate..." youtube.com
2. Jolly: "The reality is Jesus is a loving God who would support the trans community..." dailywire.com; endorsement coverage: eqfl.org
3. Moody: "Florida passed a law to protect our children from dangerous, irreversible gender-transition drugs and surgeries..." myfloridalegal.com
4. Nixon: "This bill is not compassionate. It has everything to do with transphobia..." floridapolitics.com. She also voted No (May 4, 2023) on CS/SB 254, "Treatments for Sex Reassignment," which prohibited sex-reassignment prescriptions and procedures for patients younger than 18 (signed into law May 17, 2023, as Ch. 2023-90). [flhouse.gov \(vote record\)](https://flhouse.gov/vote/record); [flhouse.gov \(bill detail\)](https://flhouse.gov/bill/detail)

3. Girls' Sports

Allowing athletes who are biologically male to compete in girls' and women's sports.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	OPPOSES	States opposition to men in women's sports; rallied at SCOTUS to support banning men from women's sports. [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	MIXED	Supports allowing participation in youth/recreational sports case-by-case, but says he doesn't support biological men in competitive/adult women's sports. [2]

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	OPPOSES	Backed the Senate GOP's Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act; joined a lawsuit to stop extending Title IX protections to men in women's sports. [3]
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Voted No on final passage of CS/CS/SB 1028 (2021), the bill that enacted Florida's sex-specific school sports policy; also signed a letter affirming transgender youth. [4]

Sources

1. Donalds: "[Jolly] still thinks it's okay for boys to be in girls' sports..." news.wfsu.org; "The radical left wants to force men to compete against women & girls..." flvoicenews.com
2. Jolly: "...I don't think we need to knock down that youth soccer player who is working with their family and their doctor..." dailywire.com; "I don't think we should have biologically born men playing in competitive sports. But...if a 10- or 12-year-old soccer league...has a coed team, I don't think the governor should be throwing a flag on the field." wlrn.org
3. Moody: "[Republicans are] the new party of women." floridapolitics.com; "The idea that young girls can now legally be forced to undress in the same room with males...is ludicrous." advocate.com
4. House passage of HB 1475 (77-40, April 14, 2021): news4jax.com; Nixon signed a letter: "We...denounce any efforts to discriminate against our state's transgender youth..." eqfl.org. Nixon voted No on at final House of CS/CS/SB 1028, which included provisions ensuring that Florida youth would participate in sports based on their biological sex (79-37, Third Reading, April 28, 2021). [flhouse.gov \(vote record\)](https://flhouse.gov/vote-record); [flhouse.gov \(bill detail\)](https://flhouse.gov/bill-detail)

4. ID & Citizenship Voting Requirements

Requiring photo identification and proof of citizenship to vote.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Pushed the federal SAVE Act; accuses Democrats of encouraging election fraud. [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	UNKNOWN	Generally supports eliminating barriers to voting, but hasn't taken an explicit position on voter ID. [2]
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Led a 23-state coalition on a SCOTUS amicus brief for proof-of-citizenship; supported the Stop Insider Trading Act's voter ID measures; backs the SAVE Act. [3]
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	OPPOSES	Voted against HB 991 (SAVE Act), citing concerns over elderly citizens being restricted from voting. [4]

Sources

1. Donalds: "Everybody in the country agrees with voter ID..." donalds.house.gov; coverage: politifact.com
2. Jolly's website: "Democracy only works when every eligible voter can cast a ballot easily..." davidjolly.com

3. Moody: "Proof-of-citizenship requirements are a simple, common-sense protection..." [myfloridalegal.com](https://myfloridalegal.com/democracydocket.com); democracydocket.com
4. Nixon: "...young people, they don't want you all to vote. Also seniors, elders...You're literally disenfranchising seniors..." floridapolitics.com; bill record: flhouse.gov

5. Recreational Marijuana

Legalizing marijuana for adult recreational use in Florida.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	OPPOSES	"I do not support recreational marijuana." [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Says he'd move to legalize it despite personally voting against the 2024 amendment. [2]
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	OPPOSES	Twice fought the legalization ballot before the FL Supreme Court as AG. [3]
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Supported legalization ballots as state rep; associated with Suncoast NORML; supports federal decriminalization. [4]

Sources

1. Donalds: "I do not support recreational marijuana. I think the current regulatory system around medicinal use is fine." floridaphoenix.com
2. Jolly: "I think the governor's role is to represent the majority of the state, and the majority of the state asked for it, and I think that we should do it." floridaphoenix.com; flaglerlive.com
3. Moody: "I believe that the proposed amendment fails to meet the requirements of Section 101.161(1), Fla. Stat., and will present additional argument through briefing at the appropriate time." floridaphoenix.com; floridapolitics.com
4. Nixon: "[I support] federal decriminalization of marijuana and investment in treatment over incarceration for substance abuse." breitbart.com; floridapolitics.com; suncoastnorml.org

6. Parental Rights

Expanding parents' legal authority over their children's education and healthcare decisions.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Champion for school choice alongside his wife since early in his career; supported the Parental Bill of Rights; positive coverage from Moms for Liberty. Cosponsored and voted Yes (March 9, 2020) on CS/HB 1059, "Parental Rights," while serving in the Florida House. [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	MIXED	Opposed rolling back school vaccine mandates; critical of the Moms for Liberty school-oversight movement; supports parental choice on LGBTQ issues. Record on Parental Rights legislation is unclear. [2]

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Championed the Educational Choice for Children Act; introduced the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act. [3]
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	OPPOSES	Voted No on final passage of both CS/CS/HB 1557 (2022, "Parental Rights in Education") and CS/CS/HB 1505 (2025, "Parental Rights"). Also opposed HB 1223 ("Don't Say Gay" Parents' Rights bill). [4]

Sources

1. Donalds: "Supporting school choice initiatives empowers parents..." donalds.house.gov; Moms for Liberty coverage: portal.momsforliberty.org; cosponsored and voted Yes (March 9, 2020) on CS/HB 1059, "Parental Rights": [flhouse.gov \(bill detail\)](https://flhouse.gov/bill/detail); [flhouse.gov \(vote record\)](https://flhouse.gov/vote/record)
2. Jolly: "My wife and I have a six-year-old and a four-year-old...Do we want our children going into a school where someone might not be inoculated...?" wlrn.org
3. Moody: "100 years ago, the Supreme Court made an important ruling in affirming parental rights..." moody.senate.gov
4. Nixon: "This bill is anti-freedom. It's anti-liberty. It's not about parental rights..." lgbtqia.fandom.com; She voted No (Feb. 24, 2022) on final House passage of CS/CS/HB 1557, "Parental Rights in Education": [flhouse.gov \(vote record\)](https://flhouse.gov/vote/record); [flhouse.gov \(bill detail\)](https://flhouse.gov/bill/detail). She also voted No (April 25, 2025) on CS/CS/HB 1505, "Parental Rights," which passed the House 80-28 before dying in the Senate Rules Committee: [flhouse.gov \(vote record\)](https://flhouse.gov/vote/record); [flhouse.gov \(bill detail\)](https://flhouse.gov/bill/detail)

7. School Choice

Expanding public funding for charter schools, private school vouchers, and homeschool options.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Championed school choice alongside his wife since early in his political career. [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	MIXED	Keeps choice, wants added standards for schools to qualify; personally uses state vouchers for his own kids; platform emphasizes public-school investment over expanding vouchers. [2]
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Co-sponsored the federal Educational Choice for Children Act. [3]
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	OPPOSES	Opposed House Bill 1 (2023), the "School Choice Act," which expanded scholarships regardless of educational status; voted No on final passage; says current voucher laws subsidize wealthy families at public schools' expense. [4]

Sources

1. Donalds: "One guiding principle that's always been in our hearts and in our minds is that we want parents to be at the head of the table..." wlrn.org
2. Jolly: "I'm a Democrat who's not going to stand up and tell you we're going to do away with choice. Choice is here. Choice is here to stay. However, Florida families are being left behind by the current choice program."

[flaglerlive.com](https://www.flaglerlive.com); campaign platform: "when public schools are underfunded, understaffed, and left behind, families aren't choosing between great options," criticizing vouchers for having "shifted education into the hands of for-profit institutions." [davidjolly.com](https://www.davidjolly.com)

3. Moody: "Student needs, not zip codes, should drive opportunities for student success..." [moody.senate.gov](https://www.moody.senate.gov)
4. Nixon: "[Gov. DeSantis is] pitching this as school choice. I believe in choice, but not at the expense of our public schools..." [floridapolitics.com](https://www.floridapolitics.com); "I just don't think we should be subsidizing millionaires to take funding from public schools." [news.wfsu.org](https://www.news.wfsu.org) She voted No (March 17, 2023) on final passage of HB 1, the "School Choice Act": [flhouse.gov \(bill detail\)](https://www.flhouse.gov/bill/detail); [flhouse.gov \(vote record\)](https://www.flhouse.gov/vote/record)

8. AI Data Centers

Allowing local governments to limit or restrict new AI data center construction over water and power usage concerns.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Committed to vetoing any legislative preemption of local governments' data-center authority; also opposes a statewide moratorium and introduced the Protecting Ratepayers Act. [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Called for a moratorium "until Florida has a responsible plan" for water and grid protection. [2]
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Said data-center siting should be up to local communities to decide. [3]
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Campaign platform calls for no new data-center construction before federal guardrails are in place. [4]

Sources

1. Donalds: "We would veto that. We're not gonna preempt local governments when it comes to hyperscale data centers." (Sept. 4, 2026) [floridianpress.com](https://www.floridianpress.com); "...when you start doing stuff like what New York just did, that's a signal to the business community that this is not a place to invest capital..." [wusf.org](https://www.wusf.org); "...I'm proud to introduce the Protecting Ratepayers Act, which requires all new and existing data centers to generate and use their own power and water..." [donalds.house.gov](https://www.donalds.house.gov); "There ain't no bans coming." [floridapolitics.com](https://www.floridapolitics.com)
2. Jolly: "I'm calling for a moratorium on data centers until Florida has a responsible plan to protect our water, power grid, and communities..." [baynews9.com](https://www.baynews9.com)
3. Moody, on Fox News's "Sunday Morning Futures": "It needs to be up to the people of a community or a state to decide what works best for them, what they want for their state." [floridapolitics.com](https://www.floridapolitics.com)
4. Official campaign: "Angie will fight for: Making tech companies pay for the energy and water they use...No new construction of data centers before there are real federal guardrails put in place..." [angienixon.com](https://www.angienixon.com)

9. Second Amendment / Constitutional Carry

Expanding gun rights, including constitutional (permitless) carry.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Gun Owners of America—endorsed; backs repealing the red-flag law; sponsored the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2025; literalist reading of the 2nd Amendment. Voted No (March 7, 2018) on the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, which raised the minimum age to purchase a rifle or shotgun to 21 and created Florida's red-flag law. [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	OPPOSES	Supports an assault weapons ban, universal background checks, and licensing/registration. [2]
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Sued over a Biden-administration ATF rule restricting gun ownership; co-sponsors national concealed-carry reciprocity legislation; opposed an assault weapons ban. [3]
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	OPPOSES	Opposed HB 543, the Constitutional Carry Act, which removed the requirement for a license to carry a concealed firearm; voted No on final passage; defended Biden under criticism for restrictive gun policy. [4]

Sources

1. Luis Valdes, Gun Owners of America: "Byron Donalds answered every question in our survey...Gun owners can trust Byron Donalds to protect and expand our rights as governor." gunowners.org; Donalds: "...My viewpoint on the 2nd Amendment is simple: Shall Not Be Infringed means Shall Not Be Infringed!" donalds.house.gov; Donalds voted No (March 7, 2018) on CS/SB 7026, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act: [flhouse.gov \(bill detail\)](https://flhouse.gov/bill/detail); [flhouse.gov \(vote record\)](https://flhouse.gov/vote/record)
2. Jolly: "The ability of anybody to buy a gun is absolutely foolish...We have to crush the culture of guns in the United States..." He has also said, "You can say I don't agree with the Second Amendment. Maybe I don't. I don't care," and describes his stance as "a complete assault weapons ban and, frankly, very aggressive gun control positions" (2023 MSNBC interview). floridianpress.com; townhall.com; grabien.com. His campaign platform lists four measures: banning the sale of new assault weapons (existing legally-owned firearms grandfathered), requiring universal background checks, exploring licensing for firearm ownership, and preserving/expanding red-flag laws. davidjolly.com
3. Moody: "This is Biden's latest step in trying to take guns away from law-abiding Americans...It's unlawful and reflects a lack of respect for our second amendment rights. We won't stand for it." myfloridalegal.com; "I'm proud to cosponsor the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act and ensure individuals with concealed carry privileges can exercise those rights across state lines." tampaftp.com; on a citizen ballot initiative to ban assault weapons: "This particular amendment would mislead voters thinking they were banning a specific type of firearm when in fact they were banning virtually every long gun." floridapolitics.com
4. Nixon: "We had mass shootings here a few years ago and he wants to now allow permitless carry without any training..." news4jax.com She voted No (March 24, 2023) on final passage of CS/HB 543: [flhouse.gov \(bill detail\)](https://flhouse.gov/bill/detail); [flhouse.gov \(vote record\)](https://flhouse.gov/vote/record)

10. License Plate Surveillance

Regulating or restricting the use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) camera networks by law enforcement, such as those operated by Flock Safety.

Candidate	Position	Basis / Source
Byron Donalds (R – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Called for a "full and immediate pause" on Flock camera adoption, citing constitutional and privacy concerns; wants criminal and financial penalties for data misuse. After discussion with the Florida Sheriffs Association, narrowed his criticism specifically to Flock's own data practices rather than ALPR technology generally, while still calling for strict controls. [1]
David Jolly (D – Governor)	SUPPORTS	Supports requiring search warrants for law-enforcement use of license-plate-reader data and has called for a Special Session on Flock cameras. [2]
Ashley Moody (R – Senate)	UNKNOWN	No public statement found on this issue after an extensive search of her public record, voting history, and tenure as Florida Attorney General.
Angie Nixon (D – Senate)	SUPPORTS	Campaign platform explicitly names ALPR/Flock Safety networks as a concern and calls for regulation. [3]

Sources

1. Donalds: "Safety is paramount, but Florida will not become a surveillance state. Our rights are not negotiable." [x.com/ByronWarRoom](https://twitter.com/ByronWarRoom); floridapolitics.com; follow-up reporting: "When it comes to Flock specifically, they're loosey-goosey with their internal control. Some of the other companies are better, but Flock was loosey-goosey." floridapolitics.com
2. Jolly: "Shy of a judicial warrant or active crime environment, no data should ever be collected by government cameras on an individual or their movement. It's clear dramatic reforms or elimination of Flock altogether should be under consideration." floridapolitics.com
3. Nixon's campaign platform: "Across the country, communities are pushing back against the rapid, unregulated spread of AI-powered surveillance technology — including automated license plate readers (ALPRs) like those sold by Flock Safety... These systems can track every vehicle that passes a camera, building a searchable record of where people go, when, and how often." angienixon.com