

Humanists of Tallahassee Candidate Survey (2020)

With elections right around the corner, the Humanists of Tallahassee (HOT) would like to poll as many candidates for office in Leon County on topics that are important to our members. A survey was sent to the email address for each candidate running for legislative or executive office at all levels. If you did not receive a survey or would like assistance in filling it out, please contact us at humaniststh@gmail.com. We will share responses or lack thereof on our website and social media exactly as they are submitted. Thanks in advance, and happy electioneering!

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Please enter your name. *

Scott Flowers

Please enter the office for which you are running. *

Leon County Commissioner, At-Large

The First Amendment's separation of state and church is vitally important to me.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

The delivery of prayers or invocations during meetings should be open to people of all religious beliefs as well as atheists and non-believers.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I would welcome atheists as members of my staff.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

As the number of religiously unaffiliated people grow (currently at 25% of Florida's population), I look forward to engaging with this subset of my constituency.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

If there is a conflict between the Bible, the Quran, or any other religious document and the US Constitution, I will follow and support the dictates of the US Constitution.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Tax dollars should not be used to fund private religious education through school voucher schemes or tax credit scholarships.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Tax dollars should not be used to fund organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and/or gender, or national origin.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Creationism ("intelligent design") should not be taught in public schools.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Public schools should only offer abstinence-only sex education.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Public schools should offer comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Public school students should be required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance each day.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I support a mandatory moment of silence in public schools each day.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Bible or religious classes should be mandatory electives in public schools.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I stand for the rights of my LGBTQ+ constituents.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Religiously affiliated organizations should have to follow the same health, safety, and gender equality standards required of their secular counterparts.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I support sound scientific data when developing policies that will affect my constituents (e.g., use of masks during the COVID-19 pandemic).

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I support a patient's right to die with dignity.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Business owners should not be exempt from civil rights laws.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Business owners should not be allowed to refuse service to anyone based on "deeply held beliefs."

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

The right to complete bodily autonomy should not be threatened by the religious beliefs of lawmakers.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Please feel free comment or elaborate on any of your answers.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

I believe school choice is very important, and I do not see voucher programs as a "scheme," but a valuable first step in overhauling our education system so it better serves more kids, on a more local level, and from more and more diverse backgrounds. I believe we need more alternative schooling options (including parochial, although hopefully those would become less prevalent as other subject-focused schools are created), and that the tax dollars should follow the child wherever they choose to get their education.

While I do not believe small business owners should be able to violate any laws, I do believe small business owners have a right to choose what their businesses choose to offer within the law. Our market adjusts to changing times and the best way to create meaningful change in the business world is how we spend our dollars. The government's role should be very limited.

On the limited questions where I answered neutrally, it is not because I am neutral on the subject, but because terms like "required" or "mandatory" make the question difficult to answer. I may answer that I strongly disagree, but it is because of the mandated requirement, not because I disagree with the idea stated. I believe very few things should be required or mandated, but most things should at least be offered as a choice.

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