



Good Morning!

This past week I had the opportunity to join the Manufacturing Association of the Space Coast and my fellow Brevard Delegates to discuss the state of our manufacturing and aerospace industries.

Manufacturers across the state are major employers for our families, incredible community partners, and play a significant role in driving our economy. As Florida continues its record-breaking economic growth, we know that manufacturing is one of the key drivers behind much of our success, and most recently, it has remained a bedrock of strength for our state's recovery from the pandemic. Before the COVID-19 impact, Florida's manufacturing sector had seen an increase in jobs for nine consecutive years at a faster rate than the average for the state. Additionally, manufacturing workers increased their productivity at the fastest rate in the country between 2014 and 2018. With the manufacturing industry providing the highest contribution to our GDP, ensuring that Florida's manufacturing sector continues to thrive will be critical as our economy recovers from the pandemic.

I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to advocate for our innovative manufacturing industries and valuable workforce education programs to help meet the critical demand for this high-skilled, high-wage labor.

I consider it a great honor to represent District 17. Please share [this link](#) with your friends and family so that they too can sign up for the [Mayfield Minute](#). If you or someone you know needs my assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are here to serve you!

2020 Proposed Florida Constitutional Amendments

Early voting is already underway and will continue through Saturday, October 31st. Whether you are voting by mail, voting early or on November 3rd, it is our civic duty to responsibly educate ourselves on important changes to the Florida Constitution.

There are currently six Amendments up for consideration on the November ballot. I have previously provided details on proposed [Constitutional Amendment 1](#), [Amendment 2](#), [Amendment 3](#) and [Amendment 4](#) and have provided information about each additional proposal below to assist you in making an informed decision on Election Day.

Amendment 5: Extend "Save-Our-Homes" was placed on the ballot by the Florida State Legislature. The measure would increase the period of time during which accrued Save-Our-Homes benefits may be transferred from a prior homestead to a new homestead, from 2 years to 3 years. This amendment would take effect January 1, 2021.

A Yes vote would extend the period in which someone may transfer Save-Our-Homes benefits to a new homestead property to 3 years.

A No vote would keep the current Save-Our-Homes benefits transfer period to 2 years.

Amendment 6: Homestead Property Tax Discount for Surviving Spouses of Deceased Veterans was placed on the ballot by the Florida Legislature. The measure provides that the homestead property tax discount for certain veterans with permanent combat-related disabilities carries over to such veteran's surviving spouse who holds legal or beneficial title to, and who permanently resides on, the homestead property, until he or she remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the property. The discount may be transferred to a new homestead property of the surviving spouse under certain conditions. The amendment would take effect January 1, 2021.

A Yes vote would allow a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the spouse of a deceased veteran.

A No vote would mean that the homestead property tax discount may not be transferred to the spouse of a deceased veteran.

In order for any proposed amendment to be adopted into the Florida Constitution, a 60% vote in its favor is required. For more detailed information on the 2020 proposed Constitutional Amendments, please visit the [Florida Division of Elections website](#).

Everglades Restoration

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) recently completed the S-333 North structure, the latest Everglades restoration accomplishment.

The S-333N structure, located 35 miles west of Miami, doubles the amount of water that can be moved south from the Central Everglades and into Everglades National Park. The S-333N structure will work with other critical Everglades restoration projects to decrease harmful estuary discharges and allow more water to flow south.

This project is one of 29 priority environmental restoration projects identified by Governor DeSantis in his "Achieving More Now For Florida's Environment" Executive Order.



In addition to advancing the completion of ongoing projects such as the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project and the Caloosahatchee Storage Reservoir, SFWMD has also completed several other priority projects including:

- The expansion of treatment wetlands to increase the ability to treat and send clean water south to the Everglades.
- The completion of bridges to raise sections of Tamiami Trail, which allows more water to flow south to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay.
- The completion of several Dispersed Water Management projects, which provides interim water storage while larger infrastructure is built.

During the 2020 Session the Florida Legislature invested \$690 million for water quality restoration, which included \$322.6 million for Everglades restoration.

District 17 Highlights

Brevard County COVID Testing

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) is urging residents to contact their healthcare provider or pharmacy to get vaccinated against the flu. The flu and COVID-19 are respiratory illnesses, but FDOH notes that until there is a steady vaccine supply against COVID-19, the best way to help prevent these two viruses from circulating at the same time is to get the flu vaccine.

Several test sites are still available for COVID-19 testing in Brevard County including:

DOH Brevard County Viera Clinic
2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera FL
Open Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Free, Drive-through, Appointment Required, Call (321) 454-7141

Eastern Florida State College, Palm Bay Campus
250 Community College Parkway, Palm Bay
Free, Drive-through, No-Appointment-Required
Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pro-Health Fitness Center
255 Borman Drive, Merritt Island
Open Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Appointment Required, Call (321) 434-3131

Indian River County COVID Testing

The FDOH in Indian River County will be hosting a series of Free drive-through COVID-19 Testing events throughout the county. No appointment is necessary to participate, but a photo ID is required. Walk-ups are also welcome to participate, and results may be available within the hour.

City of Sebastian Barber Street Sports Complex
1121 Barber Street (Football field parking lot) Sebastian, FL
Tuesday, October 27th 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Dasie Hope Center
8445 64th Avenue, Wabasso, FL
Tuesday, October 27th 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Gifford Aquatic Center (Pool parking loop)
4895 43rd Avenue, Gifford, FL
Wednesday, October 28th 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Fellsmere City Hall
21 S. Cypress Street, Fellsmere, FL
Wednesday, October 28th 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

You may find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, by visiting the DOH dedicated COVID-19 webpage: [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19), calling (772) 794-7411 or emailing COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Eastern Florida State College Workforce Programs

Eastern Florida State College (EFSC) has joined forces with the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) in the new "Get There Florida" workforce education initiative, aimed at raising awareness of short-term career and technical education programs.

"This program is a perfect fit for EFSC which has many excellent programs in fields such as aerospace, high-tech, public safety and healthcare that are providing a pipeline of skilled employees to Space Coast businesses," said EFSC President Dr. Jim Richey.

Career and technical education, often referred to as "CTE", serves as a critical component in preparing individuals for occupations important to Florida's economic development. EFSC offers dozens of workforce programs for students, allowing them to quickly gain critical skills needed to work in Brevard's essential and emerging industries. Program options include:

- Mechatronics, Robotics and Simulation
- Aerospace Technology
- Aviation Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics
- Computer Network Security and Cyber Security
- Law Enforcement and Firefighting
- Medical Assistant and Medical Information Coder/Biller

For more information about Eastern Florida's CTE and workforce training programs, please visit EasternFlorida.edu.

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