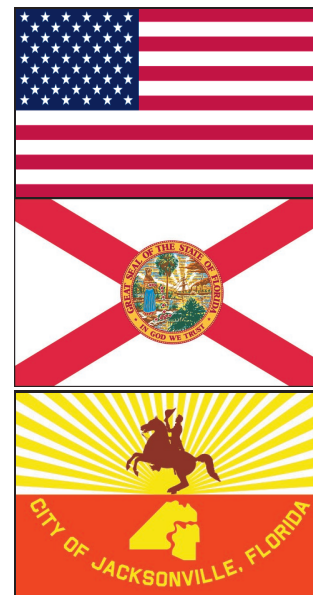


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FOR DUVAL COUNTY ELECTION OF MAY 17, 2011



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WHO ARE THESE Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County?

Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County was originally created in 1987 for the purpose of promoting and adopting the local Charter amendment that limits local property tax revenue increases to not more than three percent per year. This charter amendment successfully passed and is now contained in Article 14 Sec 14.09 and has been ignored by subsequent mayoral administrations. Throughout the years, CTDC has been involved in reining in the excessive spending of taxpayer money by city government. We are not a "527" and we do not exist simply to promote or oppose any candidate.

We are a non-profit and non-partisan group of citizen advocates focused solely on issues of transparency, good governance and fiscal responsibility. We are the leading group in the fight against waste, fraud, corruption, inefficiency, wrongdoing, and tomfoolery in Jacksonville city government. We are here to remind the politicians that it's the taxpayers' money that they are spending and they are expected to spend it wisely.

Our Mission:

It is the mission of the Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County, Inc., to prevent, identify, and publicize all forms of fiscal waste, extravagance, and imprudence within and by the government which impacts residents of Duval County, Florida.

Message from our President:

Dear Duval County Taxpayers.

It is with great pleasure that I present this voters guide on behalf of the Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County Inc's Candidate Committee. We hope that this guide will be useful to you for deciding how to vote in our spring municipal elections. Our purpose in bring this guide to you is to help you make an educated decision about who you are going to vote for. We have also provided information about who will best represent the interests of the Taxpayer, the most often overlooked constituency.

Can we continue to allow fear mongering politicians' threats of cuts to legitimate government remain as cover to raise and invent taxes as funding for the corporate, cultural and philanthropic special interests of the politically connected? The answer is resoundingly NO! Residents of Duval County, now is the time to vote your conscience without fear or concern for party labels and acknowledge that our fair city and county can be saved. Our fate is in your hands! Please vote on Tuesday May 17, 2011.

Best Regards,
Victor L. Wihelm Jr., President
Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County Inc.

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John Winkler: Chairman and Past President
Tony Bates: Vice Chairman and Past President
Rod Morrill (legislative affairs)
Dawn Holder (legislative affairs chairwoman)
Dan Carr
Curtis Lee
Conrad Markle (ethics and code enforcement)
Victor Wilhelm Jr. (Past and current president)

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May 17, 2011

NON-PARTISAN FOR A REASON

The Candidate Committee and Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County has witnessed the use of political party label and partisan rhetoric to confuse the voters and obfuscate the issues. Often analogies to national issues are used that have no bearing legislative and governance matters in Duval County. The political insiders have used this tool to play on one side of the electorate against the other with the Taxpayers losing in every instance where special interests are successful.

Our voters guide deliberately omitted the partisan political label for this very reason. A process that considers the voting record of incumbents and how non-incumbents would have voted, combined with the answers to very specific questions, is the most effective means to find those candidates who will best represent the Taxpayers.

In the end, issues of fiscal responsibility, transparency and accountability impact everyone in our great city regardless of their political party affiliation or lack thereof.



MAYORAL ENDORSEMENT

MIKE HOGAN

Concerned Taxpayers' Choice for Mayor

Mike Hogan answered our questions for over an hour. He was articulate, well prepared, and provided details of how and where he would achieve specific savings in the city budget. Contrary to a report of a local tabloid, Mr. Hogan believes in using city funds to improve the citizens' quality of life. He would fund much more than just the core functions of public safety and infrastructure, provided economic conditions permit extra expenditures. Only if Mike had no short term fiscal choice left other than to shut down either a fire station or a branch library, would he (reluctantly, but sensibly) put public safety over quality of life. The real issue in this race, in our view, is not so much which candidate has pledged not to raise taxes, but rather which has the public and private experience to enable our city government to do more with less without raising taxes. *Mr. Hogan has the superior ability to discern the difference between a private "want" and a public "need," and how best to efficiently provide the latter using the least taxpayer money possible.*

Mike Hogan is the only candidate who has held political office and had to respond to constituent concerns, both in a legislative and administrative capacity. His eight years on the City Council are invaluable in giving him insight into the mechanics of that 19 member body; his terms in the state legislature taught him practical lessons about the interplay between state and local governance; and his stint as Tax Collector, a constitutional office requiring both administrative skills and budgetary negotiations with both branches of the consolidated government, acquainted Mike with virtually every remaining type of policy-making struggle imaginable in local politics. We also find that Mr. Hogan's past experience in negotiating Communication Workers of America contracts brings an immediately useful real world skill to city administration that is lacking in his opponent.

In order to run for mayor, Mr. Hogan is giving up an office with no term limits where he faced no opposition four years ago and probably would never have drawn a challenge ever again. We doubt the \$25,000 raise he would receive as mayor over his Tax Collector's salary is Hogan's motivation for running. We believe Mike Hogan,

Our Choice for City Council At Large Group 4:

JIM ROBINSON

Both Jim Robinson and Greg Anderson express the need for strong fiscal responsibility and impress us as intelligent and experienced professionals with broad knowledge of the problems facing our city in the next decade. Only Jim Robinson explained how he would be prepared to take the tough action on the city budget required of our incoming city leaders. Jim also has years of small business ownership experience in engineering, rather than being a banking employee. Despite our repeated attempts to encourage Mr. Anderson to present us with specifics as to how he would find the needed savings in the city budget to plug the \$60 million (at this writing) gap between revenues and last year's expenditures, Greg was unable to tell us how or when he would advance from study of the problem to the actual surgery required.

We find both candidates in this race genuinely likable and in less fiscally challenging times we'd be harder pressed to choose between them. But only Jim Robinson is ready for the hard work ahead, earning our endorsement for city council.



now 61, when he tells us he has no plans to use the mayor's office as a stepping stone to higher office.

We find Mike Hogan is the better of the two candidates for those of us who believe in limited government performing essential functions as efficiently as possible. The Concerned Taxpayers of Duval County endorse Mike Hogan for Mayor of Jacksonville and think he is the smart choice for dealing with the fiscal challenges of the next four years.



Our Choice for City Council At-Large Group 5:

ROBIN LUMB

Mr. Lumb impresses us with his knowledge and quick wit, combined with a timely presented perfect score on our "quiz." We believe that Mr. Lumb will

make serious attempts to preserve civic institutions in an economical fashion despite hard times, and that he will promote affable collegiality in City Council (always a rare but highly desirable commodity in that chamber). His opponent, Don Foy, despite repeated requests by us for questionnaire responses and an interview only finally answered well after the last deadline and therefore was not interviewed – and to the extent timeliness is a virtue for a legislative position (one can't vote if not present) this doesn't bode well for Foy's constituents (all of us) if he is elected. We endorse Robin Lumb.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 14: DISTINCT CHOICE, NO ENDORSEMENT

With a field of six winnowed down to two, over 40% of the voters from March 22 saw their top choice eliminated. Who's left for them on May 17? Possibly no one. Jill Dame offers to pursue more and better funded programs in the best traditions of Avondale/Ortega noblesse oblige, while Jim Love cannot articulate the specifics of his fiscal austerity plan, even with two extra months over Ms. Dame to prepare for our interview. Indeed, Mr. Love could suggest little more for budget savings than approaching the various appointed city department heads to ask for their suggested cuts, and getting volunteers to help mow and maintain the public rights-of-way. Disturbingly, Mr. Love has also recently given financial support to the Tax Collector campaign of Michael Corrigan, one of our least favorite candi-



Mayor: Others: Alvin Brown

Despite our best efforts to corral Alvin Brown for an interview, we had to settle for observing him at mayoral forums and reviewing his responses to other groups' questions. Mr. Brown's unfocused campaigning leads us to believe he has no real desire to hold the office of mayor, despite making the runoff. We think Mr. Brown is probably more interested in building his name recognition for a future state or federal campaign in 2012 or 2014. We conclude this in part from Alvin's increasing friendship with Congresswoman Corrine Brown, seen with him in the photo above. We are concerned by Mr. Brown's constant references to national figures and issues of the 1990's, when he was part of the Clinton administration, as well as by his largely special interest campaign contributor base. Mr. Brown, for all his time in Washington, has none of Mike Hogan's hands-on local or hit the ground running experience. Our fears are that if he were elected Mr. Brown would look for "big government" solutions only to find that the federal grants he claims he could draw to the city would prove to be non-existent – forcing the only alternative, raising revenue through increased taxes and fees.

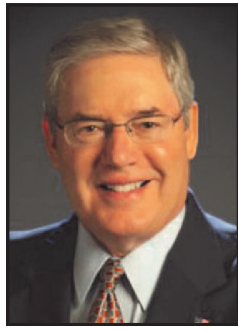
Our crystal ball predicts an upcoming decade when limited economic resources, if nothing else, are already going to force heavy reliance on local budgetary answers in the areas of public safety and infrastructure improvements; we are unconvinced that Mr. Brown's proposals would not add to that burden. Mr. Brown may have a far-sighted vision for our city, but without demonstrating an equal eye for fiscally responsible detail we cannot endorse him.

UNSOLICITED PRAISE FOR VOTERS GUIDE #1

Have been meaning to say thank you for your part in that very fine pre-election inset in the T-U. If it weren't for local election info I would cancel my subscription. The concerned voter supplement was the most comprehensive info I saw and a big help. Thanks.



Our Choice for Tax Collector DICK KRAVITZ



Dick Kravitz has long been a non-establishmentarian city and state legislator. We feel this results in Dick Kravitz being beholden to special interests. His past private sector employment in connection with the Jacksonville Suns put him at least as much in the public eye as he would be as county tax collector, a position he pledges to use as a "bully pulpit" to press local government for smaller budgets and greater efficiencies. Defeated rival Ryan Taylor has endorsed him, saying "Dick Kravitz's 25 years in the area of business management and customer relations were the key ingredients in my choice of Kravitz." Both the Tax Collectors of Clay and St. Johns Counties have endorsed Dick Kravitz as well, based on his capable representation of their shared constituents while he was in the Florida legislature. As a former member of City Council he understands the need to work with them in connection with his budget and handling of revenues. Dick plans to lower operating costs by avoiding any duplication of efforts by the office staff. His ability to arrive at intelligent business decisions, combined with state-of-the-art technology, will result in a tax-saving, cost-effective, efficient operation with excellent customer service.

Unlike his opponent, **Dick Kravitz has a solid record of fiscal responsibility in public office. We view past performance as the best guide to likely future actions.** Accordingly we endorse Dick Kravitz for the office of Duval County Tax Collector.

Tax Collector: Other: Michael Corrigan

We do not feel that any politician who repeatedly raised taxes should be rewarded by electing him to the job of collecting them from us. Accordingly, we **unconditionally reject** Michael Corrigan's bid for Tax Collector and urge voters to support Dick Kravitz.

Term-limited City Council member Michael Corrigan last year let it be known that he was planning on running for either Property Appraiser or for Tax Collector in 2011. We scratch our heads over that dilemma – how does the upwardly mobile politician decide between two highly paid offices, with two totally different functions, about either of which he knows very little? Each office pays \$149,000 a year, comes with medical benefits and other perks, and either tacks on to the pension that he has already "earned" after his first six of eight years on city council. Too bad he couldn't have doubled his chances by running for both. After finally getting a chance to talk to Mr. Corrigan, months after we originally invited him to speak to us, we still find his previous "real world" experience in plastic tray fabrication ill-suited to any of the elected county administrative offices. Moreover, we cannot reconcile our concern for the future taxpayer with Michael's past tax-raising voting record. Notably, he is the only remaining candidate who has received a campaign contribution from outgoing Mayor John Peyton.

Mr. Corrigan did not shed any light on his dismal voting history which might have persuaded us to support him over Mr. Kravitz. Some on our committee were represented by Mr. Corrigan for the last eight years in city council, and were also disappointed with his lack of responsiveness to other, non-fiscal, constituent concerns.

City Council At Large Group 1 : ANYONE ELSE BUT NOT DAVID TAYLOR !

David Taylor earned our only "anti-endorsement" out of dozens of candidates in the March 22, 2011 contests. Nothing has occurred in the intervening weeks to change our view that the voters must demand Mr. Taylor prove he has been exonerated of all of the potential ethical and other complaints and charges against him before he is regarded as fit to hold office. These include pending ethical charges of taking illegal, prohibited, or clearly excessive fees and costs, representing adverse interests, committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. "I have so many Bar complaints, they all run together," Mr. Taylor is quoted as saying by the Times-Union, see, for example, <http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2011-01-27/story/duval-judge-reports-forgery-bar-lawyer-denies-doing-it>; <http://jacksonville.com/opinion/blog/422234/paul-pinkham/2011-02-14/florida-bar-files-complaint-against-lawyer-running>; and <http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2009-04-22/story/jacksonville-lawyer-faces-bar-pro>. As of April 18, a new investigation into his unlicensed building activities is pending. See the front page Florida Times-Union story here: <http://m.jacksonville.com/news/metro/2011-04-18/story/jacksonville-candidate-under-scrutiny-unlicensed-construction>.

We sought to verify Mr. Taylor's responsive claims that all pending professional disciplinary matters have recently been either resolved or "dismissed." We requested and reviewed public records related to Mr. Taylor's pending Supreme Court disciplinary proceeding. Not only do we find that the case against David Taylor has not been dismissed, but Mr. Taylor's recent admissions to certain allegations made by the Florida Bar in that case force us to conclude he faces severe consequences, his protests notwithstanding. Mr. Taylor also attempted to convince several members of our committee that his accuser had retracted her complaint; the actual record makes it clear she continues to allege she was ill-treated and taken advantage of by Mr. Taylor and his agents, as recently as January 19, 2011, while she was in a hospital intensive care unit. We have posted some of these public records on our website at www.jaxtaxpayers.org which we think will raise as many concerns in the mind of the reader as they did in ours about Mr. Taylor's veracity, and the unknown dangers he might present as a public official.

Kimberly Daniels states she would have voted in agreement with our positions as noted on the survey results on the back cover of this guide. Her interview, posted on YouTube by us, shows that she sees more of a social services mission for local government than we deem ideal, but she does not worry us in the same way, or to the same extent, as her opponent David Taylor. Much has been made politically of Ms. Daniels' misspent youth and admitted early prejudices, all of which she tells us is now behind her. Mr. Taylor has mocked her asserted conversion to Christianity (while claiming "faith" as a tenet of his own campaign). He attacked her quite legal, property-tax free use, as pastor, of a parsonage owned by the church where she preaches, but does not criticize Duval County's 108 other pastors who have ministry provided homes or imply that they or their churches are doing something wrong by taking the tax exemption on their parsonages. Ms. Daniels' lack of civic experience (as opposed to community involvement) prevents us from giving her our endorsement. It is important to vote in this race. Mr. Taylor, who has, at this writing, loaned himself \$230,000 to run and outspent Ms. Daniels four to one, should be prevented from buying this election. Please vote, rather than letting those who choose merely on name recognition foolishly give us the government we thereby deserve.



Our Choice for City Council District 1: CLAY YARBOROUGH

Clay Yarborough gets Concerned Taxpayers' nod over Lindsey Brock for voters in District One. Mr. Yarborough always votes his conscience, and on money matters his moral compass unswervingly agrees with ours, even if it

might conflict at times with narrowly defined fiscal needs affecting just his district. Indeed, our board has been sufficiently impressed with Mr. Yarborough to again proclaim him our "Friend of the Taxpayer" for his council work. Mr. Brock is sincerely interested in the District One constituency and would emphasize trying to serve them, rather than the whole county, if elected. We appreciate Mr. Brock's motivations for running but have to support the incumbent based on his excellent track record. We urge Mr. Brock to run again in 2015 after Mr. Yarborough is term-limited. For 2011 we endorse Clay Yarborough for a second term.

City Council District 6: No Endorsement

With the elimination of one candidate on March 22, challenger Matt Schellenberg and incumbent Jack Webb remain to slug it out for the right to represent the affluent Mandarin area. Many of the precincts in District 6 produced turnouts in the mid-40 percent range – not impressive by historic standards, but much better than the under 30% average turnout across the county. Despite Jack Webb taking 45% of the vote (and 16 precincts) to Schellenberg's 30% (and mere one precinct), Mr. Webb cannot assume his re-election is a sure thing.

While we did not endorse a candidate for the first election we did note a number of good qualities, and a few reservations, about Jack Webb. Jack has been excellent in providing constituent responses and in treating all of the county's voters concerns with respect, not just those of District 6. He is on the right side of procurement (bidding contracts) issues and open government issues. As Council President this year Webb has restored a sense of civility and collegiality to the City Council that may actually mask some of the underlying resentment between lobbyist factions in that legislative body.

Webb recently created an ad hoc budget committee on the council. We hope this will finally offer up some of the waste and fat for elimination. Jack encouraged the Concerned Taxpayers by name to participate in the process – although wild horses couldn't keep us away from those meetings. Despite his increasing maturity and experience on the council, Jack still has been more compromising on budget issues in the past that we like.

Matt Schellenberg's only real flaw on our survey was his opposition to putting an ethics code back into the city-county charter. It is regrettable that when sitting down for our interview, he began, "I'm Matt Schellenberg, and I'm Pro-Life" – not because of a lack of sympathy on our part to that view, but because in the context of the moment it was a non sequitur. Matt concerns us that he seems more interested in national social issues than he is in the economics of local government. From our perspective it is very unfortunate that later in the interview Mr. Schellenberg reiterated the importance, to him, of his first statement. This issue has little place in these local elections, and we're concerned that Mr. Schellenberg will be distracted in his duties, if elected, to the detriment of his constituents and city business. Accordingly we are unable to endorse either candidate for City Council, District 6, and we commend to the residents of Mandarin a viewing of the videos of their interviews we have made available online for assistance in choosing between them.

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2011 Jacksonville Election Survey Results for All Remaining Races

Candidate	Office Sought	2010-2011 budget	2011 tax rate hike	no-bid landfill contract	double garbage fees	add ethics to charter	Everbank naming rights fee transfer	20 yr corrections pension & 3% COLA	CTDC FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY RATING	OUR CHOICES
		Ordinance 2010-554	Ordinance 2010-557	Ordinance 2010-217	Ordinance 2010-216	Resolution 2010-816	Ordinance 2010-644	Ordinance 2008-983		
MIKE HOGAN	Mayor	no	no	no	no	yes	no	Don't Know	86%	ENDORSED
Alvin Brown	Mayor	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		
DICK KRAVITZ	Tax Collector	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	100%	ENDORSED
Michael Corrigan	Tax Collector	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	14%	
David Taylor	At Large Group 1	no	no	Don't Know	no	no	yes	Don't Know	43%	anti-endorsed
Kimberly Daniels	At Large Group 1	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	100%	
Greg Anderson	At Large Group 4	no answer	no	no	no	yes	CONFLICT	Don't Know	67%	
JIM ROBINSON	At Large Group 4	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	71%	ENDORSED
ROBIN LUMB	At Large Group 5	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	100%	ENDORSED
Don Foy*	At Large Group 5	no*	no*	no*	no*	yes*	no*	no*	100%*	
CLAY YARBOROUGH(I)	City Council District 1	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	100%	ENDORSED
Lindsey Brock	City Council District 1	REFUSED	REFUSED	no	REFUSED	REFUSED	REFUSED	REFUSED	14%	
Jack Webb (I)	City Council District 6	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	28%	see text
Matt Schellenberg	City Council District 6	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	86%	see text
Jill Dame	City Council District 14	Don't Know	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	28%	see text
Jim Love	City Council District 14	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	100%	see text
Average rating of all respondents									67%	

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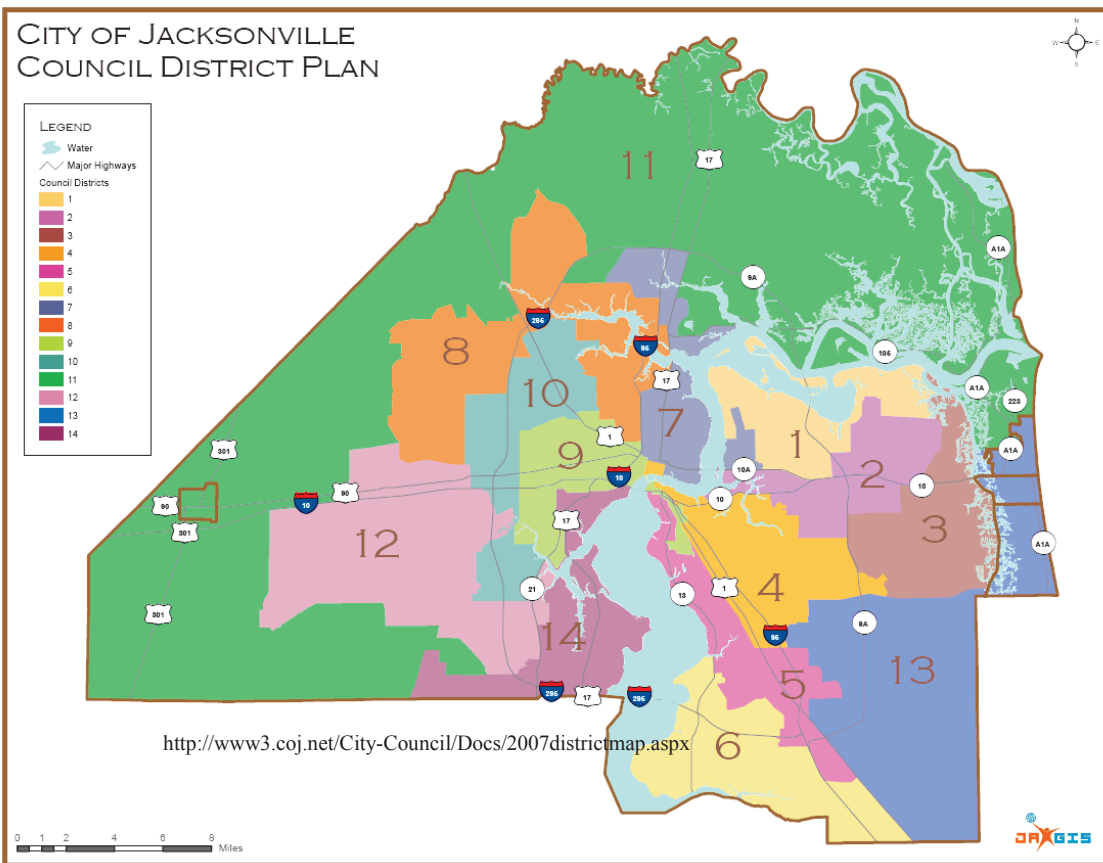
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Asterisk symbols (*) indicate answers returned after deadline

"?" indicates no response ever received



SUMMARY OF OUR ENDORSEMENTS

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