

Florida's Next Governor

Is there a true "clean water" leader in the line-up?

Regardless of where you live in Florida - your water resources are being seriously threatened. Over the past few years we have seen our coral reefs dying; the Gulf of Mexico has had the worst red-tides in over 35 years, killing hundreds of marine mammals and chasing away tourists; the Everglades are struggling to survive; our rivers are choked with toxic algae from the St. Lucie to the Caloosahatchee to the St. Johns; phosphate mines are spilling over into our rivers and estuaries; our fish are contaminated with dioxin and mercury; and our wetlands are disappearing faster in Florida than anywhere else in the entire country.

We have never been so desperate for some real environmental leadership in Tallahassee. For the past seven years we have seen our Governor and the Legislature take unprecedented steps to avoid the Clean Water Act and Florida has become an environmental outlaw even as we see water all around us becoming too polluted to use for drinking, swimming and fishing.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE! BUT WHAT CAN THE AVERAGE PERSON DO WHEN POLITICIANS ONLY LISTEN TO THEIR BIG-BUCK CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS???

You can participate in the Clean Water Network of Florida's campaign to find a "clean water" Governor. We're sending post cards to the top four candidates (2 Democrats and 2 Republicans) that list the top four clean water issues in Florida. The candidates can check the issues they are willing to commit their efforts to fixing if they are elected Governor.

When you send a set of four cards to the four candidates, they will have the opportunity to commit in writing to the future actions they will take as Governor. If they don't return the card to you, then you'll know which candidates don't share your concerns. If they do return the card, you let us know, and together we will all hold the next Governor accountable for his campaign promises.

Also, as the candidates continue to receive hundreds and thousands of the cards they will realize that this is an important issue to all of us. Clean Water Network of Florida will also be getting media attention on the campaign, so if you want to help with that, let us know.

So send the cards, and send the 5th card to us (or visit our website, listed below) to let us know that you are part of the campaign. We'll send you a report on how many cards are sent and how the candidates responded. You'll be a better informed voter and maybe we'll get a "clean water" Governor for the next four years! It's worth the cost of 5 post card stamps and a few minutes of your time. If you would like more cards to distribute to others, either visit our webpage where you can print them out yourself or contact us at our office and we'll send you as many as you are willing to distribute for us. Thanks for helping us find a "clean water" leader for Florida!

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