

**Constitution Revision Commission
Public Hearing Topics**

CRC: Public Hearing Topics (2017)

NOTE: The following information was compiled from transcripts of CRC public hearings, which are publicly available on flcrc.gov.

Public Hearing Topic	Number of Speakers
Restoring Voting Rights of Convicted Felons	83
Establish Open Primaries	64
Remove or Amend the Privacy Clause to Restrict Abortion	59
Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment	42
Do Not Amend the Privacy Clause	40
Protect Home Rule Powers	31
CRC Must Conduct Business Openly	29
Redistricting - Independent Commission	25
Increased funding for public schools	24
Protect the Right to Own Firearms	24
Codify school choice (Art. 9)	21
Support Solar and Clean Energy	21
No Vouchers for Private or Charter Schools	20
The CRC is Unconstitutional	18
Ban Fracking	15
Don't Repeal Any Protections For LGBTQ	11
Ban Abortion	11
Right to privacy	11
Strengthen Tobacco-Free Florida Program	11
Do Not Remove the No Aid Provision	9
Repeal Alien Land Law	9
Abolish all gun control laws	9
Protect the Judiciary/Judicial Independence	9

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Do nothing	9
Disallow Campaign Contributions to Commissioners	8
Allow Open Carry of Firearms	8
Make the State Enforce Constitutional Provisions	8
Improving Access To Voting	8
Universal Health Insurance	8
Establish instant-runoff/ranked voting method	7
Restrict The Ownership of Firearms	7
Do Not Change Education - School Choice is Fine How It is	7
Protect waterways	7
Strengthen or Preserve Fair districts	7
E-Verify	6
Corporations are not people	6
Protect the War Memorials to Dead Soldiers in Florida	6
Strengthen the medical marijuana amendment	6
Support veterans	6
Repeal No Aid provision	5
Prevent corporate and partisan interests from corrupting our republic	5
Repeal Universal Primary Amendment	5
Close Write In Loophole	5
Mandate a Living Wage	5
Protect and fund public education	5
Allow physician assisted suicide	5
Increase mandatory judge retirement age	5
Men and women should have equal rights	5
Legalize Marijuana	4
Abolish Right to Work	4

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Preserve right to join a labor organization and bargain collectively	4
Protect the black bear	4
Do not establish term limits for state appellate courts	4
Increase Financial Aid for Students	4
CRC needs to be transparent	4
Public funds go to Florida Forever	4
Reform or Dismantle Family Court	4
Information privacy	4
Make education a right	4
Article X, s. 24 increase minimum wage	4
Abolish the Death Penalty	4
Remove Same sex marriage ban from Constitution	3
Repeal of Last Two Sentences of Art. 1 Sec. 12 (Searches and Seizures)	3
Candidates Must Disclose Finances Before Running	3
Preserve Citizen Initiative process	3
Repeal Electoral College	3
Top 2 Runoff elections	3
10 year CRC meetings	3
Support Fishing Net Ban	3
Establish Right to Dominion Over One's Own Body	3
Review class size provision	3
Prolife	3
Women's rights	3
Admit climate change	3
Combat climate change	3
Strengthen ethics in government	3
Lobbying reform	3
Do not allow physician-assisted suicide	3

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Article II, s. 7 purchase and protect land for environment	3
Establish anti-corruption amendment	3
Mental health rights	3
Codify Parental Rights as a Fundamental Right	3
Protect the Stand Your Ground Law	2
Cut Carbon usage	2
Mandatory Civics Education	2
No discrimination based on cognitive disability	2
Ban Trust fund sweeps	2
Protect Religious Freedom	2
Preserve Electoral College	2
The People Should Make Their Own Constitution	2
Local government sovereign immunity	2
Public service commission should be elected	2
repeal private prisons	2
CRC needs to establish rules	2
Voters in charge initiative, Art. 10, s. 7 Lottery prohibition	2
Fix Art. I, s. 23	2
Equal education	2
Do not defund Planned Parenthood	2
Money is not free speech	2
CRC should be nonpartisan	2
Constitution is for the government, restricts power of government	2
Fix Article IX education	2
Do no harm	2
Universal basic income	2
Legal aid funding	2
Ensure college affordability and secure Bright Futures	2

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Legislature is not immune from testifying about fair redistricting	2
Adopt equal rights amendment	2
Strengthen Florida Sunshine Laws	2
Repeal restriction on using public revenue for religious organizations	2
Reject open carry of firearms	2
Reject allowing guns on campus	2
Preserve restriction on using public revenue for religious organizations	2
Provide for free college education	2
Prevent unwanted organ donations after death	2
Art. VIII, Sec. 2 to allow cities with population 200,000+ to raise revenue from their citizens	2
Advise the Commission of the clerk of courts role as technology leaders	2
Allow people on campus to be armed with weapons	2
Refrain from wasteful government spending	2
Make amending the constitution more difficult	2
Conceal Carry Wait Period Reduced or Eliminated	1
Request to teach the commission about the constitution.	1
The Constitution Must Abide By The Bible	1
Continuing Existence of Right to Scholarship Program	1
Amend Florida Patient's Bill of Rights (Statute 381.026)	1
Help for Those Exposed to Agent Orange	1
Address the Right to Benefits	1
Institute a State-wide College Promise Program	1
Protect the Clerks of the Court	1
Prohibit Elected Officials from Lobbying for Five Years After Leaving Office	1
Apportion Electoral Votes Based on How Florida Voted	1
Foundation of Florida Laws - Grand Jury Presentments	1
Fully Open Non-partisan Primary OR Fully Closed Partisan Primaries	1
Why were there no Engineers, Doctors, Etc. On the Commission?	1

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Bolster Protections for our Rivers, Lakes, and Streams	1
Veteran Health Care Choices	1
Fish Weight Regulations Instead of Size Regulations	1
Art. 1. Determination that an Arrested Child is an Adult Should Not be Made by Government	1
Redistricting - Representation of Local Black Community	1
Firearm Regulations Subject to Strict Scrutiny - Art. 1 Sec. 8.	1
Do No Expand Background Check or Waiting List Requirements For Firearms	1
Protect the Independence of the Constitutional Offices	1
Support For Charter Schools	1
Protect Florida's Sovereignty	1
Put Options Before the Voters to Deal With FL's Aging Population	1
The FL Constitution is Subject to the Federal Constitution	1
Regulate The Press With Ethical Standards	1
Create A Commissioner of Manufacturing and Logistics	1
Abolish standardized testing	1
All Appellate court opinions have a written justification	1
All citizen amendments should not be repealed	1
All constitutional officers should be elected	1
Aquifer protection act	1
Automatic voter registration	1
ban plastic bags	1
Ban Political Action Committees	1
Ban puppy mills	1
banning foreign rules	1
Basic right reference to public safety	1
Campaign contributions only from constituents	1
Child abuse includes psychological abuse	1
Do not tamper with redistricting	1

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Governing board for Community colleges	1
HOAs be treated as quasi government institutions	1
Immigrant rights	1
Angry at specific commissioner	1
judicial reform	1
juvenile justice reform	1
Lower age to run for office to 18	1
Medicare expansion	1
Modify citizen initiative process	1
More CRC public hearings	1
No minors in adult court	1
No Ockeechobee reservoir	1
No tax dollars for abortion	1
Online voter registration	1
Police reform	1
Preservation of civil liberties	1
Prison reform	1
Private school vouchers	1
Protect citizens from domestic abuse	1
referendum of all legislation	1
Reform auto insurance	1
Reform Homeowner insurance	1
Rely on Natural law	1
repeal mandatory minimums	1
repeal the CRC	1
More Representation of students in CRC	1
Require emotional literacy in schools	1
Rules changed to disallow legislators on CRC	1

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State sovereignty over ADA	1
Strengthen public records laws	1
Strengthen growth management act	1
Submission of public proposals	1
Sunshine laws apply to judicial complaints	1
Supreme Court cant overrule citizen initiatives	1
Supreme Court should be limited	1
tax credit for campaign finance	1
Term limits of local officers	1
Bar lawyers from holding public office	1
Protect people from tyrants	1
No open primaries	1
Be representative of everyone and all issues; focus on equality, justice, accountability, and responsibility	1
Embarrassing that majority of Okaloosa county students qualify for free/reduced lunch	1
Restore scientific work to DEP	1
Preserve Land Acquisition Trust Fund	1
Higher education should be paid by government to reduce student loans	1
Recommend books for CRC to read	1
Stop mass incarceration	1
Ensure the well-being of children	1
Commission of Education as an elected position, not appointed	1
Rights of unborn people and rights of women	1
Stop school to prison pipeline	1
Extra resources for students living in proverty	1
Fully equip instructors	1
CRC should keep in mind impact from constitutional amendment recommendations	1
24-hr waiting period for abotions should be implemented	1
Professionals with licenses should be required to incorporate indigent population in practice	1

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Auto insurance should be on person, not vehicle	1
Art. 5 who should be a qualified individual under ADA should be left to lower courts, not FL Supreme Court	1
Change elected constitutional positions in non-chartered counties to nonpartisan	1
Waiting period on purchase of firearms	1
Allow legislature to handle all gun laws	1
Guns and permitholders	1
Change art. I, s. 12 & 17	1
Federalism and liberty interest	1
Pull WellsFargo as a sponsor on UF campus	1
Competitive electric market	1
Gun regulation and laws should be decided by voters not NRA and legislators	1
Amendment 2 (medicinal marijuana) should be implemented	1
Laws are not enforced across the board	1
HIPAA rights	1
Malpractice rights	1
Statutory initiative is better than constitutional amendment	1
Get rid of waiting period	1
Infrastructure for fossil fuel projects and phosphate mining	1
Excessive water use permits	1
Large-scaled agriculture infringing on family farming	1
Stop mowing on highways because of wildflowers	1
Do not limit or restrict right to privacy under Art. 1, s. 23	1
Teachers leaving profession at alarming high rate, allow teachers to have tenure after 3 years of working	1
No term limits	1
Legislature should not override court decisions	1
Lack of funding for state and public defenders	1
Amendments are not implemented and not enforced, they are sometimes negated	1
No public funding for religious schools	1

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Redistricting should be left to a citizen commission	1
Separation of powers	1
Judges merit based system	1
Lawyers, attorney general and other public official cannot serve on CRC	1
Change makeup of FWCC directors that are appointed by governor include scientific background	1
Voting advisory council should include all recreational users	1
CRC delegates should be selected by the people and work should be conducted truthfully	1
Did not receive copy of constitution requested from Tallahassee meeting	1
Diversion of revenue	1
Conservation of land legacy	1
Housing- dock stamps	1
Redistricting- no more than 7 corners defining districts	1
CRC should not to act on personal beliefs but people's belief	1
Eroding coastline	1
CRC needs to be more diverse and take into consideration different viewpoints	1
Independent office to oversee rules for nonprofit industry	1
Need checks and balances in gov't, experiencing gov't oppression	1
Prohibit chairs of education committees from being lobbyist or profiting from charter schools	1
Abolish capital punishment	1
Sea-level rise	1
Natural resources	1
Remove religious discrimination	1
Military advocacy	1
Refrain from infringing on freedom of speech	1
Fundamental right for abortion	1
State should subsidize solar	1
Restore Ocklawaha River	1
WMD should be elected, not appointed	1

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Healthcare	1
Restoration of USPS	1
Stop gerrymandering	1
Solar panels on rooftops	1
Return to communities to hear their input after CRC votes on proposals	1
Term limits- change verbiage (consecutive to lifetime), people should not be able to hold same offices for long	1
Do not restrict free speech on college campuses	1
PCA needs to be outlawed	1
Qualified immunity be removed	1
Privacy rights on children in public school system	1
Homerule needs to be gone	1
Open and keep records for JQC	1
Senior judges should not exceed 70	1
Deregulation	1
End proverty	1
No gun-free zones	1
Tax owners of machines to redistribute wealth	1
Clean up obsolete amendments	1
Allow for gambling/casinos	1
Enforce English as the official language	1
Enforce restriction on dual office holders	1
Restrict communism (aka "globalism")	1
Restrict foreign teachers who preach Islam	1
Establish local educational curriculum	1
Provide for elections for the Commissioner of Education	1
Keep tax burdens consistent and predictable	1
Amend sunshine laws to allow for Internet communication between the public and their elected officials	1
Provide for consistent sentencing guidelines	1

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Transition power to issue concealed carry permits from department of agriculture to county sheriffs	1
Abolish "home rule" for localities	1
Enhance state compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act	1
Establish licensing procedures for "naturopathic" medicine	1
Protect state parks	1
Respect manual labor	1
Preserve state university system by keeping boards of trustees accountable for their appointments	1
Restrict the government's ability to regulate utilities on private property	1
Establish citizen's oversight of the Bar Association	1
Extend basic rights to individuals with any type of disability	1
Advise the Commission of transgressions committed by the Department of Revenue	1
Strengthen the public's right to redress grievances	1
Establish Cabinet position to deal with water quality	1
Eliminate undue restrictions on write-in candidates	1
Include municipal officers in ethics in government amendment (Art. II, Sec. 9)	1
Preserve the JQC in Art. V	1
Prohibit ad valorem taxation by appointed officials since this power should be reserved for elected bodies	1
Prohibit the recognition of Sharia law	1
Look into the motives of Muslims running for office	1
Abolish Common Core curriculum	1
Abolish the Required Local Effort (RLE) funding program	1
Establish a "minimizing government" provision	1
Prohibit "geoengineering aerosol spraying" and chemtrails	1
Require disclosure of tax returns to appear on a Florida ballot	1
Offering the American Lung Association as an outside resource for the Commissioners	1
Establish multimember districts	1
Allocate real estate taxes to fund programs to protect wildlife and water quality	1
Increase the property tax exemption for widows, widowers, and blind and disabled persons (Art. IX, Sec. 9)	1

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Establish term limits for county commissioners and school board members	1
Expand role of the clerk of courts to include oversight of county school boards	1
Look into "Antifa" and college dropouts who hate America	1
Establish right to housing	1
Build a wall across the Florida-Georgia border	1
Establish right to vote for minorities	1
Preserve independent judiciary by insulating it more from the executive and legislative branches	1
Decrease legislative staff influence over legislators	1
Protect workers who are injured under worker's compensation laws	1
Repeal restriction on number of school boards per county to allow citizens to vote to break up large school districts	1
Establish right for father to have a say in abortion decisions	1
Allow for nonviolent offenders to have their record expunged 15 years after the offense	1
Abolish sales tax and establish an income tax in its place	1
Amend Art. III, Sec. 7 to allow for public hearings on all legislation duly filed and sponsored	1
Refrain from infringing the public's free speech	1
Amend Art. V, Sec. 14(b) to prioritize funding for the clerk of courts	1
Reduce property insurance	1
Adopt the "Florida Voter Control of Gambling Amendment" to leave the decision to legalize gambling up to the voters	1
Abolish practice of issuing death certificates for fetuses	1
Restrict or water-down constitutional amendments that have already passed via citizen's initiative	1
Establish term limits for state appellate courts	1
Institute stricter voter identification rules to prevent electoral fraud	1
Continue to provide foreign language translations for CRC meetings	1
Limit executive control over the judicial nominating and appointment process	1
Advising the Commission to use independent judgment	1
Advising the Commission about a conspiracy involving child sex trafficking	1
Make Secretary of State a Cabinet member	1
Adopt computer software-based redistricting	1

