

Florida Constitution Revision Commission (CRC)

Mobilize to protect our Constitutional rights

Every twenty years, a Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) is appointed to examine the Florida Constitution, hold public hearings, and recommend changes to the Florida Constitution that will appear on the ballot. The ACLU of Florida is advocating before the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) to protect our Constitutional rights, and will be calling on you to help defend those rights.

WHAT IS THE CRC?

The CRC consists of 37 members who are appointed primarily by the Governor, the Senate President, and the Speaker of the House to review and recommend changes to the Florida Constitution. Specifically, the CRC is composed of fifteen appointees from the Governor (Governor Scott), nine appointees from the Florida Senate President (President Negrón), nine appointees from the Speaker of the Florida

House of Representatives (Speaker Corcoran), three appointees from the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court (Justice Labarga), and the State Attorney General (Pam Bondi).

These 37 commissioners will ultimately decide on proposed changes to the Florida Constitution that will be placed on the ballot for a voter decision November 2018.

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THE CRC?

We believe the Commission will propose ballot initiatives for the November 2018 ballot that will strip away Constitutional protections and put Florida into the civil liberties fight of its life.

- Critical civil liberties issues — including, but not limited to, reproductive rights, privacy, separation of church of state, LGBT rights, voting rights, and immigrants' rights — could be at stake during this constitutional revision.
- If the CRC recommends a proposal for the ballot, that proposal will go directly on the ballot. That means that if the CRC proposes to gut our constitutional rights, we will then need to mobilize over 40 percent of Florida voters to vote against them, or they will become law.

PROPOSALS TO WATCH

We believe the Commission will propose ballot initiatives for the November 2018 ballot that will strip away Constitutional protections and put Florida into the civil liberties fight of its life.

- Proposal 4 – Deletes the No Aid provision of our Florida Constitution and opens the door for state funding of religious institutions.
- Proposal 22 – Abolishes Florida's Constitutional privacy protections, except for those relating to informational privacy.
- Proposal 29 – Requires all employers to use the error-prone E-Verify system to check the immigration status of all new employees, and provides penalties and loss of license for noncompliance.
- Proposal 96 – Conflicts with and undermines defendants' Constitutional Rights in criminal justice proceedings, while not meaningfully providing relief to victims.

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What You Can Do & When

HOW CAN I PROTECT OUR RIGHTS?

You can work to protect and preserve our Constitutional rights by speaking at commission hearings, or by contacting the Commissioners by phone or email.

- Sign up for our action alerts so we can contact you about pressing actions: www.aclufi.org/email
- Contact the Commissioners and let them know you oppose the proposals referenced on the previous page: www.flcra.gov/Commissioners
- Attend a public hearing and speak out against these proposals. Public hearing dates are listed below.
- Like the Constitution Watch Facebook Page for updates: www.facebook.com/FloridaConstitutionWatch/

Note: Check our CRC resource page often for updated talking points and actions you can take:

www.aclufi.org/floridacrc

WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO THE CRC?

- Let them know you oppose Proposal 22, and call upon them to preserve the right to privacy in Florida, which encompasses the right to reproductive freedom.
- Let them know you oppose Proposal 4, and call upon them to preserve the requirement that the state not fund religious institutions (preserve the 'no aid' provision).
- Let them know you oppose Proposal 96, and call upon them to preserve the constitutional rights of defendants in our criminal justice system.
- Let them know you oppose Proposal 29, and call upon them to ensure that Florida employers aren't required to use the error-prone e-verify system to verify the immigration status of all new employees.

Note: All of the commissioners email addresses and phone numbers are located here:

www.flcra.gov/Commissioners

SHOW UP!

Make your voice heard at the commission hearings. The CRC has hearings scheduled in these cities and will likely schedule more in the weeks ahead. For updates, visit:

www.aclufi.org/floridacrc.

- If you plan to speak at a hearing, arrive early and fill out a Speaker Card. CRC hearings can last a very long time, so the earlier you arrive and fill out your card, the better.
- Tell your story! Tell the commission why these proposals will affect you, your family, and community.
- Dress comfortably and bring a light jacket.

Fort Lauderdale

Feb. 6 | 1 - 7 p.m. EST

Pensacola

Feb. 27 | 1 - 7 p.m. CST

Melbourne

Feb. 19 | 1 - 7 p.m. EST

St. Petersburg

Mar. 13 | 1 - 7 p.m. EST

Jacksonville

Feb. 20 | 1 - 7 p.m. EST

MAKE A CALL



Simply pick up the phone and call the commissioners. You may reach a staffer or leave a message. You can find all of the phone numbers for the Commissioner's here:

www.flcra.gov/Commissioners

EMAIL



Visit www.aclufi.org/floridacrc for messaging or use your own words. Encourage others to write as well.