

Candidate: Melton Little

Office: Manatee Co Commissioner Dist 4

Party: D

Note: Veters were unable to find many specific positions of Melton Little. But we did find statements about the Democrat Party values, or platform. We can expect that as a Democrat, Melton Little likely agrees with those positions.

Constitutionally Limited Government: _____

2nd Amendment: TPM Score: 0

Nothing found. Our vetting process gives the candidate the benefit of the doubt, while keeping in mind the candidate's party's platform.

Pro-life: TPM Score: 0

Platform statement: Florida Democrats believe that women have the right to control their own reproductive choices, and will fight to ensure that women have access to contraception in their personal health insurance.

<https://www.floridadems.org/our-values/women-and-families>

Immigration: TPM Score: 0

Platform statement: Florida Democrats are working with both parties in Washington, D.C. to pass comprehensive immigration reform that will protect our national security, secure our economic future, and allow hundreds of thousands to step out of the shadows.

<https://www.floridadems.org/our-values/immigration>

Fiscal Responsibility: Taxes/Spending TPM Score: 4 _____

"Will oppose raising the property tax rate to make up for lost revenue." (if FL passes an additional homestead exemption Nov 2018)

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180912/manatee-county-commission-candidates-each-claim-broad-support-better-credentials>

Free Market Solutions: _____

Educ choice: TPM Score: 2

Healthcare: TPM Score: 1

Democrat Party platform: We are committed to expanding access to health care under the Affordable Care Act <https://www.floridadems.org/our-values/health-care>

Pro-Biz: TPM Score: 3

Little says he about developers that he is "Willing to impose impact fees at the 100% maximum."

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On the other hand, it is alarming that “A grievance committee of the Florida Bar, however, found “probable cause” that Lakin, and Palmetto attorneys **Melton Little** and Scott Kallins **violated rules of professional conduct.**” <http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/20170709/attorney-asks-to-withdraw-from-frank-bybee-case>

Candidate’s Top 3 Issues:

Total TPM Score: 10

Summary Comments:

Misty Servia has a long record of community service and was endorsed by Robin DiSabatino, and is heavily supported by developers. Accordingly she supports projects like Aqua by the Bay.

Melton Little also has long served in the community. It’s difficult for our voters to find positions he holds but we can look at the party positions for a likely clue. So he looks unlikely to protect our freedoms or our tax dollars.

Plus, “A grievance committee of the Florida Bar...found “probable cause” that Lakin, and Palmetto attorneys **Melton Little** and Scott Kallins **violated rules of professional conduct.**”

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TPM makes no endorsement in this race.

Supporters/Endorsements include:

Alan Zirkelbach former Palmetto City Councilman

Carl Weeks, former Boys & Girls Club CEO

Harry Kinman, former school board member

Laurie Galle, former Dist 4 Republican candidate

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Other Topics/ Actions/Positions held

Little “served on a near endless list of boards and committees for charitable and civic organizations in the community...

“There is one big cloud hanging over an otherwise stellar resume, however, by way of an ethics complaint filed with the Florida Supreme Court by the Florida Bar Association. In 2015, Little and one of his law partners, Scott Kallins, [gave Tampa Bay Rays tickets](#) to former Judge John Lakin while the judge was presiding over a personal injury case against Walmart, in which their firm represented the plaintiff. The next day, Lakin overturned a jury verdict that had been in Walmart's favor. All three face ethics complaints that are not likely to be resolved before the election. Lakin has since resigned over the incident.

<http://thebradentontimes.com/melton-little-jumps-into-county-commission-dist-race-p19793-158.htm>
