



Marion County Democratic Party

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Mission: To unite and elect Democrats to office

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From: Marion County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC)
970 SW 6th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471

To: Terri Rizzo, Chair, Florida Democratic Party (FDP)
c/o Department of Party Affairs
214 South Bronough St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Subject: Letter of Non-Endorsement of the Marion County DEC for 2019 and forward into the coming election cycle

The Bylaws of the Marion County DEC Article II, Section B (4) reads as follows:

The DEC shall not endorse, certify, screen, or otherwise recommend one or more candidates for Party nomination. This document may be submitted to the FDP as a written statement showing compliance with Fla. Stat. 103.121(b) 5. See FDP Bylaws art. V 7.

The Marion County DEC regards this declaration in its Bylaws as a definitive prohibition against any action by the DEC to endorse or otherwise recommend any candidate or candidates prior to their nomination by the primary election process, or by any other means of nomination provided for the Florida Statutes.

The Marion County DEC affirms it will not support the election of any opponent of any Democratic nominee, nor will it oppose the election of any Democratic nominee in the General Election.

We trust that this Letter of Non-Endorsement is sufficient to meet the requirements of the Charter and Bylaws of the Florida Democratic Party.

Respectfully Submitted,

LaVonda McCandless
Chair, Marion County DEC

Cc: Wesley Wilcox, Marion County Supervisor of Elections