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Make Freedom Count: Vote

Official General Election Sample Ballot
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- **Connie Mack** REP
- **Bill Nelson** DEM
- **Bill Gaylor** NPA
- **Chris Borgia** NPA
- **Write-in_______________________**

### Representative in Congress
- **Daniel Webster** REP
- **Van B. Demings** DEM
- **Write-in_______________________**

### State Senator District 11 (Vote for One)
- **Alan Hays** REP
- **John Iler** NPA

### Supervisor of Elections (Vote for One)
- **Margie Eaton** REP
- **Emogene W. Stegall** DEM

### Board of County Commissioners District 3 (Vote for One)
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### Property Appraiser (Vote for One)
- **Carey Baker** REP
- **Write-in_______________________**

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☐ Barack Obama DEM
☐ Joe Biden
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☐ James P. Gray
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☐ Andre Barnett REF
☐ Kenneth Cross
☐ Stewart Alexander SOC
☐ Alex Mendoza
☐ Peta Lindsay PSL
☐ Yari Osorio
☐ Roseanne Barr PFP
☐ Cindy Sheehan
☐ Tom Hoefling AIP
☐ Jonathan D. Ellis
☐ Ross C. "Rocky" Anderson JPF
☐ Luis J. Rodriguez
☐ Write-in

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☐ Chris Borgia NPA
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225 W. Guava St., Lady Lake
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Room B
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