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I understand that the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission is considering changing the Supervisor of Elections race to be voted as a non-partisan seat. I want to voice my opinion that it should stay as is; showing whether they are a republican or democrat. If you care at all what the public thinks, we think changing the vote to non-partisan is not in the best interest for the people.

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NO SECRET BALLOTS. Voters have a right to know party affiliation and each candidates stand on the issues!

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Regarding the Non-partisan Election of Supervisor of Elections. I believe that the Supervisor of Elections post should continue to reference the party affiliation of the candidate.

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I strongly object to making the supervisor of elections a nonpartisan race.

Making it a nonpartisan race essentially reducing the amount of information a voter may receive from the candidates. Party affiliation, and other partisan information, does provide additional information to the voter. If we are attempting to provide more information to the voter,

so we might have a better educated public, the worse thing to do is to make it nonpartisan.

Making a race nonpartisan muzzles the candidates and provides a chilling effect to their speech and, therefore, the information getting to the voters. As a former candidate in a nonpartisan race, I know the extent a candidate will go to avoid violating the nonpartisan guidelines.

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Please do not change any county offices to non-partisan. This makes no sense. No one would do that unless they are so dishonest they did not want people to know what party they stood with. I think under our charter that has to be un constitutional.

Its bad enough we really don't know anything about the school board members. I think this is why the people no longer trust the school board. If we don't know where they stand on beliefs, how can we trust them in what they do?

I like to know where our officials stand. I have worked with Republicans and Democrats. It doesn't matter which party they are, but what do they beleive in. That way; they and we understand where they are coming from and can deal with issues from their perspective.

Please leave this charter the way it was intended. It was origionally written for a purpose.

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