

~ *CITIZENS FOR SARASOTA COUNTY* ~

Sarasota County Clean Campaign Pledge  
Election 2024

July 7, 2024

Dear Candidate for Elected Office,

Citizens for Sarasota County, a grassroots citizen group, is sponsoring a County-wide effort to encourage election campaigns that focus on issues of concern to Sarasota County voters and to discourage negative campaigning. This County effort is based on a successful program for City of Venice City Council elections sponsored by Venice Thrives. The County Clean Campaign Pledge is on the next page.

Citizens for Sarasota County (“CSC”) is asking all candidates running in a contested election for a County Commission, School Board, Hospital Board or Charter Review Board position in Sarasota County to sign the attached Sarasota County Clean Campaign Pledge – Election 2024. By signing this Pledge, you will help keep our local elections clean and focused on issues – not negative attacks or false information.

Citizens for Sarasota County will not endorse candidates but instead will focus on the Clean Campaign Pledge as our contribution to local County elections. As you may know, voters in the City of Venice made clear their support for the clean campaign pledge sponsored by Venice Thrives in 2023. All 2024 candidates for the Venice City Council have signed the Venice Clean Campaign Pledge. CSC believes that voters across the County will also support clean campaigns that focus on County issues.

**Will you sign the Sarasota County Clean Campaign Pledge?**

You can sign the Pledge electronically on the next page (return email to CSC automatically sent) or print, sign, scan and email it to [PublicGoodSarasota@gmail.com](mailto:PublicGoodSarasota@gmail.com) .

We hope to hear from you by July 11<sup>th</sup>. Starting on July 12<sup>th</sup>, CSC will post and regularly update information indicating the candidates that have signed the Pledge online at:

<https://citizensforsarasota.blogspot.com/> and [Citizens for Sarasota County | Facebook](#).

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us at [PublicGoodSarasota@gmail.com](mailto:PublicGoodSarasota@gmail.com). We look forward to working with you and other candidates for clean elections in Sarasota County.

Thank you, Citizens for Sarasota County Steering Committee

# Sarasota County

## Clean Campaign Pledge

### Election 2024

To do my part to ensure an honest, fair election that focuses on the issues facing Sarasota County voters, I pledge to:

1. conduct my campaign accurately and honestly, keeping the focus on issues relevant to the voters of Sarasota County, Florida.
2. not engage in character defamation of other candidates or participate in invasions of personal privacy unrelated to campaign issues and to publicly repudiate any campaign material, communications, or advertisements of other groups who engage in such activities.
3. refuse both direct contributions and indirect support, e.g. in the form of advertising, communications, or mailers using my name or photo, from organizations that do not disclose the origins of their funding, such as dark money PACs.

Signed:  Shari Thornton (Jul 7, 2024 11:26 EDT)

Printed Name: Shari Thornton

Date: Jul 7, 2024

Candidate for: Sarasota County Commission, District 3

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