

NOTICE OF REFERENDA ELECTION

NOTICE is hereby given that a referenda election will be held throughout Sarasota County, Florida, on November 3, 2026, at the polling places designated within the voting precincts of the County for the purpose of determining the following questions:

1.

CONTINUE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS AND PARKLAND PROGRAM AD VALOREM TAX

Shall the existing Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Parkland Program ad valorem tax of not-to-exceed 0.25 mill, authorized through December 31, 2029, be continued for twenty years through December 31, 2049, and the program continued to include the acquisition, protection and management of environmentally sensitive lands and the acquisition and management of parkland for conservation and public recreation?

____ YES, FOR CONTINUATION OF AD VALOREM TAX

____ NO, AGAINST CONTINUATION OF AD VALOREM TAX

2.

BOND REFERENDUM FOR THE ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS AND PARKLAND

If Question 1 is approved, shall Sarasota County be authorized to issue additional bonds over the continued life of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Parkland Program in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$250,000,000, excluding refunding bonds and previously-authorized indebtedness, maturing by December 31, 2049, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum lawful rate, to finance the acquisition and management of environmentally sensitive lands and parkland, payable from the not-to-exceed 0.25 mill ad valorem tax?

____ YES, FOR THE BONDS

____ NO, AGAINST BONDS

The polls will be open at the voting places on the date of such referenda election from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. All qualified voters residing within Sarasota County may vote in said election. Absentee voting will be permitted upon compliance with the applicable provisions of general law.

KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of the Circuit Court
and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners
of Sarasota County, Florida

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