

SECOND CHANCES FLORIDA

Floridians from all walks of life believe in forgiveness, redemption, restoration and, ultimately, second chances.

It is why voters from all corners of the state and all walks of life support the Amendment 4.

With the unwavering dedication of a truly grassroots movement, Floridians across the Sunshine State signed and submitted more than 1.1 million petitions and put Amendment 4 – the Voting Restoration Amendment – on the November ballot.

Voters took matters in their own hands to ensure that their fellow Floridians, family members, and friends who’ve made past mistakes, served their time and paid their debts in full are given a second chance and the opportunity to earn back their eligibility to vote.

Floridians from all walks of life believe in second chances and, in November, can vote YES on 4 to make sure that Florida law does too.

About Amendment 4

Amendment 4 restores the eligibility to vote to people with past felony convictions who ***fully complete*** their entire sentence – including any probation, parole, and restitution – before earning back the eligibility to vote. The Amendment ***specifically excludes*** individuals who have committed murder or a felony sexual offense.

Floridians believe in second chances. But Florida’s system for giving second chances—for restoring a person’s eligibility to vote—is broken. Amendment 4 takes important steps toward fixing that system.

Over 1.4 million people in Florida are permanently excluded from voting because of a past conviction, even after they have completed all terms of their sentence. Florida is one of only four states with a lifetime ban on voting.

Current law outlines a difficult process to restore an individual's eligibility to vote because it requires the direct personal involvement of the Governor and the 3-person Cabinet, even after they have completed their full sentence as ordered by a judge and paid their debt in full.

A judge recently determined that the restoration process is arbitrary and unconstitutional because it lacks standardized guidelines in place to allow for objective and prudent decision making. The problem is that the judge left the fix in the hands of politicians and every election cycle newly elected politicians can reconfigure the process.

A person's eligibility to vote should not be left up to politicians and election cycles. Through the hard work of Florida voters and unwavering dedication of a truly grassroots movement, Amendment 4 was placed on the ballot. Let's take matters into our own hands and **VOTE YES on Amendment 4** to give Floridians who have made past mistakes the eligibility to vote only after they have completed their sentence as ordered by a judge.

These are our family members, friends, and neighbors that have paid their debt in full and earned the opportunity to participate in and give back to their communities.