

# Humanists of Tallahassee Candidate Survey (2020)

With elections right around the corner, the Humanists of Tallahassee (HOT) would like to poll as many candidates for office in Leon County on topics that are important to our members. A survey was sent to the email address for each candidate running for legislative or executive office at all levels. If you did not receive a survey or would like assistance in filling it out, please contact us at [humaniststh@gmail.com](mailto:humaniststh@gmail.com). We will share responses or lack thereof on our website and social media exactly as they are submitted. Thanks in advance, and happy electioneering!

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Please enter your name. \*

Kelly Otte

Please enter the office for which you are running. \*

Leon County Commissioner At Large, Group 1

The First Amendment's separation of state and church is vitally important to me.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

The delivery of prayers or invocations during meetings should be open to people of all religious beliefs as well as atheists and non-believers.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I would welcome atheists as members of my staff.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

As the number of religiously unaffiliated people grow (currently at 25% of Florida's population), I look forward to engaging with this subset of my constituency.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

If there is a conflict between the Bible, the Quran, or any other religious document and the US Constitution, I will follow and support the dictates of the US Constitution.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Tax dollars should not be used to fund private religious education through school voucher schemes or tax credit scholarships.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Tax dollars should not be used to fund organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and/or gender, or national origin.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Creationism ("intelligent design") should not be taught in public schools.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Public schools should only offer abstinence-only sex education.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Public schools should offer comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Public school students should be required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance each day.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I support a mandatory moment of silence in public schools each day.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Bible or religious classes should be mandatory electives in public schools.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I stand for the rights of my LGBTQ+ constituents.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree



Religiously affiliated organizations should have to follow the same health, safety, and gender equality standards required of their secular counterparts.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I support sound scientific data when developing policies that will affect my constituents (e.g., use of masks during the COVID-19 pandemic).

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

I support a patient's right to die with dignity.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Business owners should not be exempt from civil rights laws.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Business owners should not be allowed to refuse service to anyone based on "deeply held beliefs."

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

The right to complete bodily autonomy should not be threatened by the religious beliefs of lawmakers.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Please feel free comment or elaborate on any of your answers.

Tax \$ for religious schools - not at the expense of public education but I don't object to people wanting that education for their children; I believe it's a part of free choice;

Creationism should be taught - as one of the perspectives. We want students to be given all information and allow them to choose; So yes, as well as all other views. Absolutely NOT as the only perspective. Wasn't sure how to answer the question given I can't tell if you mean if I approve of that being the only thing taught or as one of the things taught so I answered neutral. Thanks for giving me space to elaborate.

Pledge of allegiance - I am not opposed to opportunities to pledge commitment to the United States. I think what we have witnessed repeatedly is that we live in a society with deep systemic oppressions calling into question the idea of liberty and justice for all. I like the moment of silence at the beginning allowing students the independence to either recite the pledge, meditate, pray or express their patriotism however they prefer.

Regarding Bible or religious classes as mandatory electives in public schools -- I know the law was passed that said it was mandatory public schools offer religious electives. I'm not opposed to this - I think it's ok for students who have a faith to have a class that is appealing to them. The classes MUST be a full range of faiths though and they HAVE to be electives only. I am however opposed to this being a slippery slope into required religious classes to graduate.

Refusing service based on beliefs is a tough one for me. One one hand I am appalled at refusing service to someone who is gay but on the other hand I would be furious to be told I couldn't refuse service to white supremacists with visible hate symbols. I would prefer to be able to throw them out.

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