

We don't want the politicians who let this **red tide** happen

We are Englewood Indivisible, a nonpartisan group of 600 residents. We came together to resist President Trump's agenda and protect our democracy. We worked together to save healthcare. We will fight together to save Medicare, Social Security and, of course, our environment.

We don't want the politicians who took money from polluters and let them pollute. We are working for candidates who will take care of our environment, our healthcare and our schools.

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Rick Scott's Record

- He gutted the state's five regional water management districts, slashing their budgets by \$700 million and packing their appointed boards with developers.
- He oversaw the firing of 134 employees at Florida's Department of Environmental Protection.
- Taking up the mantle of big polluters, he battled and eventually bested the EPA on the implementation of clean water standards.
- In 2012, Scott killed a statewide septic tank inspection program and an initiative that would've rehabilitated polluted freshwater springs.
- His appointees on the enfeebled South Florida Water Management District scuttled plans to buy 46,800 acres of sugar company land where the state had once planned to build giant retention ponds to store and filter polluted lake water.
- Under his watch, spending for Florida Forever, the state's land conservation program, plunged from \$100 million a year in Scott's first year to a paltry \$17 million by 2013.
- And in 2016, Scott signed into law weaker standards for toxic chemicals that flow into Florida's rivers, lakes, and coastal waters, a bill described as allowing "Big Ag to police itself when it comes to fertilizer pollution."
- Any of these protections could conceivably have mitigated the damage now being visited upon the southern Florida coastline and its residents. Instead, more pollution, less oversight, and a depleted budget for remediation set the stage for the current algal explosion.

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Environment



- ☑ Vowed to stand up to interests that have contributed to the fouling of Florida waters and fueled unchecked development
- ☑ Understands that climate change is “a real and urgent threat”

- ☑ Will transition Florida to clean energy as rapidly as possible, thereby creating thousands of new jobs, cleaner air and healthier families
- ☑ Has a successful clean energy track record in Tallahassee where the carbon footprint has been reduced by 20%
 - Construction is underway for a 120 acre solar farm that will triple Tallahassee's solar capacity
- ☑ Endorsed by the Sierra Club



- ☑ Doesn't believe with certainty that humans are contributing to climate change. Believes climate change is best handled on the national and international level. Endorsed by Koch Brothers
- ☑ Has a history of voting against environmental protection in Congress resulting in a League of Conservation Voters score of 2%
 - Voted to slash funding for the Environmental Protection Agency
 - Voted for Keystone XL Pipeline
 - Voted to open public lands to drilling and logging
 - Voted against requiring limited GMO labeling
 - Voted to eliminate Clean Water Act safeguards against discharging pesticides directly into bodies of water with no meaningful oversight

ODE TO RED TIDE

The water is murky, the facts are clear
We can tell from the smell RED TIDE is here.

Manmade pollution feeds it, they call it a bloom.
To our shore and sea life, it spells doom.

Don't swim in the waters, keep a mask within reach.
No one should get sick from a day at the beach.

Fishing is fun, you just can't beat it.
Catch all you can -- just don't eat it.

How did it get this way?
8 years of cuts to Florida EPAs.

Cut budget \$700 million, current state leaders took it away
Let "BIG AG" polluters off -- no fine to pay.

Fired 134 employees, Ignoring scientific data
Them experts & monitors jus' don't matta.

Remember, November 6th day,
Your Vote is your say.

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*Get involved in making change!
Come to Englewood Indivisible's next meeting on Saturday, October 13th at 3:00 PM at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn Street.*