

Englewood Indivisible 2019 Legislative Agenda

Overview of Advocacy We Will Carry Out In Coordination With Florida Indivisible Groups And Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida

We urge our elected representatives and appointees in local, state and national offices to support public policy and legislation consistent with values of faith and principle. We insist that the administration of justice and governmental operations be unbiased, transparent, compassionate, accountable, fair and ethical. Areas of specific interest and concern are listed below.

Public Health and Safety

- Declare that universal and affordable health care is a human right and expand Medicaid
- Fund and treat mental illness, substance abuse and addiction as non criminal public health issues

Gun Safety measures that respect Second Amendment Rights to gun ownership

- Require universal background checks and waiting periods
- Ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines and bump stocks
- Authorize risk protection orders
- Repeal "Stand Your Ground" to discourage the unlawful and reckless use of firearms

Education

- Require and fund programs to address bullying, domestic violence and human trafficking
- Eliminate the school to prison pipeline
- Provide optional sex education and parenting classes
- Affirm that religious instruction and practice belong in the home and places of worship and not in public or private schools funded by state or federal government

Criminal Justice Reform - Reduce Florida's prison populations and recidivism

- Enact a Florida First Step Act (similar to S.3649 enacted last year by the US Congress)
- Support juvenile civil citations and similar diversion programs
- Recognize and end racial disparities in the criminal justice system
- End the war on drugs
- End the money bail system and suspension of drivers' licensing for failure to pay a financial penalty or court obligation that criminalizes poverty
- Reduce or eliminate mandatory minimum sentencing and increase threshold amounts for certain theft offenses
- End solitary confinement and protect dignity and well being of prisoners
- Abolish the death penalty
- Hold police accountable for use of excessive force

LGBTQI

- Pass the Competitive Workforce Act and nondiscrimination protections for the LGBTQI community and expand hate crimes laws
- Ban conversion therapy
- Authorize infectious disease elimination pilot programs including HIV Prevention

Women's Rights

- Support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution
- Support reproductive freedoms, the right to choose and prescription contraceptive coverage
- End taxpayer funding for anti-abortion fake clinics (repeal SB0444/HB0041)
- Ensure access to family planning clinic entrances

Voting Reform

- Pass the National Popular Vote Compact
- Implement Open Primaries, ranked-choice or instant-runoff voting and Automatic Voter Registration (AVR)

Clean Water and Renewable Energy

- Replace septic tanks with sewers and water treatment systems
- Replace fossil fuels with sources of renewable energy and ban fracking
- Finance purchase of Florida Forever lands and enact protections from development
- Protect Florida's springs, aquifers and the Everglades from overdevelopment and pollution
- Combat red tide
- Reduce the solid waste stream – compost organic waste and expand recycling efforts

Disaster resiliency and recovery

- Require infrastructure vulnerability assessments and fund flood mitigation projects
- Require post disaster rebuilding to take sea level rise estimates into account

Immigration Reform

- Protect the rights of families and those seeking asylum and opportunity while maintaining border security