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# Sarasota Political Alert

## LOCAL POLITICS

Yes, it's true: the Sarasota GOP still seeks to undo the charter amendment County voters passed last year for **single-member districts**. They'll even stoop to working behind the scenes with a known "[dirty trickster](#)" per the Herald-Examiner. At least Commissioner Christian Ziegler, who has voted against redistricting, knows this should **wait until after the 2020 Census**. We need to protest this **unethical "gerrymandering!"**

For more information, check out this [Op-ED](#).



## **CALL TO ACTION:**

**Please join our PEACEFUL PROTEST**

**Saturday,  
November 2  
Palmer Boulevard &  
Apex Road,  
Fruitville, FL 34240  
10 – 11:00 am**



***Join SCDP at County Commission meeting on redistricting, October 30, 1:30 pm at the County administration bldg. We need your voice before the Nov. hearing.***



## EVENT OF THE MONTH

### **STAND FOR CELERY FIELDS**

#### **WHY YOU SHOULD CARE:**

[The Celery Fields](#) is an internationally recognized bird preserve and wildlife sanctuary developed in association w/The Audubon Society. It's located in a publicly funded multi-million-dollar storm water retention facility in headwaters that lead to Sarasota Bay.

But developers want to repurpose it for commercial sale and rezoning, compromising water quality and eco-tourism. We must **STOP** the County Commissioners from destroying this critical habitat and **ELECT LOCAL CANDIDATES** who follow a sound environmental course.



## Also noteworthy:



Scientists are alarmed about the disappearance of “the birds ; the bees.” Our eco-systems are integrally linked, and damage to one part means damage to everything. The **Democratic Environmental Caucus** meets regularly to discuss local environmental issues, such as water quality, composting, recycling and ending the use of plastics, and which of our politicians support the environment.

**CALL TO ACTION:**  
***Attend the Environmental Caucus monthly meeting to hear Jon speak on Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 at Common Grounds, 12737 South Tamiami Trail in North Port.***

## **We need more Democrats everywhere in Sarasota County.**

On November 5, **Venice** holds its City Election. These are our Democratic candidates: Ron Feinsod for Mayor; Debbie Sanacore for City Council Seat 5; Tim Brady for City Council Seat 6.

Make sure your friends in Venice are voting, and contact the SCDP office to volunteer for canvassing, phone banking and other support.

### **SARASOTA POLITICAL ALERT**

*Each month we'll bring you quick blurbs about key topics in Sarasota, and direct you other places for more in-depth information along with suggestion Actions to take. Please share your thoughts at [scdpcomms@gmail.com](mailto:scdpcomms@gmail.com)*



### **CANDIDATE CORNER**

**Margaret Good** won in her Republican District in 2018; now, she's going after Vern Buchanan, with your help. Willing to host a Meet & Greet for her? **Visit her [website](#) and volunteer.**



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