

ALACHUA COUNTY "VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY" PRECINCT NEWS - NUMBER 15.

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If you want to have an influence on government policy of your city, county, or precinct – run for office and recruit others to run as well. 2020 is close at hand. Every precinct in America can elect men & women from the two major parties to become "duly elected" Precinct Representatives. Start recruiting. Those who are elected will serve. Those not elected can serve as the core of the emerging Precinct Leadership. Precincts with functional organizations will deserve more standing as they relate to other elected persons. Democracy is better than oligarchs & plutocrats can imagine. "The American demographic destiny includes functional Precincts." T. Jefferson. He had "bottomless faith in Americas' prospects as the primal force for Democracy in the world." He suggested we "bend over backward to engage the undecided." "Make known the justice of our cause as we share visions of liberty with yet unaffiliated allies." "Use the intellectual spark of language to access intricacies of Democracy." "Nourish the present with news of the future." Fired up & ready to go: B. Obama.

Have you analyzed the 2018 results? Go to votealachua.com At the top, click on elections. A drop down menu will give choices. Records go back to 1996. Alexis Hunter (352) 374-5252 can help you with deeper details of your Precinct.

That heroic pilot, Captain "Sully" Sullenberger, when asked about the turbulence & and hazards of these times, replied, "We can't wait to be rescued by others...we Americans must rescue Democracy...it's necessary...it is our duty." Roger that....

Imagine a wonderful civic destination. We can occupy the place by clarifying its name. Department of Health. Community Coalition for Food Security. Department of Environmental Restoration. Carbon Negative Energy Systems. Legacy Neighborhoods. Committees of Truth & Reconciliation. You get the idea. Imagine all the good to be done. Our city & county charters have petition / referenda / initiative statutes. We've used them before. The Alachua County Library District was created by popular vote. The state wide Solar Referendum gained the highest percentage support in our county. Our constituents are ready. Re-energize our "Listening" programs. Open the floor for discussion. "Motor Voter Registration." "Instant Runoff Voting." We don't have to be first – we can be next. You in? Let's begin. Yes we can. Find your compass. Smile.

Bi-partisanship is surely needed in Congress & the state Legislatures. Can we demonstrate bi-partisanship in our Precincts? There probably are more un-registered citizens & those registered No Party Affiliation than are registered in any party that has ballot status in our county. Want to "reach across the aisle"? Let's walk the talk. "Works well with others." Is that us? Our next Governor was quoted wanting Florida cities to be "Laboratories of Democracy." Let's put wings & faces on good ideas.

Please welcome Jeremy Merritt, Literacy Coordinator for our Library District – (352) 334-0160. He needs our help to repurpose reading materials to children.

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