



TOWN OF JUPITER

2019 VOTER REFERENDUM on PROPERTY ACQUISITION



VOTER REFERENDUM LAND ACQUISITION BOND

Town of Jupiter Municipal Election Tuesday, March 12, 2019

On the March 12, 2019 ballot for the Town of Jupiter municipal election, voters will be asked to approve a referendum authorizing the Town to issue up to \$20 million in general obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring land. If approved:

- Residents would see an annual increase in their tax bill to fund debt associated with the purchase of land.
- Debt would not be issued at the full \$20 million all at once, but would be issued as land was acquired.
- Funds would be required to be used on lands or land costs that meet established criteria, falling into one of the following categories:
 - Environmentally sensitive, waterfront and recreational lands
 - Lands for open spaces
 - Archaeological or historic preservation
 - Traffic mitigation
 - Costs associated with maintaining the lands acquired through the program

ELECTION INFORMATION

Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Voter registration applications are available through the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections website (www.pbcelections.org). The registration deadline is February 11, 2019. For election updates and to view a sample ballot, visit the Town Clerk's Election Page at www.jupiter.fl.us/Elections or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 561-741-2352.



Open Space Program History

In 2004, Jupiter residents approved a similar referendum for \$17 million authorizing the purchase of open space properties. That bond program resulted in the purchase of seven properties totalling approximately 60 acres of land, which are now part of the Town's Open Space Program managed and preserved by the Natural Resources group.

A significant difference between the proposed bond program and the 2004 program is that the debt issued to purchase properties in the proposed 2019 program would be issued on an as-needed basis, as opposed to the lump sum bond issuance that occurred in 2004, which resulted in a tax increase to fund the total approved amount. Any tax increases resulting from the proposed 2019 bond referendum for \$20 million would be incrementally applied as properties became available and were approved for purchase as part of the program.

For more information about the Town's Open Space Program and its history, visit our website at www.jupiter.fl.us/OpenSpaceProgram.

For more information on the 2019 proposed Land Acquisition Bond Referendum, visit www.jupiter.fl.us/LandAcquisitionProgram.



For more information, call 561-741-2352
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