

Candidate: Fried, Nicole “Nikki” Office: Commissioner of Agriculture

Party: D

Constitutionally Limited Government: _____

2nd Amendment: TPM Score: 1

Compares restrictions on medical marijuana with restrictions on guns

<https://www.facebook.com/nikki.fried>

Nikki does have a concealed weapons permit for herself, but would advocate that the regulation of firearm ownership be transferred from the Comm of Ag to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Pro-life: TPM Score: 0

She is endorsed by Ruth’s List, a pro-abortion group and Planned Parenthood

<https://nikkifried.com/supporters/>

Immigration: TPM Score: 0

Avoids this issue

The big issue that inspired Fried to run is to promote the medical use and cultivation of marijuana statewide. She hopes it would make a sizable contribution to state GDP and jobs... which implies she would want to keep seasonal immigration easily available to farmers.

Fiscal Responsibility: Taxes/Spending TPM Score: 1 _____

Nicole “Nikki” Fried is a lobbyist and as such wants taxes spent on her issues

She claims to be a fiscal conservative, but we could find nothing to support that.

Free Market Solutions: _____

She claims to be a free but “Fair” market advocate and is in favor of renegotiating NAFTA for the benefit of Florida Ag interests.

Educ choice: TPM Score: 0

No comment from Fried found, but she is supported by Gillum

Healthcare: TPM Score: 0

No comment from Fried found, but she is supported by Gillum

(Fried is an ardent advocate for medical marijuana use, and also is open to include recreational pot smoking)

Pro-Biz: TPM Score: 0

She is pro environmental concerns.

Candidate’s Top 3 Issues:

Medical Marijuana, Concealed Weapons Permit, Citrus greening

Total TPM Score: 2

Summary Comments:

Matt Caldwell scored 32.5 out of 35 because he consistently votes to protect the voters rights. **Matt Caldwell** has strong conservative positions, and also has broad support and many endorsements. A key point for the tea party is the NRA rated Caldwell an A (the Ag Commissioner gives out concealed carry permits.)

Nikki Fried views her job as a lobbyist to the legislature on medical marijuana, carbon emissions or the farm-to-school program. She is endorsed by Planned Parenthood. She seems to be a single-issue candidate with a total score of 2!

We strongly endorse Matt Caldwell for Ag Commissioner.

Affiliations:

Political Science and LAW grad @ U of F, UF Hall of Fame, Blue Key Society ...formerly in student Senate and Student Body President @ UF.

Who This Candidate Supports:

Democrat Party Candidates

Other Topics/ Actions/Positions held

Nikki is a 40 year old Ft Lauderdale based attorney and Florida native. She is a Univ of Florida graduate in Political Science, plus obtained a UF Law degree in 2003. Currently she works as a lobbyist for Medical Marijuana. Previously she was a public defender in Alachua Co and prior to that was in commercial litigation for 2 years in Jacksonville.

Supporters/Endorsements include:

AFL-CIO

SEIU

FL State Council of Machinists Union

Think Green Vote Blue

FL Planned Parenthood PAC

Tampa Bay Times... Nikki Fried has racked up dozens of endorsements from prominent Democrats in her race for Agriculture Commissioner, including Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and former gubernatorial candidate Alex Sink.