

ST. PETE VOTE YES!

For the **GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**
("GO BOND") REFERENDUM on November 3rd



LWV

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE ST. PETERSBURG AREA
Recommends **YES**

Invest in Our Future



\$600 MILLION

Storm resilience funding for critical stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water improvements.

TOILETS THAT FLUSH

Upgrade sewer pipes, pumps, and treatment plants to **reduce backups, spills, and shutdowns.**

TAPS THAT FLOW

Strengthen drinking water systems for **safe, reliable water** during and after storms.

FASTER DRAINAGE

Enhance drains, canals, and pump stations to clear rainwater from streets and **reduce neighborhood flooding.**

WHY IT MATTERS - EVEN WHEN YOUR HOME STAYS DRY

In 2024 St. Pete shut down 2/3 of its wastewater treatment facilities for Hurricane Milton - only days after Helene forced the first shutdown on record. *Residents were told not to flush toilets, shower, or send water down drains.* Reliable water and sewer services matter to everyone.

ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX:

- **\$96 per year** per \$100,000 of taxable value.

WHY USE BONDS?

- Faster improvements.
- Smaller utility-rate increases.
- Shifts costs from everyone's utility bills to high-value properties.

5 YEARS FASTER

City estimate for completing its urgent infrastructure program:

24 YEARS

without
bonds

19 YEARS

with bonds

10 Years of Work in 5

HOW IS THE TAX FAIR?

20% PAY 60%

- The highest-value homes pay a majority of the tax.
- In 2024 60%+ of property taxes* were paid by only 20% of property owners.

**Homesteaded properties*

ACCOUNTABILITY

On Oct. 15 City Council approved:

- Citizen-Led GO Bond Advisory Committee (*passage required*)
- Resilience Advisory Committee.
- Policy to require nature-based solutions be considered first for stormwater projects.

WHAT IF VOTERS SAY NO?

THE COSTS DON'T GO AWAY

- Utility bills will increase faster.
- Projects will move more slowly.
- Exposure to avoidable flooding outages, and property damage.
- Higher recovery and infrastructure costs

ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT

Reliable water and sewer services

- Protect property values
- Keep businesses open
- Support jobs and the local economy

Improvements reduce pollution and protect Tampa Bay, beaches, and neighborhood health & safety.



Recommends

YES

Tampa Bay Times columnists
Conan Gallaty & Graham Brink
Recommend: **YES**



OFFICIAL GO BOND INFO

Costs · Project maps · FAQs

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