



# **Marihelen Wheeler - Alachua County Commissioner**

Retired teacher - Alachua County School System

**Alachua County BOCC members (2019)**

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# Marihelen stands up and speaks out for what is right.

"I've advocated for the needs of children and teachers inside and outside of the classroom for over thirty years. In addition to resources for a quality education, I've fought for clean water to drink, smart development decisions, living wages, and opportunities for success for every child. I will continue to fight for a better future for everyone in Alachua County."

*-Marihelen*

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## **An advocate for our environment**

For decades, Marihelen has fought to protect our rivers, lakes, and springs. She actively opposes the Sabal Trail pipeline, the proposed phosphate mines, and other threats to our drinking water. She advocates for smart development that supports our local economy and environment.

- Vice-president of the Santa Fe Lake Dwellers Association
- Our Santa Fe River advisory board member
- Florida Wildlife Care board member and education coordinator



## **An advocate for a strong community**

A strong community needs a strong local economy, a focus on equity, and cultural resources. Marihelen has fought for a living wage and supports local businesses which allow our community to thrive. She is an art educator and actively encourages our local sources of art and culture.

- Alachua County Labor Coalition member
- Gainesville Community Playhouse board member and costume designer, 1992-2012
- Spirit of Gainesville Arts Nominee, 2014
- Co-host of African Network TV's "Straight Talk"



## **A fierce advocate for children**

Marihelen retired from teaching after 38 years (22 years in Alachua County public schools). She taught children with different needs, including exceptional and ESOL students, and adolescent girls in the juvenile justice system. She fights for access to a quality education that children deserve.

- Teacher of the Year, Westwood Middle School
- Alachua County Education Assoc. member
- Pres. Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' sorority
- Foster parent and mentor to young people
- Host family for foreign exchange students

**Vote August 28th!**

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