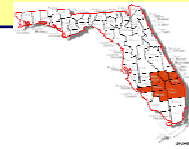


## 2008 GENERAL ELECTION – Vote November 4



### Florida – U.S. House District 16

#### Democratic-Incumbent

#### Republican-Challenger

#### Tim Mahoney

**Political experience:** One term as a U.S. Representative, 2007-present

**Background:** 25 years in computing and financial services industries; Married (Terry) and has one daughter; Methodist

**Web:** [www.timmahoneyforflorida.com](http://www.timmahoneyforflorida.com) (campaign) and [mahoney.house.gov](http://mahoney.house.gov) (official)

**Campaign Office:** 561-214-8050

**E-mail:** form on campaign website



#### Tom Rooney

**Political experience:** Has served as an Assistant Attorney General for Florida

**Background:** Private law practice in Stuart; four years in U.S. Army JAG Corps; Married (Tara) and has three sons

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| <p>"I believe that the decision to have an abortion be left to a woman, her doctor, and her faith. It is not within the purview of the Federal Government to dictate what a woman may or may not do with her body." (<i>HeraldTribune</i>)</p>   | <p><b>Abortion</b></p>             | <p>"I am Pro-Life. As a former Constitutional Law Professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point (2002-04), I believe the 14th Amendment to the Constitution was too liberally interpreted in Roe v. Wade. Life is an enumerated right under the Constitution." (Red State Candidate Survey)</p>   |
| <p>"Here is what I support. 1. We need to secure our borders. This is a necessity to protect Americans in this time of terror. Borders included Mexico, Canada, our coasts and ports. 2. We need to recognize that we have 12+ million people who are here illegally and are important to our economy. These people need to have incentives to identify themselves and come out of the shadows. The major incentive has to be a path to citizenship." (<i>HeraldTribune</i>)</p> | <p><b>Immigration</b></p>          | <p>"We are a country based on the Rule of Law. Ignoring our laws only encourages more illegal behavior. Additionally, we jeopardize the foundations of the Republic. Only when the existing laws are enforced can we then entertain some kind of worker program. Amnesty (or probation) is not an option in my opinion because it makes a mockery of the thousands of immigrants who enter this country legally each year. Guest workers should get no preferential treatment in obtaining their citizenship." (Red State Candidate Survey)</p> |
| <p>Supports civil unions for same-sex couples, but opposes same-sex marriage. "My Christian faith tells me that marriage is a sacrament between a man and a woman." (<i>HeraldTribune</i>)</p>   | <p><b>Marriage</b></p>             | <p>"I am against same-sex marriage. I believe marriage should be reserved for a man and a woman." (Red State Candidate Survey)</p>  |
| <p>"Our seniors have worked hard, built our communities, and raised our families; they deserve to live the American dream by enjoying their golden years after a life of dedication and hard work. Tim Mahoney will fight to fix the Medicare Part D's Prescription Drug Program and protect Social Security." (official U.S. House website)</p>   | <p><b>Seniors</b></p>              | <p>"Republican Tom Rooney has the knowledge, experience, and background to protect Florida's senior citizens. Keeping our parents and grandparents safe and secure will be one of Tom Rooney's priorities in Washington. Tom Rooney will fight to protect the contracts our government has made with our senior citizens." (campaign site)</p>  |
| <p>"I am in favor of lower taxes. I support using the tax code as a means of providing incentives for stimulating the economy. Having said this as a businessman, I am not in favor of tax cuts when the Federal Government is running record deficits." (<i>Herald-Tribune</i>)</p>   | <p><b>Taxes &amp; Spending</b></p> | <p>"Like you, Republican Tom Rooney knows Washington has a spending problem and needs fiscal discipline. As our Congressman, Tom Rooney will stand up to Washington's wasteful spending and will stick up for Florida's taxpayers." (campaign site)</p>   |
| <p>"I believe that America's role in Iraq should be one of eliminating Al Qaeda and training Iraqi troops, not policing their religious civil war" (Press Release, July 30, 2007, during trip to Iraq)<br/>You have got to understand, for the last seven years all the money has been going to Iraq, all the money has been going to homeland security." (<i>The New York Times</i>, Aug. 31, 2007)</p>   | <p><b>War in Iraq</b></p>          | <p>"We will return our troops from Iraq in victory. That is, under General Petraeus' leadership, the Coalition and Iraqi forces will be able to stabilize the country enough for the Iraqi government to establish itself sooner rather than later. Our troops have done an outstanding job." (Red State Candidate Survey)</p>  |

**The 16th District includes Charlotte, Hendry, Highland, Glades counties and parts of Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and Saint Lucie counties including the cities of Port Charlotte, Fort Pierce, and Port St. Lucie**  
**Sources:** Sarasota *Herald-Tribune*, Red State Candidate Survey, campaign websites, and others as listed above