



Brianna Gaskin and Yadiel Torres vote yes on the abortion amendment at Precinct 506 in Orange County on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. (Sofia Sutter/Special to the Orlando Sentinel)

### **Abortion amendment draws couple to the polls | 11:47 a.m.**

Orange County residents Brianna Gaskin, 27, and her fiancé, Yadiel Torres, 28, came to the polls at Iglesia Pentecostal Unida Latinoamericana on Tuesday mainly because of Amendment 4.

Gaskin said she did not vote in the last election. She felt this time was more important, since she now has a young daughter and is worried for what comes next.

"So since I have a little one, I will make sure everything is set for her future," Gaskin said.

Gaskin disapproves of the idea that the government should have control over women's bodies, instead of women being able to make their own choices.

"[It's] their bodies; they should have their own opinion," Gaskin said. "You know, at the end of the day, it's them. The government should not be anywhere involved."

Torres held a similar viewpoint and disagreed with the current abortion restrictions, saying that taking away someone's options was "not cool."

"Nobody should tell you how to live your life if something happened to you and that was a result ... you should have that option," Torres said. "It's always best. You know, less options isn't the best way to go anywhere."

Torres also did not vote in the previous election, and wanted to make sure his voice was heard and counted this year.

"It's always important and I really wanted to make the effort ... Right now, where things are going, I really wanted to put my vote in," Torres said.

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