



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

FIRST NAME: LAST NAME:

SEEKING TO BE ELECTED TO:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. **While in office, what will be your top priorities?** Public Safety, Responsible & Progressive City Development, Small Business Growth
2. **What influenced you to run for office?** My passion to see the city of Daytona Beach grow, improve, and develop, has fueled my ambition to serve the residents of this community.
3. **Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** The constituents in my district will take priority when it comes to input on public policy. Maintaining transparent and regular communication with the residents of my district is the cornerstone of my campaign.

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

1. **What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** I believe government involvement and regulation is necessary for some aspects of business, however the government should not be involved in the everyday operations of the business. Businesses are best managed by the individual owners, not the government. Businesses should have the right to freely grow and develop, and should not be unnecessarily constrained by city regulations, excessive fees, etc.
2. **Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** As a commissioner, I look forward to finding ways to reduce fees for small businesses in a responsible manner wherever possible (ex. permits and licensing fund which is \$11 Million over it's limit, providing rebates for businesses who contributed to this fund through permits and licensing fees issued by the city). Tax structures, including the current one, must always be under review by the commission and the general public. We must always assess if we are taxing businesses at a reasonable rate.
3. **Do you believe businesses play a pivotal role in our community?** Businesses are the backbone of our community. They are vital to our economy and are primitive to the growth and development of our community. Our city must work hard to create policies that foster the growth of businesses, with an emphasis on small businesses.
4. **What role do you see for yourself in helping to grow businesses of all sizes in your position?** As a commissioner, I see myself connecting with business owners, to find out what THEIR needs are. It is imperative that commissioners keep an open dialogue with our businesses, as their needs rapidly change and evolve. I see myself as an approachable liaison for businesses, especially those in my district, to connect with for support with city provided resources, or to share concerns that can be addressed by the commission.
5. **What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** The most pressing issue in regard to local businesses, is fostering the growth and sustainability of small businesses. As a former small business owner, I have experienced the challenges and financial hardships of embarking on a business venture. I look forward to focusing on small business growth, proposing enhanced resources and incentives for our small business owners to grow and manage their businesses.
6. **What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** When I think of business growth, several factors come to mind. To me, growth can be constituted as several different factors including Increased sales, location expansion, product development/expansion, expanding customer base, creation of jobs, etc.
7. **What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** I have connected with business owners who feel ignored/neglected by their current representation at city hall. I have discussed their concerns with city policy, how city issues negatively affect their business, and how I can work to improve these concerns to foster the growth of their business. Furthermore, I enjoy investing in our local businesses, and promoting the initiative to shop at our locally managed & owned businesses.

FIRST NAME: Nick

LAST NAME: Edgar

SEEKING TO BE ELECTED TO: Daytona Beach City Commission, Zone 2

8. **What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** Tax structures, including the current one, must always be under review by the commission and the general public. We must always assess if we are taxing businesses at a reasonable rate. In regard to sales taxes for consumer's, Daytona Beach currently offers a lower rate (6.5%) than most other surrounding municipality's.

RESILIENCY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

1. **Given our geographical area, what do you believe are some best practices for resiliency, and how do you believe our businesses can play a role?** The resiliency of our community is inspiring, and will continue to show the power that the neighbors of Daytona Beach carry. Best practices of resiliency can depend on many complex factors, however one constant is city government. Resident's continuing to speak up, vote for change, and drive new and creative ideas for community improvement, help drive the resiliency of the city.
2. **Climate resiliency is becoming a heated topic of discussion as it relates to our community given the natural events that occurred over the past two years. If elected, how do you see your office assisting to alleviate and reduce some of the detrimental effects of such occurrences?** As a City Commissioner, I would focus not only on representing my zone on the council, but being an advocate for my zone to the county, state, and federal government. Through this, I would fight to secure funding that is dedicated for disaster relief to aid businesses in the recovery process from natural events.

WORKFORCE HOUSING / LIVE LOCAL ACT / EMPLOYMENT

1. **There have been conversations about workforce housing in our area, and the need to keep those that are working in the community, living within the community. Where do you see the need? And what are your thoughts on the Live Local Act?** Living in the same community that you work should be feasible for all who serve our city, however due to the state of the economy and the nationwide housing crisis, it is becoming increasingly out of reach for people to achieve this goal. I definitely see the need for workforce housing, especially for our lower income neighbors, however we must be responsible with the development of these projects. We also must carefully consider how city funds are spent, and what type of impact this development would have on our community.
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** To attract the best employees, we must continue to strive to make Daytona Beach an attractive place to live. We must focus on improving public safety, infrastructure, housing, industry, and education to draw more people to our area. We have capitalized on the natural beauty of Florida, however we must continue to improve these areas to drive recruitment and bring people to Daytona Beach.

* ** For State Candidates Only ***

PROPERTY INSURANCE (STATE CANDIDATES ONLY)

1. **Name ways that you believe your office can assist with the cost of property insurance.** N/A
2. **Do you believe current measures taken to lower insurance, such as, reducing frivolous lawsuits, will have a positive impact? If not, how so and how can it be fixed at the local level?** N/A