



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

FIRST NAME: LAST NAME:

SEEKING TO BE ELECTED TO:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. **While in office, what will be your top priorities?** Infrastructure, workforce training, needs of first responders
2. **What influenced you to run for office?** Time to give back
3. **Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** Former Representative Charlie Stone, my Wife, Randy Nielsen

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

1. **What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** Anything beyond regulation pertaining to health, safety and welfare, narrowly interpreted, should be closely scrutinized- regulation as a financial generator should not be allowed.
2. **Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** Property taxes are local government's primary source and should always be justified- however, certain fees should be considered over new forms of non property taxes since the law requires fees have a rational nexus to the taxed - they must derive a benefit from the charge - whereas taxes can be spent wherever the government chooses.
3. **Do you believe businesses play a pivotal role in our community?** Businesses, particularly small businesses are part of the fabric of our communities- they contribute to our local economies in more ways than just selling goods or services.
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5. **What role do you see for yourself in helping to grow businesses of all sizes in your position?** Advocating for more workforce training and working to keep those trained in our communities; advocating for infrastructure to accommodate growth as much as possible.
6. **What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** As I see it - maintaining a trained workforce, availability of affordable housing, basic costs of living
7. **What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** Growing is the lifeblood of a thriving business marketplace; if you stop growth, you cease to attract and expand business
8. **What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** Run for office based on my experiences and principles and not be shy about advocating growth and a welcoming attitude towards new business
9. **What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** Business lease tax should be phased out - consideration of special taxing zones for areas where taxing authorities want to encourage growth.

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?** A more responsible siting of structures in coastal areas - upgrades to existing structures to fortify against weather losses.
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?** Advocating for more resources for My Safe Florida Home (hardening of structures) - re- locating infrastructure back from coastal areas after damage to it in an event, when possible - continue to depopulate Florida's CAT fund thereby reducing the state's exposure to one or more catastrophic events.

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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?** The need is all around us as more of our economy shifts to services as our population ages and our economy tightens on those in the middle and lower economic classes. The Live Local Act needs to be changed to accomplish Florida's Affordable Housing Act goals, namely, provide for first time home buyers rather than an apartment building fund.
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** We train our own, here, whenever possible, and make our communities places where employees want to raise their families - we can't just educate them only to have them leave for more opportunities and affordable communities.

* ** 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.** Further litigation reform, additional funding for My Safe Florida Home
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?** I believe current measures will help, but because of the "tail" of litigation it may take another year before the backlog of cases filed prior to the changes in the law winds its way through the courts. The legislature should, once again, limit non- compensatory damages.