



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1. While in office, what will be your top priorities?**
 1. Protect Floridians from the effects of climate change and those profiting by denying this threat.
 2. Ensure women maintain the right to govern their own bodies.
 3. Fortify Florida's public education system and ensure ALL children can be safe from harm.
- 2. What influenced you to run for office?** Florida is a state that no doubt will need to fight the adverse effects of climate change and denying its existence will only bring death and destruction to our people. Florida is a state that is banning books and underpaying hard working teachers, which only hurts our children and future workforce. Florida is a state that condones violence and hate toward the LGBTQ+ community, which only divides us further. I am running because someone needs to stand up for our kids and our future.
- 3. Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** I surround myself with highly educated peers in various areas of expertise and try to consider all schools of thought when making decisions.

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

- 1. What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** I support a healthy balance between regulation and freedom.
- 2. Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** Taxes are necessary for a healthy economy, however, where we put those dollars needs a redo. The public education system in Florida is at an all time low. We need to focus more on improving the lives of our children and less on filling the pockets of the rich and powerful.
- 3. Do you believe businesses play a pivotal role in our community?** Yes.
- 4. What role do you see for yourself in helping to grow businesses of all sizes in your position?** As a business owner myself I have experience growing from nothing to a multi-million dollar company. I can help people on both a legislative and personal level by sharing my story and creating and supporting legislation that will help Floridians to dream big and realize their dreams when it comes to starting and growing a business.
- 5. What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** Tax structure, affordable housing/office space
- 6. What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** Growing a business (in size, profits, and reach) creates a healthier community.
- 7. What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** Through my business I have created job opportunities, strengthened the local economy and increased community engagement.
- 8. What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** They can be improved.

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?** Protection against effects of climate change and strengthen education to create a powerful workforce. Business partnerships with schools foster community.
- 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?** This is one of my top legislative

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agendas and I will work across the isle to create a more climate resilient Florida. I have specific ideas on how to make sure another Surfside will not happen.

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?** I support the Live Local Act and what it stands for. Every citizen has the right to afford the cost of living.
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** We can start by creating a smarter workforce in our children. Better education = better employees.

* ** 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.** I will fight for the use of public funds to fortify our environment and protect against climate change so that insurers do not need to pass the high costs of home ownership in FL on the consumer.
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?** One way is by lowering the loss level that enables insurers to access the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, a state-funded reinsurance program that costs insurers less. Reducing the "retention level" from \$8.2 billion to as low as \$4.5 billion would enable insurers to buy cheaper reinsurance while getting the same level of coverage.