



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. **While in office, what will be your top priorities?** I will continue working with Volusia County Representatives and State Representatives to relocate proposed Fuel Depot in a more suitable location. I would also like to enhance senior recreation along with continue working on the growth concerns and traffic concerns.
2. **What influenced you to run for office?** The reason why I decided to run for office is we need a representative that is in it for one reason. That is to make a positive difference in our community and by listening to the people.
3. **Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** I look for facts, do research and may contact professionals that are qualified and understand that particular subject better for answers.

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

1. **What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** I am not a big fan of government being in business with business. I will say there are instances when it may be needed and other times it's unnecessary and does more harm than good. I would say my feelings would be on a case by case basis.
2. **Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** I understand we need to collect taxes in order to keep our streets safe, infrastructure in good shape along with many other things. I do think school tax for people that are seniors especially on fixed incomes needs to change. I think they paid more than enough towards schools.
3. **Do you believe businesses play a pivotal role in our community?** I do and it also helps reduce property tax for the residents. It also helps the community in receiving the goods and services we rely on a daily basis.
4. **What role do you see for yourself in helping to grow businesses of all sizes in your position?** I would have meetings with the city planner on updates on possible prospects looking to come into the city. I would also ask if there is pushback and what is suggested to help close some deals. I've been a business owner twenty years and have experience in this type of work and can offer a lot of solutions.
5. **What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** The biggest issue is small businesses are having a difficult time finding employees and the cost of operating.
6. **What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** I think about a small company that started with a small space, few employees and grew to a much larger space with more employees.
7. **What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** I am an active member of the chamber of commerce and attending ribbon cuttings and after hour events works well networking. The best way to support local business is through word of mouth and I find being involved with the chamber of commerce helps tremendously in enhancing local business.
8. **What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** I would say this is a case by case basis and depending on the type of tax structure.

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 business community does a great job of getting through a lot especially storms and still helping the community. The residents also do good at helping local business recover when disaster strikes.
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**

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alleviate and reduce some of the detrimental effects of such occurrences? I think we need to come up with a plan to protect us and be ready for anything. The residents are concerned about flooding particularly and that is something we need to continue fixing or addressing now.

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?** As a small business owner myself, it is difficult hiring people that cannot afford to live here. I believe that is one of the reasons why small local businesses can't find anyone to work especially anyone local.
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** I think hiring good people starts with the hiring process. Also some factors also include good pay and benefits. You can't attract good people if you aren't willing to pay them a decent salary.

* ** 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.**
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?**