



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

FIRST NAME: LAST NAME:

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. **While in office, what will be your top priorities?** My top priorities will be the people of Deltona and the serious challenges we face due to years of bad decisions and ill-fated development schemes. For many years, our Commission has been highlighted by personal squabbles and behavior that is downright unbecoming and unethical. They have been a rubber stamp for home builders and developers regardless of infrastructure needs of the city. It is the time to reassess impact fees and many other items to put the residents first and not those looking to make a quick dollar off our backs.
2. **What influenced you to run for office?** I have been encouraged by my friends, neighbors, and the community at large who do not feel this Commission represents them.
3. **Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** I look to my District 6 community members for consultation on key issues.

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

1. **What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** The government should largely get out of the way and let local businesses thrive. Overregulation should be frowned upon.
2. **Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** Every year, taxes and fees on existing residents balloon higher and higher. It's time to look beyond taxing District 6 out of town. My opponent thinks increasing the stormwater tax to the highest in Central Florida and declining a full rollback on property taxes during hard times is a good idea. I disagree. I want to revisit our impact fee schedule and make new development pay for itself. The Homestead Exemption and Save Our Homes cap will protect our primary residents while higher impact fees allow us to ensure the community thrives. Growing a commercial tax base will also help us achieve this goal.
3. **Do you believe businesses play a pivotal role in our community?** Yes, and I would like to see more in Deltona.
4. **What role do you see for yourself in helping to grow businesses of all sizes in your position?** We need a comprehensive plan on economic development to ensure our commercial growth is realized. As a professional with expertise in government consulting, I have the background to achieve this.
5. **What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** We lack a strong existing presence of commercial businesses.
6. **What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** There is an absence of a strong commercial business presence as it is; growth would mean creating an environment that allows existing commercial zoned parcels to thrive while refocusing us from more new home rezones to a more diverse array of places to eat, shop, and play.
7. **What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** I adopted one of our busiest thoroughfares in District 6 to beautify the area and make it a more welcoming environment for businesses. Since adopting Fort Smith Boulevard, several businesses have approached the City looking to open on parcels adjacent to the corridor. I patronize our local businesses like Crustini's Pizza and others. I created videos on social media to highlight Deltona and our many resources.
8. **What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** We need to provide economic opportunities for local businesses, and not new taxes. It's time our businesses get the same treatment as new home builders.

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?** Within a month of being elected, I will graduate with an Engineering

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degree from Daytona State College. Having worked in government consulting with a focus on multi-billion dollar infrastructure work programs, I am intimately familiar with the need for infrastructure resiliency. We should work with new business owners to ensure their items like stormwater retention ponds are not only sufficient from an engineering perspective but also enhance their aesthetic. Resiliency can look good too and that's why we need professionals in place to help them realize it.

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?** We need to put an end to building new homes in flood-prone areas. We need to stop building new homes that create flooding for other areas. From a local perspective, that's the thing we can work on from day one. Higher levels of government will need to work on the bigger picture issues.

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?** Our Commission needs to do its own work on developing workforce housing and not rely on the Live Local Act to do it for them. Deltona has been historically known as a "bedroom community" and I want to change that reputation. We do want to reduce congestion on our local roads and improve the quality of life for our residents. Working with partners, such as the autonomous vehicle industry, to bring innovative technology to our community will also help with this. I have those relationships.
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** Refocusing from building more new homes to allowing more businesses and industries into Deltona will allow us to increase salaries and attract and retain staff. As the only young professional in my race, I would love to go to work every day in District 6!

* ** 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?**