



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

FIRST NAME: James LAST NAME: Powers

SEEKING TO BE ELECTED TO: Volusia County Sheriff

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. **While in office, what will be your top priorities?** Upholding Constitutional rights, protecting our residents within the border of Volusia County and avoiding policing for profit
2. **What influenced you to run for office?** Witnessing the rights of American citizens being violated
3. **Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** The Constitution

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

1. **What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** Please remember who our local elected politicians were in 2020 that violated our rights and shut down local businesses. I disagree with how it was handled and as a Constitutional Sheriff, we can keep three letter agencies out of our County.
2. **Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** Not in my realm of the branch I will hold office.
3. **Do you believe businesses play a pivotal role in our community?** Absolutely. We need less crime and less advertising of the crime in our County, which will then further develop the interest and create thriving businesses and employees. At this point in time, we are deteriorating the values and reputation of our County
4. **What role do you see for yourself in helping to grow businesses of all sizes in your position?** Less crime equals more tourists and safer residents. Those equate to more money spent and thriving businesses. As Sheriff, I want our police staff and residents to work together...to be a community and work side by side to ensure safe streets and businesses, rather than it being fear-based. Safe streets, happy residents and a thriving tourist economy will ensure a booming industry for our local businesses of all sizes.
5. **What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** Detering crime
6. **What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** N/A
7. **What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** Current local business owner
8. **What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** N/A

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?** N/A
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?** N/A

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?** N/A
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** N/A

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* ** 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?