



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

FIRST NAME: LAST NAME:

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. **While in office, what will be your top priorities?** Protecting of our free market system, Tax relief, family empowerment, special needs population support, local water quality projects.
2. **What influenced you to run for office?** I have five children. We're at risk for the first time ever in this country of leaving our kids worse off than the previous generation left us. I'm not sitting on the sidelines during the most critical time in our nation's history.
3. **Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** I look to speak with the people who are directly impacted and ones on both sides of the issue. I want to hear from all sides pro and con before making my decision.

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

1. **What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** Government should stay out of business and allow them to thrive with fewer regulations and low taxes. Government should only be used to correct deficiencies with deregulation and streamlining processes.
2. **Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** Any time taxes and fees can reduced I am in favor. I live paycheck to paycheck so additional taxes on everyday expenditures hit our family hard and often times prevent us from making a purchase.
3. **Do you believe businesses play a pivotal role in our community?** Business is vital in any community. It's the lifeblood for raising a family, having a safe community, quality schools, etc. President Coolidge said it perfect, "The business of the American people is business."
4. **What role do you see for yourself in helping to grow businesses of all sizes in your position?** Continue to keep our tax structure competitive, expand workforce housing availability, promote apprenticeship programs and career/technical training in our schools so our business feeder system is the highest quality.
5. **What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** Housing availability and affordability. If workers cannot afford to raise their families then they won't stay or move here to work.
6. **What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** Expanding your reach and services. Providing more job opportunities and greater ability to serve others.
7. **What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** Tax relief, streamlining permitting processing, apprenticeship programs for schools, appropriations project for Embry Riddle which will yield over 400 high paying jobs.
8. **What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** Local taxes are controlled by local government. As councilman I never supported higher taxes. Businesses always get hit the hardest and eventually it makes its way down to the average individual. I support reductions and eliminating duplicative taxes.

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?** Maintenance of critical infrastructure. Water quality. Water reuse. Education and workforce transition. Business can always take a lead role in educating the public and participating with local non profits and schools. All hands on deck.
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?** The natural events are not unlike

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every other natural events that have been occurring for centuries. Our hurricanes and flooding events are not "climate change" related. We can assist in protecting ourselves with consistent investment in storm water runoff and reuse projects, new infrastructure, upgraded infrastructure, etc.

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?** There is definitely a need as I've mentioned in previous answers. I proudly supported the Live Local Act because housing works like every other product or commodity. The faster the demand and the lower the supply yields a higher price. We need to stop reducing the supply to keep up with the demand.
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** The way to start hiring the best is by training the best. Our education system needs to be evolving to meet the current needs. Instead of preparing kids for college while in high school we should be preparing them for careers. The business community should take the lead in this.

* ** 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.** Protect the legislation and Tort reform of the past few years from being repealed. This was critical to correct the market.
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?** Yes. We have seen rate reductions and, in addition, 9 new carriers enter the Florida market creating more choice and more competition. These are positive steps forward but it will take time to level out. The crisis did not occur overnight and therefore will not correct itself overnight. We also need a little luck by not having any major storms hit this year.