



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

FIRST NAME: LAST NAME:
SEEKING TO BE ELECTED TO:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1. While in office, what will be your top priorities?** I intend to continue to address the rising costs of property insurance and, in particular, address coverage issues for consumers. Carriers owe the consumer a duty of loyalty, a duty to reasonably underwrite their insurance, and to cover claims in a timely fashion. Otherwise, its my goal to give everyone a fair opportunity to succeed and then get government out of the way. We must keep tax burdens low and opportunity high
- 2. What influenced you to run for office?** I had been encouraged by many in my community to seek office, but it was not until 2016 that the timing was correct to begin public service.
- 3. Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** My wife, Michelle, is my confidante and sounding board. I have been blessed to have work ed with tremendous leaders in my tenure in the Florida House, and often look to them for counsel

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

- 1. What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** The fewer regulations, the wider the opportunity for success. It is a continuing effort.
- 2. Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** The lower the taxes and the fewer the fees, the more robust the Florida economy can be and yield greater GDP.
- 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?** By helping create a climate for growth.
- 5. What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** Workforce development and supply.
- 6. What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** Growth means job creation.
- 7. What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** I have a long record of pro-business legislation for our community.
- 8. What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** I look forward to discussing as the question is not clear.

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?** In Daytona Beach, like many coastal areas, building resilience against natural disasters and economic challenges is crucial. Through risk assessment and planning, developing and updating resilience plans, infrastructure investment and diversification of the economy we can address the issues of resiliency.
- 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 will work with Governor DeSantis and his agencies, with our federal partners and with local agencies to harden our communities and prepare for more active storm seasons

FIRST NAME: Tom

LAST NAME: Leek

SEEKING TO BE ELECTED TO: Senate District 7 Seat

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 supported and voted for the Live Local Act, and will continue to work to find real solutions to our challenges in affordable housing. This will be an ongoing challenge, and I see the Legislature as in constant review and revision of Live Local as conditions and investment require in order to have a local workforce living in affordable housing. This is a high-growth area, and our challenges are not solved overnight, but we must make progress every day.
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** We attract the best employees by partnering with all stakeholders, including our Chamber members, to make our communities the most attractive places to work, to live, to raise a family and retire. It is our responsibility to our community to work together. Government alone cannot solve this challenge, nor should it.

* ** 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? Absolutely.**