



QUESTIONNAIRE & RESPONSES

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1. While in office, what will be your top priorities?** As a County Council person for Zone 2 in the County of Volusia, my top priorities would include:
 1. Infrastructure Development - Ensuring that the infrastructure in Zone 2 is well-maintained and developed to support the growing needs of the community.
 2. Economic Development - Focusing on initiatives that promote economic growth, attract businesses, and create job opportunities for residents in Zone 2.
 3. Community Engagement - Actively engaging with residents, community organizations, and local businesses to understand their needs and concerns, and working towards solutions that benefit the community as a whole.
 4. Environmental Conservation - Implementing policies and programs that protect the environment, preserve natural resources, and promote sustainability in Zone 2.
 5. Public Safety - Collaborating with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders to ensure the safety and well-being of residents in Zone 2.
 6. Education and Youth Development - Supporting educational initiatives and programs that enhance the quality of education for youth in Zone 2. This is priority is very important to me as it can ultimately result in our youth wanting to stay and invest in our community to improve the quality of living for their family and friends.
 7. Affordable Housing - Addressing the issue of affordable housing in Zone 2 by educating the residents that affordable housing does not mean substandard housing. It simply means that financial solutions are brought to the table to fill the gap in financing to make the home affordable for persons whose incomes are in the lower to moderate income level. Ownership inspires investment in the place where people reside.These priorities would be aimed at improving the quality of life for residents in Zone 2 and contributing to the overall development and prosperity of the community in the County of Volusia.
- 2. What influenced you to run for office?** I was influenced to run for the District 2 County Council Seat because I believe that the current is occupying the position without a real passion to resolve the issues in district 2 and I don't believe they value all citizens the same. Moreover, I don't believe that the current occupant is focused on the small businesses.
- 3. Who do you look to for advice and consult when making decisions that will affect the public?** I have many professional relationships with very knowledgeable people in different disciplines who are available whenever I call upon them for advice or correction. My relationships span across several industries.

GOVERNMENT / BUSINESS REGULATIONS

- 1. What are your thoughts on government's involvement with regulations for businesses?** I believe in minimal government involvement with regulations for businesses. I believe that when government is involved with regulatory mandates the procedures that are developed need to be simple and the process should create minimal burden for businesses.
- 2. Where do you see yourself on taxes and fees? What is your opinion on the current structure?** The tax structure has become more complicated over the years as some taxes have been re categorized as fees. I believe a review by of the county's taxes and fees should be evaluated by a third-party consultant and the Council Should hold workshops to obtain a thorough and competent understanding or tax and fee structure to hold County Mangement accountable for their constituents.
- 3. Do you believe businesses play a pivotal role in our community?** Yes, I believe that businesses play a pivotal role in our community. Businesses drive economic growth, create job opportunities, generate revenue, and contribute to the prosperity of community. Additionally, businesses support local events, invest in the neighborhood infrastructure, engage in philanthropic activities and contribute to the local identity and culture of our community.
- 4. What role do you see for yourself in helping to grow businesses of all sizes in your position?** Consulting with business in my district and ensuring the i fight to include their solutions

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5. **What are the most pressing issues in the office you are seeking as it relates to local businesses?** I believe the most pressing issue as it relates to local business in growth and cost of growth.
6. **What does growth mean to you as it relates to business?** Growth is a great for business. Smart Growth is greater for business especially if the economic impact is distributed proportionately.
7. **What have you done to enhance the business community in your area?** I volunteered for number of communities to organize and troubleshoot neighborhood issues. As tax consultant I am continually advocating for small businesses.
8. **What are your thoughts on tax structures for local businesses?** I believe the tax structure can be improved. I believe equitable distribution of tax expense will be my focus while in office.

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?** I believe a shift in the local building code is an immediate short-term action that we can undertake to minimize loss of property and productivity.
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?** I believe the department that deals with environmental issues, have to develop short term strategies for implementation.

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 absolutely a need for moderate to medium income homeownership subsidy, The increase in housing cost will continue to discourage our younger population to stay, work, and engage in creating solutions to some of the problems in our community. A local Housing Act is critical for maintain a quality workforce.
2. **Workforce housing is only a part of the problem. How can we hire the best employees? How do we attract good applicants?** I believe that you hire the right manager who understands the mandate of the policymakers and hold the manager accountable for attracting the right people the fulfill the Councils mandate.

*** 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?**