Debbie Dolbow Questionnaire Responses

Edgewater City Council District 3

1. What motivated you to run for office?

"What brought me back to run again is simple, I care deeply about my community and want to stay involved in the decisions that shape our future.

We still have important work ahead of us, from protecting the Indian River Lagoon and building out projects like the Wetland Park, to make sure we grow our economy in a way that keeps taxes stable for the residents.

These are long term efforts, not short term fixes. I want to continue being part of the team that sees them through, makes thoughtful decisions, and keeps Edgewater moving in a direction that protects both our quality of life and our taxpayers."

2. What is your professional experience, and how does that experience qualify you for the office you are seeking?

"My experience comes from a lifetime of service, leadership, and working with people. I proudly served six years in the United States Air Force, where I learned discipline, accountability and the importance of putting the mission first.

Professionally, I've owned and operated businesses, managed budgets, built relationships and solved problems. Those experiences taught me how to make responsible financial decisions, listen to different perspectives and work toward practical solutions.

During my first term on city Council, I've gained firsthand experience with municipal budgeting, infrastructure planning, economic development, utility systems, and long-term capital projects. I've worked to support our local businesses, protect our natural resources

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and make decisions that are fiscally responsible while keeping the best interest of our residents forefront.

I believe that serving on City Council is about being prepared, asking the right questions, listening to the community and making thoughtful decisions. My background in the military service, business, and public service has given me the experience and perspective to continue serving Edgewater with integrity and common sense."

3. If elected, what will be your top priorities?

"My top priorities are protecting our quality of life while planning responsibly for Edgewater's future.

First, I want to continue investing in infrastructure, including roads, utilities, storm-water and flood mitigation. Delaying these projects only increase cost for taxpayers down the road.

Second, I want to protect and improve the Indian River Lagoon by supporting storm-water projects, the Edgewater Wetland Park and other initiatives that improve water quality.

Third, I want to strengthen our local economy by attracting more commercial and industrial businesses. A stronger business community creates jobs, broadens our tax base and helps reduce the financial burden on homeowners.

Finally, I will continue practicing fiscal responsibility by carefully managing the city's budget, continue pursuing grants and outside funding whenever possible and making sure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely. My goal is to leave Edgewater stronger, more resilient and well prepared for future generations."

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