



2024 Republican State Committee Candidate Questionnaire

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1. How long have you lived in Collier County, and where were you living previously?

I moved to Collier County in 1992, shortly after Hurricane Andrew. I had been living in Boston where I completed a cardiology fellowship.

2. How long have you been a member of the Collier County Republican Executive Committee (CCREC)?

Twenty years

3. What previous Party positions have you held?

President of Duke University College Republicans: 1978

Alternate-Delegate RNC: 2008, 2024

Delegate RNC: 2012, 2020

Chairman of CCREC: 2010-2012, 2020-2022

Member of 2020 Florida Electoral College

4. Why are you running for this position?

I believe that my years of experience and leadership as a constitutional conservative Republican, combined with my working relationship with Republican Party elected officials from across Florida, make me the better candidate to represent Collier County's 139,000 registered Republicans at the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) as our only Republican State Committeeman.

5. What are the responsibilities of a State Committeeman/woman? Are you committed to fulfilling them?

Florida Statutes and the RPOF Constitution spell out the duties of this party office, which include residency and attendance requirements and adherence to the Republican Party's loyalty oath. Privileges of the office include a seat on the Executive Board of the CCREC, the power to veto the approval of a Republican club's charter, and membership in the RPOF (which includes the right to vote for its chairman and other officers). Every four years, the State Committeeman,

State Committeewoman, and County Chairman also vote with their counterparts in Lee or Miami-Dade counties to elect Delegates to the Republican National Convention. These same party leaders fill a vacancy in nomination for the office of United States Representative, state senator, state representative, state attorney, or public defender if the Republican nominee is disqualified or dies after the August primary election but before the November election.

I am committed to fulfilling my duties as State Committeeman - and to exceed those duties by being the leader within the Florida Republican Party that Collier County deserves as the home of Senator Scott, Senator Passidomo, and Congressman Donalds.

6. Do you believe you are representing all Collier County Republicans or those who are members of the CCREC?

The State Committeeman is elected by all Collier County Republicans who vote. In contrast, the CCREC Chairman is elected by the precinct committeemen/women who represent Republican voters in their precincts. So, the State Committeeman is directly elected by Republican voters, while the CCREC Chairman is indirectly elected by those voters. But both represent all Republican voters.

7. What is the most important thing voters should know about the issues at stake in this election before making their decision about who to vote for?

I am an America First, pro-Trump, constitutional conservative Republican. I believe that the Republican Party should be a grassroots organization with power derived from Republican voters. I also believe that the CCREC, comprised of precinct committeemen/women who are elected by those voters, should play a pivotal role in vetting candidates for local office, ensuring that they align with our conservative values.

My opponent has the opposite view. He has been endorsed by a PAC seeking to diminish the CCREC's involvement in local elections, to return us to a time when the CCREC remained passive while teachers unions and "woke" PACs handpicked School Board majorities.

Empower the voters, not PACs - vote for Frank Schwerin!

Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com , no later than Monday, July 29

Thank you.