



Questions for
Naples City Council Candidates

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1. About you:

- How old are you? **28**
- How long have you lived in the City of Naples, and where did you live previously? **Visited since childhood, full time since 2022. Lived 20+ places previously, predominantly DMV area, California, Germany, and Midwest.**
- What is your educational background and past work experience? **Reichenbach Gymnasium (German school system), B.A. University of Virginia, background in communications consulting and Director of Communications in tech, currently working in asset management and environmental testing.**

2. What are your thoughts on the proposed NCH Heart and Stroke Institute and its location on NCH's Downtown Naples campus?

The Heart and Stroke Institute is one of the most clear-cut and worthy opportunities to present itself to Naples in recent years. Our citizens want and deserve to have world-class life-saving care within minutes of their doorsteps, and we are more than capable of realizing opportunities like these in a way that is faithful and sensitive to our overall city footprint.

3. Do you support the Naples Airport continuing to operate at its current location along Airport-Pulling Road? What are the most important considerations with respect to a potential relocation of the Airport?

Yes – much of what forms the backbone of Naples – its visitors, commerce, beauty, and standards – come directly from the incredible convenience

offered by our airport. There is never a reason to rule out more information and carefully weigh the experts and new studies being conducted, but there are many straightforward improvements (such as changes for “Higher, Faster”) that are currently being left on the table by our elected officials.

4. What are the most important factors to be considered by City Council as it is asked to approve redevelopment proposals for the 5th Avenue South Extension, Four Corners, and Davis Triangle areas?

Any sensible development or redevelopment needs to be closely aligned with our City Vision. Then, we need to see specific attention paid to the environmental risks and frivolous development that citizens have made clear they want to see kept under control. Development can exist and Naples can and should exist in the 21st century, but not at the complete expense of our charm and way of life.

5. What are the most important environmental (especially water-related) issues facing the City of Naples? What measures can and should City Council take in the next four years to address them?

Water quality is paramount – anyone who wants to be pro-commerce, pro-business, or pro-Naples has to acknowledge the lifeblood of our City and the water that keeps our beaches world-class and our residents healthy. We need clear direction and leadership that will prevent environmental resources from being mismanaged or neglected for years at a time, and our Council needs to equip themselves and staff with the knowledge and confidence to enforce existing codes as well as take the conversation to the state level when necessary.

6. Some people generally want to limit any new development and keep Naples the way it is. Others are generally opposed to any infringement on property owners’ rights. Where do you fall on the continuum between the two?

Naples residents and out of town developers looking to profit off of our beautiful city do not deserve the same deference or considerations. The people who live, work, and pay taxes here deserve to have the utmost control over their own properties while we work together to sensibly preserve our City Vision and charm. External projects, on the other hand, will be weighed carefully and strictly in line with our codes and preferences, and things like the Heart Center will happily get careful treatment so long as they are an asset to our community and citizens before they attempt to be anything else.

7. Was there a City Council vote during the last four years in which you disagreed with the outcome? If so, why did you disagree?

I was confused to see taxes go up at the same time that our property values managed to go up (despite a hurricane) and there was simultaneous

mismanaging of unnecessary litigation and driving up massive additional costs for things like the Outfall project.

8. What three things do you want to accomplish in the next four years?

Get a handle on our spending and taxes (Naples doesn't have an income problem), commit to a decisive path of environmental protection on our most critical projects (such as stormwater, outfall, lake health), and reinvigorate our Council and City Manager to strongly protect our codes and home rule to keep our small town charm and way of life in tact.

Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com, no later than February 2, 2024.