



**Candidate Questionnaire – Marco Island City Council
November 2026 General Election**

Deadline: Sept. 21, 2026

Return to: sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com

1. Full name as you'd like it to appear, and age. (25 words)

Jason Christopher Bailey – I am 50 years old

2. Where were you born or raised, and how long have you lived on Marco Island? (50 words)

I was born and raised in suburban Detroit. I moved to Marco in December of 1996, so I've been here nearly 30 years. My wife and I have raised 4 children here. My wife and I are fortunate to have parents who still live here on Marco and in Naples.

3. Education: institution(s) attended and field of study. (25 words)

Associate in Arts from Eastern FL State College

4. Current occupation and employer, and a brief summary of relevant work experience. (75 words)

I have owned, started, and/or operated several businesses in the area. I'm currently the majority owner of FCI Homes, which is a company that has been building homes locally for 30 plus years. My business ownership and work experience here has allowed me to build relationships with countless full time residents, business owners and seasonal residents over the last 30 years. Working together and solving problems are strengths I've gained as a business owner.

5. Any prior public service, elected or appointed positions, board memberships, or civic/volunteer work relevant to this race. (75 words)

I served our City on the Ad-Hoc Parking Solutions Committee and currently serve on the Marco Island Planning Board. I'm in my eighth year of service and my fifth as the Chair. I've been given the opportunity to gain valuable experience with serving our community in a public role. I've also gained a great deal of knowledge of our City's Comprehensive Plan, our Land Development Code and City processes. I support several local organizations.

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6. What are your top three or four priorities if elected, and why? (200 words)

1. Strengthening City processes - Improve the “How Can We Help” Culture at the City and work on plans to capture institutional knowledge for staff nearing retirement
2. Ensuring Council has current, reliable data for decision-making – complete an updated Level of Service report, a redone 2026 traffic study, a completed density study and more.
3. Revisit Boards and Committees – establish clearer goals and establish recommended minimum standards for applicants. Establish regular workshops with Council to improve effectiveness

7. Name one decision or action by the City Council in the last four years that you disagreed with, and explain why. (125 words)

One action I’ve disagreed with is the 8 years of rollback in our millage rates. We should have had more debate about this in the last 2-3 years and we should have had more thoughtful conversations about our true budget needs for upkeep, maintenance and replacement of City resources as well as ensuring we have appropriate reserves. There are several examples of where the City is now trying to play catch up, including parks and rec facilities and grounds, ongoing swale maintenance, bridge repairs and replacement, pension liabilities and more. I’m committed to working with the other members of Council to better define our desired levels of service and the costs to maintain them.

8. Name one decision or action by the City Council in the last four years that you supported and would want to see continued. (125 words)

In 2023, City Council supported acquisition of several parcels through the Conservation Collier Program. As an Island, we have limited opportunities for conservation as we approach buildout and as prices continue to increase. Our natural environment and wildlife are some of the things that contribute to Marco Island’s unique character, which I will work to protect if elected to Council. I’m grateful for the Councilors who championed this and for the Councilors who supported this. There are two “A” ranked parcels on the active acquisition list and I would encourage Council to support these acquisitions. I would strongly encourage our Council to actively help identify additional parcels and to advocate for additional acquisitions in the future.

9. Any endorsements you'd like listed. (list format, no limit)

Dan Kastholm

Ed Dublois

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State Representative Yvette Benarroch

City Councilor Tamara Goebler

City Councilor Deb Henry

City Councilor Rene Champagne

Carlos Portu, MD

Allison Richards

Mike Hogan

Geoff Fahringer

Tom Hornstein

Marie Lynn McChesney

Joann Sanborn

Claire Babrowski

10. Campaign website and any active social media accounts.

Website - <https://www.jasonformarco.com>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/JasonBaileyForMarcoIslandCityCouncil>

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