



## 2020 Candidate Questionnaire

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1. What diversity of perspective, attributes, knowledge or skills would you bring to the office that differentiates you or that the other candidates don't have?

Among all the candidates for Florida Congressional District 19, I am the only one who has written and published extensively about good governance and community development in Southwest Florida and around the world. I have a depth of knowledge and expertise in evaluation and policy design, an expertise unmatched in the field.

I also bring the perspective of the mother of a critically ill child facing a deeply flawed health care system. While my youngest daughter was fighting for her life, I was fighting the insurance companies. This experience has made me the champion for health care reform that I am.

Uniquely amongst the candidates, I also bring the perspective of someone who has been an immigrant outside of the US. This experience afforded me the opportunity to understand other cultures, as well as my own, in a more nuanced way, developing empathy for different types of people and skills to navigate diverse situations.

2. What are three things you want to accomplish if you are elected to this office?

1. Our water – Protect our waters by funding research of red tide and blue-green algae and holding polluters accountable.
2. Our health – reforming healthcare to make it affordable and accessible to everyone, cutting out profiteering through cost-setting, creating a national program with decentralized administration and sliding scale user fees for participation focusing on preventative care.

3. Our community – Creating a Southwest Florida where the sun shines on everyone, ensuring all legislation is considered through an equity lens and economic recovery programs focus on helping everyday people get back on their feet from the economic crisis and small businesses can thrive.

3. Name one current public policy position you disagree with that you would like to change if elected. Why do you disagree?

4. What is the most important thing voters should know about you before making their decision in this race?

I have the technical expertise to design government policy and the desire to serve the public with inclusive processes for input. My experience has prepared me to be the servant leader the people of Southwest Florida deserve. If you want a well-functioning, efficient, and effective government that serves the people, I'm the candidate for you.

**Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, [sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com](mailto:sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com) , no later than June 15, 2020.**