



## 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?

My background and experience as an attorney defending the rights of vulnerable populations has prepared me to serve the people of Florida. I have been fighting for families and immigrants for over eleven years. As the Managing Attorney and Director of Immigration Legal Services of a global non-profit organization, I have represented hundreds of families and immigrants; advocated for due process rights and human rights; built coalitions with community partners to provide charitable services to the community; and identified the different needs of our community and provided services in accordance to those needs. My leadership experience, work with the community, and training as an attorney will be transferred into my work as a legislator. We need proven leaders with demonstrable public service records to truly represent us all in Tallahassee.

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

1. Strengthen and properly fund our public education system.
2. Strengthen environmental laws and improve our water quality.
3. Reform our criminal justice system and ensure equality for all, including women, minorities, immigrants, and members of the LGBTQ community.

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

The recently passed parental consent abortion law. The law requires that minors obtain consent from a parent or obtain a judicial waiver before receiving abortion services. The law not only places an undue burden on a woman's right to an abortion, but it potentially

will subject minors to forced birth, abuse, violence, and undue influence. The law needs to be repealed.

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

I am running to continue to represent our community and those without a voice. I am the candidate that will secure the necessary votes needed to flip District 105 this year.

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