



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?

I believe in making a good decision based on the best knowledge you have at your disposal. You make a decision, (as I have to run for office) and then you move forward. Have a goal, make a plan, and move to bring that goal into fruition. I have made this the cornerstone of my life, and it has carried me far. I grow up in Florida, and have spent my life here, with the last 22 years in Florida House District 80. With my 4 brothers I learned how working together with others requires compromise. You take care of each other, fight for what is right, do the right by others, and above all be honest and truthful. I believe in a strong work ethic, as work was the cornerstone of my family, and meaningful work is healthy for the mind, soul, and body. I know that accomplishment requires, dedication, ingenuity, compromise and a lot of teamwork. I have worked to give my children a better life, and encouraged them that if they work hard their goals would be achieved. As a Special Educational Teacher, I learned that goals must be achievable yet challenging, and can bring rewards beyond one's wildest expectations. We are all capable of more than we think. I will be a fighter in the House who will work across party lines to accomplish what might be thought difficult. I will focus on policy that will make life better for Florida and work to bring policy based on science and research.

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

1. Health Security: Expansion of Medicaid, giving 1.5 million Floridians health care benefits. This security from disaster will protect families and provide stability to families.
2. Woman's Equality: Passing the ERA and protecting woman's reproductive rights, and equal pay for equal work. Including family leave for both parents.
3. Fair and Equal Housing: Protecting and increasing private home ownership to stabilize families and provide greater stability in all communities.

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

I disagree with the current public policy to disband the Affordable Care Act, and in Florida that has resulted in not passing a law that would expand Medicaid and bring an additional 800,000 Floridians under the security blanket of affordable health care. Let me be clear this is a policy that is undermining our economic security, family security, even our national security, as brought to light with this current pandemic. The State of Florida's current administration's only argument on this failed policy to not expand Medicaid, is based on their efforts to destroy the ACA, not on what is good for the people of Florida. To date 37 states have expanded Medicaid while we are one of 13 who have refused. This continued stubbornness is beyond sound comprehension, especially since we have already paid for this coverage. It is truly cruel, leaving people unprotected if they get sick with Covid-19. How can we help out our people in Florida? One way to help would be to pass the expansion of Medicaid, and provide a safety net to families if a loved one gets sick.

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

I will work to improve general prosperity across populations and provide for the increased security of medical, housing, and jobs. I will work to intergrade new smart technology that protects our climate and lowers sea-level rise. I will work to reach across party lines to address the 80th District issues and work to stop the "Party over policy" gridlock. I will work to find common ground to make the changes that will propel Florida into the future. I will craft policies based on mutual respect and need with a focus on a broad understanding of the issues. I will work to protect women rights, expand voting rights, and protect reproductive rights. I will work to restore the Everglades and improve ground water aquifers, which will safeguard the quality

of our drinking water. I will work our citizens who have been left out, and protect their path to a more secure future.

Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com , no later than June 15, 2020.