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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 could list a plethora of titles, awards, medals and accommodations, but believe the most important thing it is rather a simple, local tenure. I have 35 years of local leadership experience, perspective, knowledge, and understanding of this very community. I have had one job for 30 years, right here in this community. No other candidate has lived the history of economic downturns, building moratorium, furloughs, downsizing, business closures etc. Based on this local experience I will continue to lead.

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

1. Protect clean water, air, pristine coastlines and maintain our quality of life
2. Advocate for workforce, senior and veteran housing
3. Attract and retain businesses to expand our tax base and keep our taxes low

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

Stormwater Utility Program. In 2017 and 18, the County attempted to create a stormwater utility program. I fully support any improvements made to improve our water quality. However, I cannot support passing a fee onto the residents, based on their "impervious" surface of their property.

The County should have looked at their reserves, sharpened their pencils, demanded accountability for each dollar spent and included these types of improvements within a capital improvement budget before ever attempting to pass it along to the taxpayer as an additional fee.

The County's productivity committee suggested the County pay for the suggested Stormwater improvements within their budget and not add an additional tax to the residents and I would support that.

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

For the past 35 years, I have lived in Collier County and have already built relationships, earned respect and have a proven record of results. Over three decades of experience as a first responder, restaurant manager, business owner, HOA President, President of the Naples (and Florida) Jaycees, school mentor, volunteer for various nonprofit organizations and family man solidify my commitment to Collier County. I have already been fighting for the best interest of our community. Now, I would like to continue that service in a different capacity.

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