



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 am from Florida, grew up right here in district 5 of Collier County- on a 30-acre farm. This is what makes me different, I am a regular guy who has worked for a living in Collier County. My perspectives are the closest to the actual residents that it can be.

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

1. Developers should be able to fund their projects, these developments shouldn't become a burden to the taxpayer, like Rivergrass
2. After so many residents showing up to talk about the current traffic situation, and lack of infrastructure in the estates area- the current commissioners including the commissioner for district 5, Bill McDaniel- voted to pass more development. The residents of this community need to be heard-
3. Community is what should empower changes like new growth and development. There are many parts of district 5 that have been forgotten or over looked and the focus has been on real estate and big developers. The current covid 19 crisis in Immokalee is a great example of this. Immokalee does not have a hospital, we are continue to build more homes in district 5, especially on Immokalee Road, and these new residences are just going to create more of a burden on the current infrastructure that the current residents of Immokalee and the estates area already face on a fairly basis.

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

Need to ensure that property taxes do not continue to increase. We saw a major increase in Collier County last year. Considering more and more people have moved in to the district 5 area; those currently living out here should be given a tax break for sharing the already limited road ways and gas stations, etc. These roads are dangerous, at least use the tax increase to pay for expansion of roads like Randall Blvd or Traffic Lights near the new shopping plaza at 951 and Immokalee Road- instead of using those dollars to attract MORE developers by the beautification of the medians on Immokalee Road.

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

I am a regular guy, who is just like most of the people who live in district 5. I enjoy the outdoors and love raising my family out in the Estates area, where I grew up. I value and appreciate places like Corkscrew Swamp and Shady Hollow, it is my concern for these places and the future of our community that has caused me to run for commissioner. I spoke out with others from the community against the massive development of Rivergrass- we were not heard. I decided it was time for someone to look out for the community and residents in the district, unlike others, I have no real estate investment or developer investments to gain from more buildings. I just want to do what the residents think is best for district 5.

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