



2020 Candidate Questionnaire

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1. About you:

1. How old are you? **71**
2. How long have you lived in Collier County, and where were you living previously? **9+ years - Connecticut**
3. What is your educational background and past work experiences?  
**B.A., Georgian Court University - Regional Administrator, American International Group/AIG - 40 design credits, FIT/Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC - Sole owner/mgr/principal designer, Darien Design**

2. Why are you running for this position? **I'm running because I don't feel represented, perhaps you don't either. Twenty-two years of one-party rule has resulted in business/financial interests and short-term profits being prioritized over people and long-term stability.**

3. What are three things you want to accomplish if you are elected?

1. **In 2021 it will be critical to deal with the projected \$3.4B deficit for our state - if the legislature doesn't act, that burden falls to us. We must end the FREE ride for our largest corporations. Eliminate tax loopholes, cuts, credits, and exemptions in the FL Corporate Tax Law - 5% is the statutory rate, but 99% of corporations pay nothing. [this wouldn't affect LLC's and small businesses.]**

2. **This is our HOME - our health, lifestyle, jobs, investments, and economy depend on clean water. Failing sewage systems, aging septic tanks, animal waste from ranching, mining byproducts, and chemicals and fertilizers from agriculture; we must find solutions, stop pollution at its source, and hold polluters accountable.**
3. **Health & Public Safety: Increase mental health funding and expand Medicaid; cover 800 thousand more Floridians and spend less. Repeal "Stand Your Ground," it's an excuse that escalates violent behavior. Honor the second amendment, but require background checks for all gun sales.**
4. Name one current policy decision of the state that you disagree with and would like to change if elected. Why? **Education: Stop arming teachers and require any school that accepts public funds to have the same oversight, standards, requirements, supervision and accountability as a traditional public school.**

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

I'm an experienced administrator who's also owned and operated a small business. I have a background in regional, state and local politics. I've worked hard my whole life to be a dedicated community volunteer and civic leader, but many of our problems can only be solved by the Florida State Legislature.

I'm asking for your vote in the November election. Imagine ... a State Representative working for YOU, not special interests. I promise focused leadership and practical solutions that save time, taxes and resources to create a Florida that works - for all of us.

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

**Thank you!**