



**Candidate Questionnaire - County Commissioner  
August 2022 Primary Election**

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Today's date: June 4, 2022

What year did you move to Southwest Florida, and where were you living previously?  
Craig, my husband, and I moved full time to Naples as renters in 2015 and became owners and residents in 2017. We lived in Chicago from 1977 until 2016.

What is your educational background and work experience?  
Barnard College, Columbia University, BA 1974. Harvard School of Design, Master's in City and Regional Planning, 1977

Employed as Loan Officer for Multi-Family Housing: Department of Housing and Urban Development in Chicago and Norwest Bank (later merged with Wells Fargo).

I founded and ran 3 businesses after the first of three sons were born: (a ) Quiet Collier, Inc. Current [www.QuietCollierInc.org](http://www.QuietCollierInc.org) (b) Let's Speak English/SpeakIQ (consulting for SE Asian/American immigrants and expatriates, in Chicago and Asia (3) Renaissance Properties (owning and managing rental housing marketing to Section 8 voucher holders in Skokie and Evanston Illinois).

Relevant Volunteer Experiences: Science Olympiad, Advocate for Cleland House, a 100% Income Restricted Rental Building in Wilmette, Program Co-Chair 21-22 Naples Native Plant Society.

Describe a time in the last ten years when you led an effort to bring about change in our community. Was your effort a success? Why or why not?

As Bebe Kanter, and later as the Founder of Quiet Collier, Inc. I have advocated for zoning and code reform to make it financially feasible to develop high density housing west of Collier County Boulevard. Quiet Collier has actively campaigned against rezoning scarce residential parcels for commercial purposes (such Self Storage Units and Racetracs).

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I was the only Collier resident who spoke in favor of Blue Coral at the BCCC meeting in 2021.

In 2022, the interest in Income Restricted Housing skyrocketed. Vicki Gonzalez and Elizabeth Radis organized a Renters Union and are often in the news. To my great satisfaction I've been "demoted" to signing up to speak at BCCC meetings and deferring to Elizabeth. At the same time businesses are clamoring for the BCCC to increase the housing supply. It's going to happen, just too slowly for many.

Describe a recent County Commission decision with which you disagreed. Why did you disagree and what should have been done differently?

By a vote of 4 to 1 (with Taylor voting no) the BCC changed the "ground rules" allowing Rivergrass to be built. Construction in the middle of nowhere has destroyed IRREPLACEABLE habitat and will cause the extinction of many endangered species. It has burdened Collier taxpayers with huge infrastructure costs. The existing Master Plan should NOT have been modified so drastically. The world mourns the vote of those 4 Commissioners. It is a travesty.

What is your top priority in terms of Collier County's environment? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?

Herculean efforts to save the Gulf of Mexico. By encouraging algae control through voluntary compliance with existing Collier and Florida Ordinances and Guidance methods to uses less water, chemical and fertilizer.

Accelerated septic tank and stormwater infrastructure investment to decrease water contamination.

We have to make a decision to plant mangroves or implement the Army Corp of Engineers Seawall Proposal. The Seawall would work but would be a blemish and hurt property values. A vegetation solution would be ideal, is that practical? Doing nothing is the worst option. The DO NOTHING APPROACH IS NOT AN OPTION.

What is your top priority in terms of Collier County's infrastructure? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?

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What is your top priority in terms of the growth and development of eastern Collier County? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?

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What is your top priority in terms of redevelopment in coastal Collier County? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?

Reduction in the use of cars near the beach with a moratorium on building new parking lots. Making it safer to walk and bike to the beach. New efforts for parking and tramming to the beach.

Protect fishing, boating and swimming resources by preventing harmful algae blooms in the Gulf from If we are to reduce the number of harmful algal blooms fueled by sewage nutrients, and the number of beach closures due to high fecal pathogen counts, while meeting our growing water demands through optimized treatment and non-potable irrigation.

The BCC has many great resources open to it. Provide access to ACCUNE to owners of existing buildings to guide their resiliency investment. Acune is the computer model, developed by FGCU, that predicts future flooding events.

This peephole into the future, that shows POSSIBLE risks so residents can protect themselves against extreme weather events. It is hoped that resilient buildings will be charged lower insurance rates.

Long range: buying another access point to the beach to take the load off Vanderbilt Beach.

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What is your top priority in terms of affordable housing in Collier County? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?

The platform's top priority is free. The BCC approve 100% Affordable Housing application applications only, until 10K units are completed. Bonus points for height allowances given based on a new metric.....walkability to many jobs. Greater heights limits would reduce costs and make the numbers work. It's the sustainable way to approach scarce land in walkable locations.

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