



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

Your name: Daniel Kowal
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Your age: 55
Today's date: 6-3-2022

What year did you move to Southwest Florida, and where were you living previously?
2003, lived in Annapolis, MD

What is your educational background and work experience?

I studied Criminal Justice at Community College of Beaver County. Then I graduated with honors from the Federal Law Enforcement Academy in Glynco, Georgia. I continued my studies while working with Collier County Sheriff's Office, attending Barry University focusing on Public Administration.

Upon graduation from High School, I entered into a six year commitment to the US Army as a Combat Medic with the 5th Infantry Division's 705th combat search and rescue platoon. I then served as a Special Agent in Washington D.C., with the US Capitol Police's Dignitary Protection unit. In 2003, I relocated to Naples Florida where I was hired by the Collier County Sheriffs Office. I held a few positions within the Sheriffs Office. The majority of my career was spent with the Special Enforcement Team and Aggressive Criminal Tactics Team assigned to Vice Narcotics.

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? Yes

When assigned to the SET team and ACE team units, we conducted several long term undercover operations. This resulted in countless arrest and removing thousands of doses of cocaine, heroin, and Meth from our streets. The units was also accredited for shutting down a Human trafficking operation.

Describe a recent County Commission decision with which you disagreed. Why did you disagree and what should have been done differently? I disagreed with the vote to mask our citizens and violate their basic constitutional rights.

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What is your top priority in terms of Collier County's environment? What county government solutions do you propose to address it? Clean water is our way of life, we depends on it. We must maintain a healthy ecosystem. I will also support programs like FL DEP septic upgrade incentive program. In some areas replace tanks with public works septic systems.

What is your top priority in terms of Collier County's infrastructure? What county government solutions do you propose to address it? In district 4 there's still a lot of areas that have insufficient storm drainage in their communities. These need to be addressed sooner not later.

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? The growth out east is going to come, we need to manage the traffic issue that comes with it in a common sense approach. We need to find north and south routes to get the traffic to the interstate so they're not congesting the east and west roadways.

What is your top priority in terms of redevelopment in coastal Collier County? What county government solutions do you propose to address it? I believe we need to maintain our inlet passageways so that our boaters and marine industry can continue to operate. It is also crucial during hurricane season that there is proper depth so to keep the water from going too far inland.

What is your top priority in terms of affordable housing in Collier County? What county government solutions do you propose to address it? There is 1,100,000 acres of green space in Collier County that will never see a shovel in the ground. We have approximately 189,000 acres left to build on in this County. I believe as a county and community it may be time to come together and not spend anymore taxpayer money on this parcels of land that are considered green space. It may time to use 15 parcels that where not part of the 1,100,000 acres and build some homes that are affordable.

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