

Collier Citizens Council  
District 2 - Board of County Commissioners Candidate Questionnaires

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<p>Describe a time in the last ten years when you led an effort to bring about change in our community.</p> <p>Was your effort a success? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Led effort on Naples City Council to replace septic tanks to the North and East boundaries of the City.</p> <p>Yes, because of the collaboration with fellow Council members.</p>	<p>As a member of the Governmental Committee of Naples Area Board of Realtors, assisted in drafting Collier County Short Term Rental Ordinance.</p> <p>Yes, because Ordinance was approved.</p>	<p>We started going to school board and commissioner meetings during covid to protest the tyranny of masks and business shut downs.</p> <p>No, our voices were ignored and I knew right then I was going to run to protect our God given liberties in this county.</p>	<p>Served on the leadership team for Save Vanderbilt Beach.</p> <p>Partially. Although we were successful in scaling down the development plan, it was still like ‘placing an elephant on a postage stamp’ in a high hazard coastal area.</p>
<p>Describe a recent County Commission decision with which you disagreed. Why did you disagree and what should have been done differently?</p>	<p>The 3-2 vote not to put in effect a rent increase notice.</p> <p>Would have voted for the notice, to put landlords on notice and send a supportive message to renters that the Commission was concerned.</p>	<p>The One Naples decision.</p> <p>Public opinion was not taken into consideration.</p> <p>The rezoning process has to change to include more input from residents, much sooner in the process.</p>	<p>“Naples One Project” – “The people were begging not to pass it and were ignored.”</p> <p>Paradise Sports Complex – “So bad, the county has to PAY people to use it.”</p> <p>Great Wolf Lodge – “Giving \$15M in tax abatements.”</p> <p>Would have voted against all three.</p>	<p>Approval of a 234-unit development near the intersection of Immokalee Road and Juliet Blvd., just west of I-75.</p> <p>Traffic studies used excluded the high-traffic months of February and March, giving false determination of traffic impacts and allowing developers to avoid making improvements to accommodate impact of their development.</p> <p>Multiple exemptions of the Growth Management Plan, zoning law, and the Land Development Codes allowed greater than intended density.</p>

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<p>What is your top priority in terms of Collier County’s environment? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?</p>	<p>Water quality -- Continue using County/City resources to add oyster beds to Naples Bay. Independent agency monitoring of water runoff from Bonita flood plain area into Collier canals.</p>	<p>Adequate potable water -- When a development is approved, there must be adequate preserve and wetlands onsite to handle storm water runoff.</p> <p>Increase use of reclaimed water so that potable water is not being wasted on non-essential uses.</p>	<p>Protecting the intercoastal waterways, keeping them clean, improving the storm water runoff and “cleaning up affluents entered into each.” <i>(sic)</i></p> <p>Purchase two Water Quality Bio Reactors.</p>	<p>Water quality – Revise pending agreement between Bonita Springs and SFWMD to include Collier County, among several other modifications.</p> <p>-- Revise Fertilizer Ordinance to prohibit nitrogen or phosphorus fertilizer during the summer rainy months.</p> <p>-- Require home inspections to include septic systems, to insure their proper operation.</p>
<p>What is your top priority in terms of Collier County’s infrastructure? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?</p>	<p>Roads -- More aggressive planning and foresight. Plans currently in place need consistent oversight. When possible, projects should be fast-tracked.</p>	<p>Developments that are approved in the right locations, and adequate infrastructure to handle the traffic.</p>	<p>Improving traffic by existing projects and negotiating with Conservation Groups to get roadways out east to support growth BEFORE we grow.</p>	<p>Address failing roadways -- Deny new developments that cannot be supported by the existing infrastructure.</p> <p>- Require traffic impact studies to include all 12 months of the year.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Clusters of homes in the 1500/2000 range would ensure all needed resources could/would be provided. Larger areas of green space should remain as natural habitat.</p>	<p>Responsible development, taking into consideration environmentally-sensitive areas. Encourage a mix of housing, employment centers, commercial areas and schools, and that they be built simultaneously.</p>	<p>Stick to the well-laid-out growth plan already in existence.</p> <p>Allow growth within our means.</p>	<p>Uphold the Growth Management Plan and development laws currently in place.</p> <p>Fiscal neutrality.</p>

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<p>What is your top priority in terms of redevelopment in coastal Collier County? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?</p>	<p>Ensure that our beaches are kept in pristine condition with available access for our citizens, balancing property rights with residents' concerns.</p>	<p>Treat redevelopment projects just like new development. Engage all stakeholders early.</p>	<p>No one wants high rises and high-density buildings taking over our coast.</p>	<p>Maintain a balance between residential and commercial redevelopment by adhering to zoning and development laws.</p> <p>Restore the public beaches and waterway reporting element in the Annual Unit Inventory Report (AUIR).</p>
<p>What is your top priority in terms of affordable housing in Collier County? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?</p>	<p>County Government should collaborate with businesses and investors and provide partial funding in partnership with the School District, Fire Department, hospitals.</p> <p>Government should not be in the business of housing management.</p>	<p>Must be built in the right locations, close to essential services, but not negatively affect surrounding residential neighborhoods, roads or essential services.</p> <p>Encourage more single-family and townhouse rental communities.</p> <p>Complete an analysis of County-owned land suitable for affordable housing.</p> <p>Consider reducing or deferring impact fees, increasing densities in exchange for affordable housing set-asides, public-private partnerships.</p>	<p>It is not the government's (taxpayers) responsibility to subsidize housing.</p> <p>I DO believe in private sector housing solutions where the county government CAN give property to be built on strictly for "under the market" (affordable) homes to be BOUGHT by people in the workforce, service industry, first responders, police, teachers, etc.</p> <p>The county can also give incentives to developers, builders, mortgage companies, etc. by excusing impact fees, property taxes and permit fees.</p>	<p>Ensure (by way of a county audit) that developments that receive density bonuses provide the affordable units as required.</p> <p>Require County staff and County Attorney's office to write PUD Ordinances.</p> <p>Prohibit 'on the fly and on the floor' negotiations at BCC meetings.</p>