

Collier Citizens Council
District 4 - 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>I work with a non-profit organization called Agents for Change International. We empower communities through mentorship and discipleship and help people discover their leadership ability by discovering their purpose in life.</p> | <p>As a member of the Collier Sheriff’s Special Enforcement and Aggressive Criminal Tactics Team units, conducted several long-term undercover operations that resulted in countless arrests and removed thousands of doses of cocaine, heroin, and meth from our streets. The units were also accredited for shutting down a human trafficking operation.</p> | <p>On Naples City Council, helped lead three projects that were started and completed under budget: Baker Park, Naples City Dock, and City Emergency Operations Center.</p> <p>Introduced organic, all-natural fertilizer in 2018 which has been used in parks and medians in the city ever since.</p> <p>On Collier County Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Ad Hoc committee, helped create five-year strategic plan.</p> | <p>Om BCC, led the effort to generate more awareness and provide availability for income-based (affordable) housing in Collier County.</p> <p>Under my leadership, the first inclusionary zoning for income-based housing was approved for the new development of Allura, for first responders.</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>“I disagree with all of the rubber stamping of development taking place in the county” because we lack the infrastructure needed to sustain it.</p> <p>Would encourage the private sector to focus on redevelopment within CRAs before clearing new land to build apartment complexes and new villages.</p> <p>Disagree with award of “gifts and incentives to</p> | <p>“I disagreed with the vote to mask our citizens and violate their basic constitutional rights.”</p> | <p>Approval of Paradise Coast Sports Complex, “which is currently \$67 million dollars over budget.”</p> <p>Subsidizing companies that bring low wage jobs to our area.” [Great Wolf Lodge]</p> <p>Reallocating Conservation Collier dollars intended for maintenance of conservation lands to purchase additional conservation land.</p> | <p>The decision not to approve requiring a 60-day notice to tenants by landlords intending to raise the rent by more than 5%.</p> |

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| | private companies that bring low wage jobs to our area, and building a new recreational facility when we already have multiple parks that are in need of maintenance and repairs.” | | | |
| What is your top priority in terms of Collier County’s environment? What county government solutions do you propose to address it? | <p>Ensure adequate funding set aside for infrastructure “so that residents aren't stuck with sinkholes in their backyards.”</p> <p>Advocate for state funding for septic-to-sewer conversions.</p> <p>Consider deep ASR injection wells to eliminate Blue Green Algae and Red Tide.</p> | <p>Clean water -- Maintain a healthy ecosystem.</p> <p>Support programs like FL DEP septic upgrade incentive program. In some areas replace tanks with public works septic systems.</p> | <p>Stormwater management -- Help lead the progression of the Belle Mead project; obtain funding from the BP oil spill settlement, DEP grants, and the Gulf of Mexico Consortium Fund.</p> | <p>Water quality -- We cannot allow indiscriminate pumping of water from neighboring counties into our water bodies that do not have the capacity to carry that water.</p> <p>Increase communication and develop additional working partnerships with neighboring counties to face these regional challenges.</p> |
| What is your top priority in terms of Collier County’s infrastructure? What county government solutions do you propose to address it? | <p>“Make sure that we are spending the budget wisely enough to account for related costs and expenditures.”</p> <p>Adhere to the land development code and growth management plan.; focus on redevelopment; manage the decisions that have already been made.</p> | <p>Address insufficient storm drainage in District 4.</p> | <p>Water supply, treatment, storage, and flood prevention.</p> <p>Modify the Land Development Code in the Golden Gate Estates to hold more water on land; advance and fund septic-to-sewer conversions and stormwater improvement projects; lobby the state for water quality and septic</p> | <p>To maintain and improve stormwater capacity county-wide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires sufficient recurring funding. <p>To ensure maximum recharge capabilities for aquifers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that developments are not lot-line to lot line; consider offering incentives |

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| | | | conversion grants; advance the Belle Mead project. | <p>to developers to encourage smaller footprint, if necessary.</p> <p>To continue septic-to-sewer conversions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, requires funding. <p>In addition, a vigorous and ongoing educational campaign by the County to explain importance of the se programs.</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>Adhere to the land development code and growth management plan.</p> <p>Listen to the concerns of residents in the area.</p> | <p>Manage the traffic with a common-sense approach.</p> <p>Find north and south routes to get the traffic to the Interstate so they're not congesting the east and west roadways.</p> | <p>Support smart growth policies that manage development in a way that harmoniously coexists and is sensitive to the environment. Avoid further urban sprawl and negative impacts to the environment.</p> | <p>Conduct a review of development in the eastern lands to bring awareness and change way commissioners approve developments.</p> <p>Require developers to follow the original intent of the RLSA by voting against gated communities.</p> |
| <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>Adhere to the land development code and growth management plan.</p> <p>Listen to the concerns of residents in the area.</p> | <p>Maintain our inlet passageways so that boaters and marine industry can continue to operate.</p> <p>During hurricane season, ensure that there is proper depth to keep the water from going too far inland.</p> | <p>Utilize the community design components used successfully in the City of Naples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of critical metrics before approving projects; • Right mix of land uses; | <p>Revise the Code of Ordinances to require sufficient noticing of adjacent residential properties when commercial construction is planned.</p> <p>Review 1990-era construction standards in the context of 2022.</p> |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancement of an active and healthy lifestyle; • Protection and preservation of waterways and beaches; • Recognition of the individuality neighborhoods while considering how each contributes to the whole. | |
| <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>The government cannot legally interfere in the private sector. All commissioners can do is pay essential personnel livable wages. Audit the budget to find [funds that can be reallocated to pay workers more].</p> | <p>Not spend any more taxpayer money on 1,100,000 acres of green space in Collier County.</p> <p>Use 15 parcels that are not part of the 1,100,000 acres to build some homes that are affordable.</p> | <p>Address housing needs of the county’s homeless population, low-income families, seniors, veterans and service workers.</p> <p>Use philanthropic means, public/private partnerships, and lobby for changes to land development codes.</p> | <p>Increase income-based housing.</p> <p>Consistently tie increased density in market-rate projects to a 15% - 25% allocation within that development for income-based housing.</p> <p>Define ‘diversity of housing’ in regulations for inclusion of income- based housing in the eastern lands from a perspective of income, not just design.</p> |