

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"> <li>• Requires sufficient recurring funding.</li> </ul> <p>To ensure maximum recharge capabilities for aquifers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that developments are not lot-line to lot line; consider offering incentives</li> </ul>

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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"> <li>• Again, requires funding.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• Consideration of critical metrics before approving projects;</li> <li>• Right mix of land uses;</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>• Advancement of an active and healthy lifestyle;</li> <li>• Protection and preservation of waterways and beaches;</li> <li>• Recognition of the individuality neighborhoods while considering how each contributes to the whole.</li> </ul>	
<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>