

Candidate Questionnaire - County Commissioner August 2022 Primary Election

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What year did you move to Southwest Florida, and where were you living previously?

We first visited in 2015 and bought our first home the same week, then moved here in 2018 permanently....Coleman, TX.

What is your educational background and work experience?

1984 BS Industrial Distribution Texas A&M...10 years in electrical wholesale, 8 yrs network marketing, 22 years real estate investing. We started, built and sold several companies and now have the time and passion to serve Collier County with full vigor.

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?

We started going to school board and commissioner meetings during covid to protest the tyranny of masks and business shut downs. Our voices were ignored and I knew right then I was going to run to protect our God given liberties in this county.

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

Naples One Project. The people disagreed with granting the exceptions to existing code in order to build it. Commissioners are to represent the people in their District. Not serve their own interests. The people were begging not to pass it and were ignored. The commission should have entertained a plan that was consistent with zoning, code, purpose and according to the plans already established to keep Collier County amazing. The Paradise Sports Complex is another bad decision. So bad, the county has to PAY people to use it. 167Milion and still growing of taxpayer money. I would have met the need of the community by building something. Not build it and hope they come...That's only in the movies.

Giving Great Wolf Lodge 15M in tax abatements is another. They were coming to Collier County anyway. Coming for the climate, the draw of paradise and friendly business environment. They didn't need incentive.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE. Please email your responses to <u>sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com</u> no later than June 3, 2022. What is your top priority in terms of Collier County's environment? What county government solutions do you propose to address it?

Protecting the intercoastal waterways, keeping them clean, improving the storm water runoff and cleaning up affluents entered into each.

Purchasing two different Water Quality Bio Reactors (one at Naples Bay and one west of Golden Gate City) These will take pumped water through 5 different channels of wood chips, thereby cleaning the water, eating up nutrients and affluents to a 90-95% efficiency.

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

Improving traffic by existing projects and negotiating with Conservation Groups to get roadways out east to support growth BEFORE we grow. Growth and traffic go hand in hand and infrastructure should come first. Its always smart to have a horse before you build a cart.

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?

Stick to the well laid out growth plan already in existence. Allow growth within our means.

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

No one wants high rises and high density buildings taking over our coast. There again, stick to what has made and kept Collier County special.

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

Its not the governments (taxpayers) responsibility to subsidize housing.

This whole topic is a big one for me. I stand for Smaller government and less control. I think God given rights for each person to pursue life, liberty, and happiness is ultra important. Now, having said that, I do not think government should get involved limiting rent, get between landlords and residents, or "mandate" anything.

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. The county can also give incentives to developers, builders, mortgage companies, etc by excusing impact fees, property taxes and permit fees. This is a good solution so tenants will never face rising rents in an anomaly market. Rich people didn't cause prices to rise, demand for freedom did. That's not a bad thing. It's bad people got stuck in this situation but it's also temporary. Free market will correct itself but in the meantime we can offer common sense solutions without having the govt step in and Control. I have a

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lot of empathy for everyone in this situation but never think the county government has a place to control peoples lives.

With the rent relief monies that are available, maybe some of the qualifications could be adjusted to help in the immediate needs of tenants to bridge the gap until permanent solutions can be accomplished.

That's the thing with big government, they provide funding, but with it, are stringent controls that say WHO gets it. It's usually not the hard working people trying to do things right.