



2022 Candidate Questionnaire

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1. About you:

- a. How old are you? 39
- b. In what part of Collier County do you live? East Naples
- c. How long have you lived in Collier County, and where were you living previously? Born and Raise in Collier County, left for College at UCF and Law School at UF
- d. What is your educational background and past work experiences? Magna Cum Laude at UCF and a JD from University of Florida Law School. I am the Managing Partner at Goede, DeBoest & Cross and we have 5 offices in Florida, one in Puerto Rico and Once in Colorado Springs.
- e. What qualifies you for this job? I served 6 years as a fire commissioner for East Naples and helped consolidate 4 fire districts and cut spending. My experience running my firm provides me with the skill set to help Greater Naples turnaround its financial problems.

2. Why are you running for this position? To help fix the district, cut spending and to cut down response times.

3. What are three things you want to accomplish if you are elected? Budget balancing, fix stations that are in very poor condition and continue future consolidation.

4. Name one past policy decision of the board you are running for that you disagree with that you would like to change if elected. Why? All of financial decisions that led to having to project spending \$2.4 million dollars of reserve money even when the took in an additional \$6 million in increased ad valorem taxes.

5. What is the most important thing voters should know about the issues at stake in this election, before making their decision about who to vote for? The financial condition of Greater Naples is on a cliff.

Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com , no later than September 16, 2022.

Thank you!