

**Nanette A. Rivera (N)**

Biographical Information

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Background Nanette Rivera is an industrial engineer from Georgia Tech with an MBA in Finance & Accounting from the University of Chicago. She uses her academic training to focus on facts; thus, her mantra: More Facts – Less Politics! Over 40-years in the Pharmaceutical Industry, her career progressed from entry Engineer to Corporate VP of Supply Chain Strategy. Since retirement, Nanette has focused her efforts in serving on community boards, such as the Big Cypress Basin (appointment by Governor), Vice-Chair of Marco Island’s Planning Board. She is a Calusa Waterkeeper Ranger, is active with the San Marco Church Columbiettes and the Marco Island Power Squadron. She earned a Certified Crew designation with US Coast Guard Auxiliary and is an active volunteer with AL’s Pals Mobile Food Pantry Distribution, and monthly beach cleanups. Her strength is in helping organizations to focus on how to deliver high quality services and value to those they serve.

If you’re elected, what will be your top two priorities for the city, and what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office? (Your response may expand on another answer or relate to a new topic)

Nanette A. Rivera:

My top priorities are to 1) Restore the health of the Marco waterbody by upgrading the sewage treatment plant; 2) Focus on improving the quality of life on Marco, and 3) Improving the transparency and productivity of our city government.

What measures should the city take to improve water quality in Marco Island’s canals?

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An upgrade of the sewage treatment plant should be completed as soon as possible. Marco’s reuse water (also known as “poop water”) from the sewage treatment plant is currently used to irrigate the landscaping of condos, hotels, city medians, and golf courses across the Island. This reuse water is equivalent to spraying liquid fertilizer on the landscaping and pollutes the canals and waterways.

How will you work to address the lack of affordable workforce housing in Marco Island?

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Assessing the basic need is the first step. This involves working with the commercial community to identify staffing levels and current housing arrangements. Some of the workers that I have talked to do not want to live on Marco. They say it is “too boring.” Factually understanding the workforce needs and wants will help define gaps.

How will you work to improve neighborhood safety and the overall quality of life for the residents of Marco Island, especially youth and families?

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Safe sidewalks are important in promoting an active lifestyle and contributing to the quality-of-life and a sense of community for all residents of Marco Island. The vacation rental program (STR) is currently under review by the city council and we hope a simple yet effective form of a rental registration ordinance will pass. A senior center will add focus to the lives of many elders on Marco.

What measures should the City take to address flooding and potential loss of property and life caused by tides (i.e., king tide/sunny day flooding), storms, and rising sea level?

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Do not forget power outages. Some homes experienced flooding, while all homes experienced power outage. Marco benefits from more contemporary construction from more modern construction codes. A reference document for flood response is “Repairing Your Flooded Home,” FEMA P-234 which includes a section on “flood proofing” of homes. Storm-proofing the electric grid on Marco should be investigated.

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