



**Candidate Questionnaire – County Commissioner
August 2024 Primary Election**

Your name: **Frank Roberts**
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Your age: **35**
Today's date: **6/14/2024**

What year did you move to Collier County and where did you live previously? **With military this is always more complicated to answer, but here's the list:**

- **2021 – present = Collier County, Florida**
- **2019-2021 = JB Andrews, Maryland**
- **2017-2019 = Whiteman AFB, Missouri**
- **2015-2017 = JB San Antonio, Texas**
- **2012-2015 = Collier County, Florida**

Where did you go to high school, and if you received any post-secondary education, where did you go, what degree(s) did you receive, and when?

High School (2007) - St. Charles Preparatory, Columbus, OH

B.A. (2011) – Business Management (minor: Theology) Benedictine College, Atchison, KS

M.B.A. (2012) - Benedictine College, Atchison, KS

J.D. (2014) – Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, FL

Please summarize your work experience, including employers and dates.

Legal Advisor – Advocate Consulting Legal Group - Tax and Regulatory Compliance (Naples, FL; November 2022 – present)

Litigation Attorney – LaCava Jacobson & Goodis - Medical Malpractice & Premises Liability (Naples, FL; June 2021 – October 2022)

Staff Counsel & Interim Director of Staff – US Air Force - Civil Law Directorate, (JB Andrews; July 2020 – June 2021)

Medical Law Attorney – Claims & Tort Litigation Division, US Air Force - (JB Andrews; July 2019 – July 2020)

Chief of Civil Law & Attorney-Advisor US Air Force - 509th Bomb Wing Staff (Whiteman AFB; September 2018 – July 2019)

Deployed Chief of Military Justice – US Air Force - CJTF Horn of Africa (Camp Lemmonier, Djibouti; March - September 2018)

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Chief of Military Justice - US Air Force - 509th Bomb Wing Staff, (Whiteman AFB; July 2017 – March 2018)

Deputy Chief of Justice - US Air Force - 502d Installation Support Group, (JB San Antonio; July 2015– July 2017)

Describe your community activities, either in elective office or as a volunteer, in the last five years.

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish (Golden Gate) – Parish volunteer, Lector, Knights of Columbus

Veterans of Foreign Wars – Post 7721 (Golden Gate) – Post Judge Advocate, former Post Trustee

What is THE most important issue facing the Board of County Commissioners today and how will you address it?

Families – Families face many difficulties in Collier County today, from traffic to housing costs, to schools. The explosive growth is great for the bottom line, but we need to ensure that the Board hears families raising the next generation, who will keep Collier great over the next 20 or 30 years.

Name one past policy decision of the Board of County Commissioners that you disagree with that you would like to change if elected. Why?

There are plenty of policy decision from the BCC I agree with, including the Bill of Rights ordinance and Medical Freedom ordinance. However, I would like to refocus some of the re-zoning issues that have come up recently. I disfavor more storage units in residential areas, and instead favor more entry-level single family units that allows families to step out of rentals and begin building equity. Shrinking the area for residential zoning is not going to help that.

Additionally, now that we have the benefit of hindsight, I would the BCC to put together an After-Action Report on the COVID-19 pandemic. There were a lot of actions taken and decisions made during the pandemic that affected every person and business in Collier County. Each decision from every government agency should be reviewed and evaluated so that past mistakes are not repeated in the event another pandemic happens in the future.

What actions, if any, should the County take to address the need for affordable housing? What actions should the County not take with respect to providing housing?

Housing needs prioritized, but it must fit the needs of the community. There has to be options available that allows families at any stage to be able to climb and reach the American dream. Right now, a shortage of supply in housing has failed to meet the large demand brought by the recent boom, resulting in

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unaffordability. The BCC should seek to to increase to supply to meet the demand. When reviewing housing plans, the BCC ought to evaluate options for citizens at every stage of life, whether the recent high-school grad, young professional, family with school kids, middle age, or retirees.

The BCC should not propose or build government housing to meet those ends. It is not the role of government to participate in the marketplace. Also, I've lived in government housing on military bases. At best, they are hit-or-miss on quality.

What are your views about the role of government as they relate to the policies and actions of the Board of County Commissioners? How would these views influence your actions and decisions as a Commissioner?

Less government is better government. People know better how to spend their money than government does. I believe in keeping taxes as low as possible, and being efficient, good stewards of the tax dollars entrusted to us by the citizens of Collier County. Excess and waste must be minimized or eliminated. Mismanaged or defunct programs should be cut, and there should be efficient procedures in place to do so.

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