

Sparker's Soapbox
 District 5 - Board of County Commissioners Candidate Questionnaires

Question	Bill McDaniel	Ralph Rodriguez
#1 - Your age	63	49
#2 - What year did you move to Collier County and where did you live previously?	1982, from Pennsylvania	1989, from Queens, NY
#3 - 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocky Grove High School graduated 1979 • Clarion University 4 years, studying Accounting, Business computing, with minor in Economics never graduated...moved to FL, shy 1 Accounting course and 2 general studies courses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduated from Naples HS • Mississippi State 1993-94; left to help with family company
#4 - Please summarize your work experience, including employers and dates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpentry 1975-1985 • Real Estate Sales/ Development 1984 till present • Rock and dirt mining 1998 till 20014 • Chartered a bank and served as Bank board member 1999 till 2009 • Lazy Springs (outdoor rec park) 2012 to present • County Commissioner 2016 till present 	Family company A-1 Sound & Security (state license holder). Sold company 2019, Managing AAMI
#5 - Describe your community activities, either in elective office or as a volunteer, in the last five years.	<p>County Commissioner</p> <p>Numerous committees and boards, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member of Goodwill SWFL, • Board member CREW, 	<p>No political service</p> <p>Community (youth sports) volunteer, church volunteer</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Assoc., • Immokalee Rotary, • Masonry, Past Master, Past DDGM 	
<p>#6 - What is THE most important issue facing the Board of County Commissioners today and how will you address it?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgeting/ reorganizing County Government -- Already started the process • Reset Boards calendar (we meet year-round now) • Reset Mission statement, Vision statement, Business Plan, Budget priorities • Hired a priority budget consultant (zero based budgeting/reorganizing structure) 	<p>The decisions made by our Board to continually amend our Growth Management Plan and allow developers to build multi-family communities out in Eastern Collier with no specific plan on road or infrastructure improvements</p>
<p>#7 - Name one past policy decision of the Board of County Commissioners that you disagree with that you would like to change if elected. Why?</p>	<p>Golf Course Rezone Ordinance: It is a poor ordinance; it applies a 1 size fits all and takes property rights indiscriminately. Each application of rezone should be measured on its own.</p>	<p>Same as above, with roads plans already in the AUIR need to get funded and on our agenda now.</p>
<p>#8 - 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?</p>	<p>Already have begun the process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lengthened hold period for affordable housing density bonus from 15 to 30 yrs. 2. Regular incentives for affordability on current projects. 3. Perpetual Hold periods for county tax dollar investments in housing 	<p>There is and will always be a need for affordable housing especially for our first responders, teachers, and medical professionals. This is a highly successful community that needs to continue to work for workforce workers also.</p>

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<p>#9 - 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?</p>	<p>Local government should be limited:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep my families and neighborhoods safe. 2. Move my people to and through (infrastructure) 3. Quality of life <p>And in that order!</p>	<p>As a conservative my belief is always in less government. My decisions will always be based on the will of the people as their representative.</p>