

Type	#	Question	Candidate Comments/Answers to the Vetting Committee
Main	1	Yes or No. Will you champion a Collier ordinance that requires all <u>new ordinances</u> that have a multi-year expenditure to have a 5 year mandatory Sunset Clause?	Yes , this promotes fiscal responsibility in government and a means to shed programs whose purpose is either fulfilled or passed
Main	2	Yes or No. Do you support development of rural lands in Eastern Collier County?	As a baseline - No. I am not in favor of development for development's sake. Rural lands, like the Estates where I live, should be guarded. Any hypothetical "development" in rural lands (whether affordable housing or storage units or something else) must have a specific & limited defined purpose and fulfill a county need that is not possible or viable through alternatives.
Main	3	Yes or No. Will you support a resolution authorizing to the Collier County Sherriff to remove the pornography and age- inappropriate LGBTQ content in all CCPS schools?	Yes - however, the ideal method for doing this is electing conservatives to the School Board who are not beholden to teacher's unions and other left leaning interests who place these obscene materials on the shelves. I am in favor of passing county ordinances banning access to these materials in schools.
Main	4	Yes or No. Do you support eliminating the Florida Corporate income tax?	Yes - less taxes means more money in your pocket. You make better decisions than government.
Main	5	Yes or No. Will you champion a Collier County ordinance with accountability that prohibits the training of Critical Race Theory or any of its many tentacles to any Collier or state government employee?	Yes - However, this would have to be carefully crafted to hold up to a legal challenge on 1A ground as being "content-based" discrimination by state actors. As Commissioner, I would first debunk the false historical claims, and seek to have a replacement training curricula for county employees ready to replace it.
Main	6	Yes or No. Do you support moving new Collier County employees to a "Defined Contribution Pension Plan" while keeping the existing employees on a "Defined Benefit Pension Plan"?	Yes - if it provides sufficient incentive for county employees to contribute to their retirement and does not result in a negative fiscal impact on the county budget.
Main	7	Yes or No. Do you support the current ordinance declaring Collier is a "Bill of Rights" sanctuary county with criminal and civil accountability for violators?	Yes
Main	8	Yes or No. Will you champion an ordinance declaring Collier County is a sanctuary county for the unborn?	Yes - This is one of my three priorities in my campaign. Human life begins at conception.
Main	9	Yes or No. Do you support reducing Collier County acceptance of federal dollars to our total county budget over the next 5 years?	Yes - reduced reliance on federal dollars makes us less prone to federal coercion. However, this needs done responsibly in order to avoid budetary shortfalls, which couresult in tax increases.
Main	10	Yes or No. Will you champion a Collier policy of "zero" tax increases to both the Collier Board of County Commission and the School Board over the next 3 years by holding to the roll back millage current rate?	Yes - I have signed a pledge not to raise taxes with Americans for Tax Reform.
Main	11	Yes or No. Do you support off shore drilling in Florida outside the 10 mile limit? This means not visible from land?	No - we have enough oil resources through conventional methods in other parts of the country that offshore drilling isn't necessary.
Main	12	Yes or No. Do you support the continuation of a .25 mills property tax for the Conservation Collier Program for the remaining 8 years?	No - Conservation Collier already has significant acreage in the county set aside for conservation, in addition to the federal and state preserves already present. However, this measure was passed by voters in a referendum in 2022, therefore it must be the voters to decide to discontinue the program.
Main	13	Yes or No. Do you support a Florida state imposed internet sales tax?	No - I have signed a pledge not to raise taxes and I will not.
Main	14	Yes or No. Do you support Collier County subsidizing low income housing for school teachers and first responders?	No - I do not favor government subsidies for the housing crisis. I prefer a free market solution of increasing the supply of single family homes to meet the demand. Dictating a preference for particular occupations at the exclusion of others is nothing but government choosing winners and losers. That's not okay.
Main	15	Yes or No. Will you champion a Collier Resolution to the Legislature and Governor that eliminates Birth right citizenship and requires at least one parent to be a US Citizen?	No - there will undoubtedly be many second and third order effects to this resolution which needs to be studied further. What happens to the legal immigrant on here on a visa who has a child before she is formally made a citizen? Does that mean her child needs to be naturalized as well? I do not feel this has been sufficiently studied and discussed to advance it at this time.
Main	16	Yes or No. Will you champion an ordinance for maximum of two --four year term limits for the Office of County Commissioner (total of 8 years)?	Yes - I support term limits at every level of government.
Principles/Character	17	Yes or No. Do you support continuing the prayer for BCC meetings and having a Collier County resolution that recognizes our nation was founded under Judeo-Christian values and is One Nation under GOD?	Yes - Prayer is central. The Free Exercise of Religion is enshrined in our 1st Amendment.
Principles/Character	18	Yes or No. Will you support Florida ratifying a National balanced budget amendment, with exception only for periods of declared war or National Emergency?	Yes - If families have to budget, so does the government. Promotes fiscal responsibility by elected officials and careful consideration of how to use tax dollars vs other opportunities.
Principles/Character	19	Yes or No. Do you support a 5 year transition to privatize all public education in Florida tied to an Education Savings Account (ESA) where the money follows the student?	Yes - School choice should be expanded to enable parents to have even greater control over the education of their children. At the same time, certain overhead costs will be fixed in order to maintain a public option for schooling, so those will need accounted for.
Principles/Character	20	Yes or No. According to our Constitution, do you support our elected County Sheriff's authority to protect the Citizens of our county against unconstitutional Federal and State overreach of "the people's" rights?	Yes
Principles/Character	21	Yes or No. Do you support the concept of Nullification under the 10th amendment? This gives individual states and the people the authority and power to ignore Federal mandates and laws that are not enumerated under Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution?	No - The concept of Nullification under the 10th Amendment has been debated for centuries and repeatedly rejected in the legal field. The 10th Amendment does not make the states the final interpretor of federal law. It simply restricts the Federal Government from acting beyond Article 1, Section 8.
Principles/Character	22	Yes or No. Do you support the human life protection amendment that establishes life begins at inception?	Yes - Human life begins at conception.

Principles/Character	23	Yes or No. Does the County Commission have the legal authority to implement a mask or Vaccine mandate?	No.
Constitutional	24	Does the Federal government have the "right" or the "authority" to take away your individual rights? YES or NO.	NO - Government is only has rights given to it by the People, and the People control what the Government can or cannot do.
Constitutional	25	Where do our individual rights come from?	God.
Constitutional	26	What is the role of government in the lives of "free citizens?"	Deriving from the Declaration of Independence, the role of government is to recognize that "all men are created equal..." and "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. " Furthermore, "to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed , --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Specifically to our Constitution, the purpose of government is "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."
Constitutional	27	What is the US Constitutional role of the County Commissioner?	The County Commissioner is not an agent of the federal government. The County Commissioner serves at the will of the people in his District to serve the good of the County.
Constitutional	28	What was the legal compact (contract between the 13 " Independent Nation States" that created the Federal Government?	The Constitution of the United States
Constitutional	29	Does the Supremacy Clause in Article VI of the US Constitution give the Federal Government and the Supreme Court the ultimate power to determine the constitutionality of any law passed by Congress?	Yes
Constitutional	30	What are the basic differences between Keynesian economic theory and Austrian economic theory? How has this affected our country? What is your basic economic philosophy?	Keynesian economic theory states that government spending can stimulate greater spending in the economy. Austrian economic states that government spending only leads to inflation. I am closer to the Austrian theory between those two, but I also incorporate some of Adam Smith's theory, who states that value is determined by the labor it takes to create it, that competition drives efficiency and profitability in businesses, and free markets. However, at times the drive for profitability can lead to patently immoral outcomes - like Planned Parenthood executives selling fetal remains for profit. So therefore <u>some</u> regulation is necessary.
Constitutional	31	Do the States have the authority to limit the federal government to its constitutional boundaries? Why or Why not?	Yes - if the Federal government either through intentional act or negligence, fails to fulfill its obligations under the Constitution and other law, the states have the authority to act on behalf of its citizens.
Constitutional	32	Would you support a congressional law that defines the General Welfare Clause based on the "Original Intent of our Founders?" YES or NO.	No - because I don't trust current lawmakers to align with the "original intent" of our Founders.
Constitutional	33	Why does the Bill of Rights include the 9th and 10th Amendments? Explain each and why they are both part of the US Constitution.	The 9th Amendment exists to further protect the basic individual liberty of citizens and further caution the federal government from infringing on those liberties. Its existence emphasize and highlight the concern the Founders had for individual liberty. The 10th Amendment furthers clarifies that the powers of the federal government are "enumerated" and not "expansive", with there being powers the are left to the states. These Amendments must be read in context of the greater Constitution.
Constitutional	34	What does the "well-regulated militia" phrase mean in the Second Amendment?	Originally referring to the collection of local men (aka "Minutemen") ready to come to defense of their communities from tyrannical governments like the British, a "well-regulated militia" has been expanded throughout American history to include today's Guardmen, who can be activated upon the Governor's orders. In today's military structure, the Guard has taken on the "Minuteman" identity, though it is not the sole fulfillment of the term "well-regulated militia" in the original sense.
Constitutional	35	What does "shall not be infringed" mean?	What the text says - "Shall" is the strongest legal term possible in the English legal vocabulary to issue a mandate or rule on a particular act or activity. "Not" means a prohibition or banning; "be" passive verb, meaning the focused activity is being performed from the exterior by another person or entity. The context of the phrase within the Amendment to the Constitution suggests that it is intended to ban or prohibit government action on this matter. "Infringed" mean encroached, minimized, or reduced on 'the fringes' of the subject to this clause - which in the context of the Second Amendment is everything that comes before it. "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. "
Constitutional	36	In your opinion, what are 2 current examples of the most egregious Federal overreach to Constitutional powers that effect you as a county Commissioner and what is your proposed remedy to each?	(1) Administrative State - highlighted by the FBI and the CIA conducting intelligence surveillance on American citizens. Need I explain this? ; (2) The Chevron doctrine where in federal administrative agencies are given deference to interpret their own rules. The EPA is an example of abusing this in order to enforce its own standards unilaterally.
Constitutional	37	What formal training have you had to study the US Constitution?	Political science class in undergraduate study, 3 years of law school, 10 years of practice as an attorney - including 6 years as a Judge Advocate in the US Air Force, which included reviewing constitutional issues.
Constitutional	38	Many believe the US Constitution is a living, breathing document. What is your view and why?	It lives only as the People abide by it. It changes only as it is amended.
Constitutional	39	Do you support Article 1, section 8 of Florida's Constitution, including the exception that makes it unique to most of the 50 states?	I support the right to bear arms. I would prefer if it were not restricted in subsections.

Constitutional	40	Describe what guides your moral compass.	The teachings of Jesus Christ as informed by the tradition and experience of his Apostles and Church. I have a deep personal relationship with Christ in my daily life, and it guides me in my decision-making in all matters.
Constitutional	41	Name three primary principles from the US Constitution that will guide you as our County Commissioner? Explain.	(1) "We the People of the United States" - government by the people; (2) "to secure the Blessing of Liberty to ourselves and to our Posterity - we have a responsibility to maintain this government for our children; (3) "Congress shall make no law...prohibiting the free exercise of religion." Religion plays a role in our public lives.
Constitutional	42	What is your understanding of "State Sovereignty?"	Any power not enumerated in the Constitution is the domain of the States.
Constitutional	43	In your opinion what is the most important clause in the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights?	"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal , that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness .--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed , --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness." This is the WHY of our country. The revolutionary thought that planted our nation into human history. Without the recognition of God and the Natural Law - our WHY ceases to exist.
Constitutional	44	Would you support the repeal of the 17th Amendment? Why or Why not?	I am not opposed to it, but this is not a high priority for me. Whether Senators are chosen by the State Legislatures or directly by public vote, we have a responsibility to properly vet and support true conservatives to be in the position to become Senators. That is my priority.
Constitutional	45	Have you read these primary source documents from our nation's founding? 1100 Charter of Liberties, Magna Carta , The Petition of Right of 1628, The Grand Remonstrance, Bill of Rights of 1689, US Declaration and Constitution, The Original Federalists Papers, The Original Anti-Federalist Papers	Yes , except the 1100 Charter of Liberties, The Petition of Right of 1628, and The Great Remonstrance.
Final	46	Do you agree to have your answers published for public review?	Yes