



2024 Republican State Committee Candidate Questionnaire

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1. How long have you lived in Collier County, and where were you living previously? 41 YEARS before that BRADENTON FLORIDA SINCE 1957
2. How long have you been a member of the Collier County Republican Executive Committee (CCREC)? 1992, YOUNG REP FROM 1984
3. What previous Party positions have you held? 1984-1997 – Member of Young Republicans; 1985-1987 – Member, Board of Directors; 1992 to Present – Republican Executive Committee; Precinct Chair Person; 1997 to 2001 – Chairman Campaign Activities Committee; 1998 to 2002, 2006 to 2008 – Vice-Chairman. 2008 to 2020 Collier County State Committeeman. 2010 to 2013 – Vice Chair Congressional District 14 Republican Party of Florida. 2012 to 2019 – Chairman Congressional District 25 Republican Party of Florida.
4. Why are you running for this position? If I am elected, I pledge that Collier County will have representation on the RPOF Board, which Collier County has not had in 4 years. I have over 35 years' experience in elections and the job of this position is to get Republicans elected. And I mean real Republicans not RINOs. I have a long-established record of doing that. I have helped get a lot of Republicans elected who were real Republicans and I have helped put the bad ones in jail or out of office. I was one of the three people in the late 90s who put 3 county commissioners and a county manager out of office and in jail in Collier County. I was one of 42 members out of over 250 of the Republican Party of Florida who put the head of the Republican Party out of his position and in state prison against be full force of the rest of the party and then Governor Crist. That individual was a thief and a spendthrift.

I spent many years as vice chairman of our local party. And then I spent 12 years as state committee man. During most of that time I was elected as a chairman and or vice chairman of a Congressional District which put me on the Republican Party of Florida board. One of the 42 or now 43 people who set policy for the Republican Party of Florida. Since the soon to be former state committee man was elected Collier County has had no representation on that board which has hurt us greatly. During the time period I was State Committeeman Collier County won award after award for republican voter turnout. We were consistently #1 or #2 in the state of Florida and since this is based on percentage turnout the more Republicans you have the harder it is to do.

5. What are the responsibilities of a State Committeeman/woman? Are you committed to fulfilling them? The job of this position is to get Republicans elected. And I mean real Republicans not RINOs. I have a long-established record of doing that. I have helped get a lot of Republicans elected who were real Republicans and I have helped put the bad ones in jail or out of office. And yes absolutely.
6. Do you believe you are representing all Collier County Republicans or those who are members of the CCREC? All republicans in Collier County.
7. 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? Unlike the last State committeeman who missed almost 1/2 the state meeting I have never missed a meeting at any level.  
I have been supporting Trump since before he announced to run in 2015. I have been with him ever since and will always be with him. I am 100% MAGA to the extreme. I have contacts in the Republican Party locally statewide and nationally. I am an experienced member of the Republican National Lawyers Association. I have worked on election integrity locally and statewide from a political and legal standpoint for over 30 years. I am a veteran of the 2000 election, rotten acorns from the Democrats and everything else they have thrown at us. My purpose in getting reelected is to get the job done, not to seek out perks. I remember well what my very successful mother and father taught me which is to do something right or don't do it at all. I am well respected among all elected officials locally and statewide who know me and many of the statewide ones do. There are also numerous national figures that also know and respect me. My opponent brings none of this. He has never been a Congressional District chairman a State Committeeman and has never sat on the Republican Party of Florida board. And knows few people outside of Collier County in the political circles. I humbly ask for your vote. If you have any further questions my cell number is well known. I have been running poll watching efforts in Collier County for over 35 years to and including now. See my Website and below for my experience and many positions and awards. And see answer to # 4 above and my extensive experience local see my community in involvement and endorsements below.

2021 to Present – NABOR Budget Committee.

2021 to Present – NABOR Governmental Affairs' Committee.

1977 to Present – Florida Real Estate License.

1996-1999 – Member, Florida Bar Probate Rules Committee.

1988-1990 – Committee on Tax Aspects of Estates and Trusts.

1988-1990 – Chairman, Estate Tax Apportionment Subcommittee.

1993 to Present – Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Also, member of Florida affiliate.

1983 to Present – Member, Kiwanis Club of Naples: 1985-86, 1991-1996 & 2008 – Present – Member, Board of Directors; 1993 – Secretary; 1994 – President-Elect; 1995 – President; 1995 – Distinguished Kiwanian; 1995 – Distinguished President; 1996 – Kiwanian of the Year.

1992 to Present – Republican Executive Committee; Precinct Chair Person; 1997 to 2001 – Chairman Campaign Activities Committee; 1998 to 2002, 2006 to 2008 – Vice-Chairman.

1992 to Present – Republican Party of Florida  
2008 to 2020 Collier County State Committeeman.  
2008 to 2013 – State of Florida; Judicial Nominating Commission, Twentieth Judicial Circuit.  
1985-1989 – Member of Naples Jaycees: 1985 – Secretary; 1986-1987 – Internal Vice President.  
1984-1997 – Member of Young Republicans; 1985-1987 – Member, Board of Directors.  
1985 to Present – Member Cypress Masonic Lodge #295 F. & A.M.: 1986 – Senior Steward; 1987 – Junior Deacon; 1988 – Junior Warden; 1989 – Senior Warden; 1990 – Master; 1998, 2006 to 2007 – Treasurer.  
1986 to Present – Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Fort Myers, Florida. 1990 – Vice-President; 1998 to Present – Treasurer; 1991 – President, Naples Club; 1995 – KCCH; 1996 – Junior Warden; 1997 – Senior Warden; 1998 – Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix; 1999 – Orator of Lodge of Perfection, 2001, 33rd Degree 2007.  
1986 to Present – Araba Shrine Temple, Fort Myers, Florida; and Naples Shrine Club; 1997 to Present – Member, Board of Directors of Naples Shrine Club; 1998 to Present – Treasurer.  
2003 – 2012 – Fifth District Civic Advisory Board; 2003 – 2012 – Vice-President of Fifth District Advisory Board.  
2004 – Present – Solas o Rosslyn Council No. 84 (UD) Knight Mason of the USA.  
2003 – Present – York Rite Poinciana Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.  
2003 – Present – Council of Cryptic Masons, Fort Myers Council.  
2003 – Present – Knights Templar, Fort Myers Commandery, No. 32.  
2004 – Present – Royal Arch Masons, Everglades Chapter, Charter Member; 2004 – 2007 – Treasurer of Royal Arch Masons, Everglades Chapter.  
1989 to 2017 – Naples High 12 Club: 1990 – President; 1989 – Vice-President; 1994 to Present – Secretary-Treasurer.  
1984 to 2018 – Member Moorings Presbyterian Church: 1992-1995 – Member, Board of Deacons, Moderator, 1994-1995; 1986-1988, Mens Club – Vice-President 1986; President, 1987.  
2018 – Present – Community Beach Church Member/Legal Advisor  
1981-1982 – Phi Delta Phi – International Legal Fraternity – Cockrell Inn – University of Florida.  
1980-1982 – University of Florida, John Marshall Bar Association.  
1976-1982 – Circle K International (Division of Kiwanis) – Held various club and district offices. 1982 – President, University of Florida Circle K; 1979 International Single Service Project Award.  
1977-1979 – Head of Student Government, University of South Florida (Sarasota Campus) – New College.  
1997 to 2003 – Member of the Board of Spes Society. Local 501(c)3 Charity providing speakers and support to education.  
1997 to 2020 – Member of the Board of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Inc; 1999 to 2016 – Assistant Secretary. Longest Serving Director in history of origination.  
2007 to 2017 – Homeowners' Association of Golden Gate Estates; 2009 President  
1995 – Present – Member of Golden Gate Estates Area Civic Association; 2000 to 2006 – Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Estates Civic Association. 2002 Vice President and 2003 President.  
2002 – 2003 – Member of the Golden Gate Master Plan Committee, Collier County Government.  
2006 to 2008 – Member East of 951 Study Committee, Collier County Government.  
2010 to 2017 – Collier County Foreclosure Task Force.

2010 to Present – VA Accredited.

2012 to 2019 – Florida Association of Realtors Forms Committee.

2010 to 2013 – Vice Chair Congressional District 14 Republican Party of Florida.

2012 to 2019 – Chairman Congressional District 25 Republican Party of Florida.

Finalist 2006 & 2007 Collier Citizen of the Year.

2009 to 2022 – Villas at Lakeside Board of Directors & Attorney for Association.

2011 to 2021 – Co-Host of the Joe Whitehead Radio Show 98.9FM.

**PERSONAL:**

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in September 1956. Moved to Florida in 1957. Resident of Bradenton, Florida for 25 years. Resident of Naples for 40+ years.

**ENDORSED BY:**

**Kathleen Passidomo** – Florida Senate President

**Mike Lyster** – former Chairman Collier County Republican Executive Committee

**Carla Dean** – former Chairman Collier County Republican Executive Committee

**Jim Coletta** – former Collier County Commissioner

**Penny Taylor** – former Collier County Commissioner

**Donna Fiala** – former Collier County Commissioner

**Mike Carr** – Former Judge, former Chairman Collier County Republican Executive Committee & former State Committeeman

**Frank Halas** – former Collier County Commissioner

**Crystal K. Kinzel** – Collier County Clerk of Courts

**Joseph Whitehead** – Former Police Detective and Radio Personality

**J. Dudley Goodlette** – Longtime Naples resident, former member of FL House of Representatives & Counsel to the FL House & 50 Year Attorney

**Garrett Richter** – Former FL Senator and FL House of Representatives and highly successful and respected Banker

**Collier County Citizens Values Political Action Committee (CCCVAPAC)**

Don Hunter Former Sherriff

More coming

As it is the State Committeeman's job is to get Republicans elected, I have not asked for endorsements from any Republican Candidates that is facing opposition in this election race, although many would still endorse me.

**Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, [sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com](mailto:sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com), no later than Monday, July 29**

**Thank you.**