



2024 Candidate Questionnaire

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1. About you:

- a. How old are you?

I am 54 years old

- b. How long have you lived in Collier County, and where were you living previously?

I have lived in Collier County for over 20 years. I lived in Luquillo, Puerto Rico prior to moving to Florida.

- c. What is your educational background and past work experience?

BBA Marketing from Interamerican University of Puerto Rico.

MBA Marketing/New Media/Communications from Southern New Hampshire University

Pest Control Technology Certificate from University of Florida

Arborist Certification

Certified Pest Control Operator Certification

Florida Storm Water Operator & Inspector Certification

Professional Landscape Design Certification

Horticulturist Certification

Florida Green Industries Best Management Practices Trainer Certification

Florida Department of Transportation Maintenance of Traffic Certification

Landscape Contractor

Vice Chair Collier County Republican Party (2020-2022)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Florida Federation of Republican Women (Present)

Vice Chair Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Florida (2019-2021)

Chair Moms for Liberty Collier County Chapter (2022-2024)

Byron Donalds for Congress Campaign (2020)

Rick Scott for Senator Campaign (2018)

Latinos for Trump SW Florida (2020)

Trump Victory SW Florida (2020)

Governor DeSantis Campaign (2018 & 2022)

Latino American For Trumps Coalition (2024)

I am a co-owner, along with my husband, of a full-service landscaping business that has been proudly serving the Naples/Marco Island area for over 20 years. I also served in the US Air Force during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, where I held a Top-Secret Clearance and worked in the Intelligence Field in Communications, earning an Honorable Discharge.

This variety of experiences has equipped me with the leadership skills, dedication, and firsthand knowledge necessary to understand and address the challenges faced by our community.

## 2. Why are you running for this position?

I am running for the Florida House because I am deeply committed to preserving the American Dream for everyone. As a mom, Air Force veteran, and successful business owner, my journey began 20 years ago when I moved to Florida with just a suitcase full of dreams. Today, I am living proof that in this great country, you can achieve success through hard work and determination. My military service taught me that the oath to serve has no expiration date, and now, I want to continue that service by fighting for our families, seniors and veterans' right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I am dedicated to growing our economy, supporting law enforcement to keep our communities safe, and ensuring every child receives a quality education. With deep roots in this community and over 20 years of volunteering and service, I understand the everyday issues we face and am ready to work tirelessly for a better future for all.

## 3. What are three things you want to accomplish if you are elected?

- I will fight against burdensome regulations that are making homeownership unaffordable for Floridians and work to curb rising insurance prices so that our families, seniors, and veterans can afford to live here.
- I will work to empower our brave men and women in uniform so they can enforce our immigration laws, stop the flow of illegal drugs, and keep our communities safe.
- I will fight against burdensome regulations that hinder businesses, promoting economic growth, job creation, and thriving communities.

## 4. Name one past policy decision of the Florida Legislature this past session that you disagree with and that you would like to change if elected. Why?

One bill I disagreed with and was glad Governor DeSantis vetoed is SB 280. As a strong advocate for property rights, I believe individuals should enjoy their property without undue government interference. SB 280 introduced excessive regulations that infringe on property owners' autonomy. As a homeowner, I recognize the need for sensible regulations to manage rental properties responsibly and maintain neighborhood integrity. However, SB 280's blanket restrictions don't consider different properties' unique circumstances and could burden responsible owners, negatively impacting our economy. In summary, while I support proper rental property management, SB 280 imposed excessive regulations that harm property rights. A more balanced approach is needed to protect property rights and address rental market issues.

5. 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?

As someone who served this country in the United States Air Force and has lived and served in this community for over 20 years, I deeply understand the unique challenges and opportunities we face. I've built a small business, volunteered with numerous non-profits, and raised my family here, giving me a practical and relatable perspective on the everyday issues that matter most to us. I know this district intimately, and I make it a priority to see and hear everyone, including those in communities many don't even know exist.

Deep roots matter when looking for representation, and my proven long-term commitment to our community ensures that I am attuned to our needs and aspirations. Through my service with organizations like Rotary, Kiwanis, YMCA, Patriot Readers, Al's Pals, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, American Legion Post 404, Marco Island Charter Middle School, IFAS/UFL and Jingled Elves, among many others, I have worked tirelessly to make a positive impact. I am honored to be the only candidate endorsed by law enforcement, Congressman Byron Donalds and his wife Erika Donalds, who share my vision and commitment to our community.

I am a mother, Air Force veteran, Small Business owner and active community member, and I am committed to ensuring our voices are heard, our needs are met, and that everyone has the opportunity to live their American dream. Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient community."

**Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, [sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com](mailto:sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com) , no later than July 21. Thank you.**