



## 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?

I have lived in Collier County for just over five years. Prior to that, I lived on Long Island, New York.

2. How long have you been a member of the Collier County Republican Executive Committee (CCREC)?

Almost immediately upon moving here in mid-2019, I sought out the local Republican Party. I was involved in local politics on Long Island and intended to continue that public service in my new hometown. I think my membership was officially approved in January 2020 (may have been earlier).

3. What previous Party positions have you held?

I am a Precinct Committeeperson and the Chair of the Faith & Family Subcommittee of the Collier County Republican Executive Committee.

4. Why are you running for this position?

I am running for the position of Republican State Committeewoman for a few reasons. The impetus to run was the encouragement of several prominent leaders in the local Party. At the time, these people were not necessarily in alignment with one another about the direction the Party was headed in or should take, so I viewed their unity in support of my candidacy as an indicator that my election to this office could be a conduit to reunification of the Party. The division in the local Party may not have been well known to the public-at-large at that time, but, sadly, it has been on full display during this election cycle. Contrastingly, the event that kicked off my campaign was a beautiful display of not only Party unity, but the unity of community members who love this nation and came together in enthusiastic support of traditional values and defense of the Constitution. This brings me to my next reason for running for this office, which is to defend conservative values in the Republican Party platform, not the least of which is the inherent value of all human life. I will work diligently to educate all members of our community about Amendment 4 and to defeat this deceptive, extreme, pro-death constitutional amendment. I am also seeking this office because I believe our local Party deserves reputable

and professional representation by persons of good character. Unlike the incumbent who has monetized the position for her personal gain and sows division and discord at every opportunity, I have no agenda but to advance the cause of conservatism for the good of our community, state, and nation.

5. What are the responsibilities of a State Committeeman/woman? Are you committed to fulfilling them?

The Republican State Committeewoman (and Committeeman) serve as members of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF). Per the RPOF Constitution, the duties and objectives of that body include: “To develop a strong, effective, and informed Republican Party in Florida[;] To support the principles, objectives, and platforms of the Republican Party and to secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates[; and,] To encourage able and qualified Republicans to seek office at all levels of government.”

I am absolutely committed to fulfilling these duties, as well as serving on the Board of the Collier County Republican Executive Committee and aiding our local Republican Party in achieving these ends. I am also committed to attending all meetings of the Republican Party of Florida and providing representation for Collier County that is beyond reproach.

6. Do you believe you are representing all Collier County Republicans or those who are members of the CCREC?

This is sort of a distinction without a difference, though I understand the premise underlying the question. There is no denying that our local Republican Party is deeply divided, and I am committed to healing this division. The fact remains, however, that the Collier County Republican Executive Committee (CCREC) is the local arm of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF). As State Committeewoman, I will be a representative from the CCREC to the RPOF, and the CCREC is intended to represent all Collier County Republicans. That said, I am keenly aware that many Collier County Republicans (including many people I consider friends) feel alienated from their Party right now. I will endeavor to bring all Collier County Republicans together through honest and open (but respectful) dialogue and by emphasizing our common objectives (highlighted in the previous response) and the importance of Party unity in achieving those ends.

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?

As with every contest for elected office, voters should do their best to educate themselves about each candidate running and make well-informed decisions because the stakes are high. I think it is fair to say that the stakes are higher for positions such as School Board Member, Supervisor of Elections, and County Commissioner than for Republican State Committeewoman, but this office is still important. What is at stake in my election in particular is the credibility and efficacy of the office and the Party. Collier County Republicans deserve representation that is professional, respected, and works to bring about civil discourse and unity while maintaining unwavering commitment to conservative values. These are qualities that I will bring to the office and the local Party, and that distinguish me from the incumbent.