



Candidate Questionnaire – State Representative
2024 Election

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Your age: [84](#)

Today's date: [August 22, 2024](#)

What year did you move to Southwest Florida, and where did you live previously?

[We moved to Florida part time in 2014, and full time in 2019. We had previously lived in and around the Washington, DC area.](#)

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?

- [I went to high school in Claremont, California](#)
- [BA from Wesleyan University](#)
- [JD from the University of Chicago Law School](#)
- [LLM from Georgetown University Law Center](#)

Please summarize your work experience, including employers and dates.

- [Assistant US Attorney for the District of Columbia \(1966 to 1973\)](#)
- [US Department of Justice, Deputy Administrator, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration: appointed by President Nixon, confirmed by the U.S. Senate \(1973 to 1975\)](#)
- [Partner, Peabody, Rivlin, Lambert and Meyers, Washington DC \(1975 to 1982\)](#)
- [Partner McDermott, Will and Emery, Washington DC \(1982 to 2009\)](#)

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Describe your community activities, either in elective office or as a volunteer, in the last five years.

Locally, I have served as a member of two HOA Boards at Tiburon in Naples, and on two committees at the First Presbyterian Church.

As a result of my legal career, I am a director of the Atlantic Legal Foundation and a member of the Advisory Board of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health's Center for Gun Violence Solutions.

Why are you running for this position?

I am running because I am a moderate and oppose extremism on both sides of the aisle. Florida's politics have been dominated by GOP extremists for too long. As a former Republican who left the party after the January 6th insurrection, I want to bring civility, decency, rationality and truth back to Florida politics. Voters in District 81 deserve a choice.

What are the most critical issues facing Southwest Floridians today, and should you win the election, how will you address them?

Women's access to health care: MAGA Republicans have engaged in gross government overreach as it pertains to the rights of Florida's women. I will work to protect access to health care, regardless of what happens with Amendment 4 (which I vociferously support).

Climate Change: The effects of climate change have been obvious in Florida. More intense natural disasters have resulted in death and destroyed lives, and these tragedies lie at the feet of Governors Rick Scott and Ron DeSantis due to their dismissal of the crisis. Florida needs to elect politicians like me who want to make Florida more prepared in the future with climate-resilient infrastructure, because much damage has already been done.

Name one past policy decision of the Florida Legislature that you disagree with and would like to change if elected. How would you change it?

SB 7050 was a dangerous piece of legislation aimed at restricting voting access across the state. I would work to repeal it immediately. I would also work to ensure that Floridians re-gain as much access as possible to early and mail-in voting.

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What are your views about the role of state vs. local government as they relate to the issues facing Southwest Floridians today? How would these views influence your actions and decisions as a legislator?

The Florida Constitution guarantees home rule for all municipalities. The state legislature has passed over eighty laws from 2021 to 2024 that preempt this guarantee. I will work to restore home rule in Florida and in House District 81.

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