



**Candidate Questionnaire – Marco Island City Council
November 2024 Election**

1. Your name: **Deb Henry**
2. Your email address: **vote4debhenry@gmail.com**
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4. Your campaign website: **www.debhenry.org**
5. Your age: **56**
6. Today's date: **8/14/24**
7. What year did you move to Marco Island and where did you live previously?

We moved full time to our vacation home in 2019 from the Philadelphia area. Marco Island has been a significant part of our family since 2003 when my husband and I were married on the beach. We purchased our first property on Marco in 2005.

8. 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 graduated from Council Rock High School in Newtown, PA and earned my associate's degree in business management from Bucks County Community College, also in Newtown, PA.

9. Please summarize your work experience, including employers and dates.

Tracorp Southampton, PA 1989 – 2019 Experienced and organized small business owner with an impressive background of managing a specialty construction company which retained over \$10 million dollars in sales annually. I managed all sides of the organization from project estimating, negotiating and signing contracts, accounting, cost analysis of project expenses, and project close out documents.

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

Audit Advisory Committee for the City of Marco Island 2023 - present
Avow Hospice 2024-present Active participant on the Board of Directors
Marco Island Chamber of Commerce 2020-present
Marco Island Noontime Rotary 2023 – present “Service above Self”
Leadership Marco Class of 2024
Little Pink Houses 2022- present Volunteer for national organization that has an annual retreat on Marco for breast cancer patients
Our Daily Bread 2023 – present Volunteer for Mobile Pantry’s
Meals of Hope 2023 - present Volunteer to maintain records and raise funds for meal packaging event held each November
Souper Bowl 2019 – present Volunteer at event for silent auction
St. John Neumann Catholic High School Naples 2019-2023, President of Home and School Association

11. What is THE most important issue facing the Marco Island City Council today and how will you address it?

The most important issue is a lack of communication with the community and a lack of respect for the office. I plan on facilitating a community newsletter to be emailed to all property owners, this way all our residents, both full and part-time will know the top issues within City Council and our City Departments and what is going on via a calendar of civic and social activities. I also plan on making councilors more present in the community. We need a city council that is proactive, not reactive.

12. Name one past policy decision of the Marco Island City Council that you disagree with that you would like to change if elected.

The one past policy decision of the Marco Island City Council that I disagree with is the wasted time and money on the illegal and misguided rental ordinance that caused the city to become embroiled in lawsuits and wasted tax-payer dollars. I would have proposed having had a sit-down meeting with all parties represented, including an attorney and write a legal registration.

13. What are your views about the role of government as they relate to the policies and actions of the Marco Island City Council?

The role of government, specifically our city council are responsible for
A) maintaining a conservative budget yet continue to be a full-service city.
B) safety of its citizens - which includes infrastructure, water quality, police and fire departments
C) protect environment – which includes our beaches, wildlife and land conservation

How would these views influence your actions and decisions as a City Councilor?

I plan to tighten our budget so that we can allocate monies to our aging infrastructure, ensure that the police are enforcing the rules in place as well as putting a clean water initiative as a top priority.

14. Why should voters vote for you?

Voters should vote for me because I will represent all members of the community. I have no special interests or affiliations; I want what is best for Marco Island today and in the future.

What is the most important thing that differentiates you as a City Council candidate?

The most important thing that differentiates me from the other candidates is my involvement with the community. To be a leader in the community, you must be a part of the community.

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