



2026 Naples City Council Candidate Questionnaire

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1. About you:

- How long have you lived in the City of Naples, and in what parts of the community have you been most involved?
 - 15 years; City Council member 2020-24; Moorings Property Owners Association Board; Community Services Advisory Board; Metropolitan Planning Organization Board; Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; Naples Pension Board Chair; High school cross country and track coach; National Christian Foundation
- How old are you?
 - 60
- What is your educational background and past work experience?
 - Advanced Management Program from Harvard Business School
 - BS from Auburn University
 - CFO of three separate companies
 - CPA and partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers
- What experiences, professional or volunteer, best prepare you to serve effectively on the Naples City Council?
 - My prior four years of experience on the Naples City Council from 2020-2024, especially dealing with storm water, resiliency, hurricane recovery, budget, redevelopment and public safety matters together with over 30 years of business and financial experience uniquely qualify me to serve by addressing the complex issues facing Naples in these same areas of ongoing concern
- Have you previously served in elected or appointed positions in Collier County, the City of Naples, or other governments (including advisory boards or civic organizations)?
 - Yes – see above

2. What do you see as the most important challenges facing Naples in the next four years, and if elected, how do you propose to address them?
 - Addressing the huge storm water infrastructure improvements and resiliency measures and how to pay for them and carefully managing redevelopment projects within the city are big challenges for the city
 - Using my prior experience and ongoing resident input will enable me to hit the ground running on these to develop prioritized long range implementation plans to prevent or mitigate future flooding and storm damage and minimize impacts from redevelopment projects.
3. What principles or priorities will guide your decisions on matters that come before City Council?
 - I am guided by data, analytics, expert staff opinions and resident input and analyses.
4. How do you plan to communicate with constituents and involve them in city government?
 - As before I will seek input frequently from across all the neighborhoods and residents through phone calls, meetings, texts, Facebook and Instagram
5. How should the City plan for long-term financial sustainability given recurring storm-recovery costs and infrastructure needs?
 - The City should have a prioritized long range plan for the needed projects and consider how best to allocate storm water fees, impact fees, gas taxes, sales taxes, visitor taxes and property taxes to fund these over time.
6. What is your position on the future of the Naples Municipal Airport, including its continued operation, location, governance structure, and the relationship between its board and Naples City Council?
 - The Naples Airport provides valuable services to City residents and their guests. The airport board should continue to be appointed by and answer to the City's elected representatives on City Council. The board must consider meaningful ways to reduce noise for all residents. Several ideas have been mentioned and need action such as "higher faster", metering take offs and landings, limiting parking space, enforcing the night time curfew, and increasing the cost of fuel, landing fee and short term rents for non-longterm tenants.

7. Should the City of Naples continue to participate in litigation challenging recent state laws that limit local control over land-use and zoning decisions? Why or why not?
 - Ideally we will elect City Council members who are able to collaborate and communicate effectively with our legislators to understand each others' concerns and solve issues together. If that fails we may need litigation to protect our piece of paradise. When Tallahassee considers what is best for the big cities or other regions of the state we may find that these measures do not work well for Naples and we need to speak up and defend what is best for Naples.
8. What overriding principles will you use in considering requests to approve permits for events that may attract protests or require added security? How would you balance public safety costs and free-expression rights?
 - Safety of our residents is paramount. Protection of our residents' rights and properties is also important. Outside parties who wish to use our public spaces should also pay for any extra costs incurred. These costs should not be borne by City taxpayers.
9. The City has begun the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan, which will continue through 2026 and may lead to revisions in the land-use, planning, and zoning codes. What changes, if any, do you believe are needed to maintain Naples' character while accommodating appropriate redevelopment?
 - The comprehensive Plan and codes need to be updated to better consider storm resiliency and flood prevention.
10. Do you support keeping, loosening, or tightening the City's current 30-day minimum rental rule for residential properties? What outcomes are you aiming to achieve?
 - We should keep this rule in place to protect the right to quiet enjoyment of their properties for our residents.
11. Was there a City Council vote during the last four years in which you disagreed with the outcome? If so, why did you disagree?
 - I disagreed with the Council's vote to purchase a property on 10th Street North for over \$5 million (plus the cost to remediate and renovate the property) as there was no identified use for the property and that CRA funding could have been used to address the flooding and infrastructure needs in River Park East.

Please email your responses to Sandy Parker, sandy@sparkers-soapbox.com, no later than December 19, 2025.