

Responses for "Collier Mosquito Control Board Candidate Questionnaire 2026.docx":

Full name as you'd like it to appear, and age. (25 words)

Bebe Kanter, 73 years old. .

Where were you born or raised, and how long have you lived in Collier County?

I grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Williamsville, New York. My father was a research scientist, so our family lived at laboratory facilities across the United States and abroad. That environment gave me an early foundation in rigorous research, data analysis, and testing methods.

Collier County has been our home for 15 years, moving here when Craig was transferred as Executive Medical Director of HCSC. We combine my urban planning background with his medical expertise to deliver practical solutions for our community.

Our campaign is entirely self-financed, accepting no donations to maintain complete independence. Craig and I work as a dedicated team. He provides extensive technical advice and clinical insight, ensuring our policy decisions are grounded in sound, objective science.

Education: institution(s) attended and field of study. (25 words)

Barnard College (BA, 1974) . Harvard Graduate School of Design (MS, 1977) Focus on RE Finance and econometrics.

Current occupation and employer, and a brief summary of relevant work experience. (75 words)

Founder of Quiet Collier, Inc.

I view myself as a policy analyst with a background in commercial real estate finance, zoning compliance, and quantitative analysis. My mathematical talent makes it easy to review engineering, finance and noise studies.

Professional tenure includes roles at Wells Fargo, Washington Mutual, Healthcare Finance Corporation, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Any prior public service, elected or appointed positions, board or committee

memberships, or civic/volunteer work relevant to this race — including any involvement with the Collier Mosquito Control District. (75 words)

I monitor municipal zoning, land development codes, and land use petitions across Collier County. I have delivered formal testimony to the Collier County Board of County Commissioners regarding land development compliance and presented on aviation noise data to the Rotary Club of Pelican Bay. I actively advocate for native plant landscaping and wildlife conservation across Southwest Florida.

What are your top three or four priorities if elected, and why? (200 words)

1. **Public Health Priority:** Preventing mosquito-borne illnesses like dengue, malaria, and dog heartworm remains the top mission. If Amendment 3 passes, freshwater mosquito larvae must be targeted first to eliminate disease vectors early.
2. **Integrated Pest Management (IPM):** Moving the district away from wide-range chemical spraying that kills adult mosquitoes by prioritizing targeted, environmentally safe methods.
3. **Biological Vector Controls:** Releasing more Eastern mosquitofish (*Gambusia holbrooki*) and supporting native habitats for natural predators, including bats, dragonflies, and insect-eating birds.
4. **Precision Technology:** Using drones and LiDAR to treat mosquito larvae and physically reducing breeding sources to stop mosquito populations before they reach adulthood.
5. **Sterile Insect Technique (SIT):** Releasing non-biting, sterile male mosquitoes to mate with wild females. Because these matings yield no viable offspring, local populations decline steadily without chemical insecticides.
6. **Environmental Conservation:** Aligning pest control with native wildlife protection, specifically prioritizing sea turtle nesting habitats and native plant ecosystems across local growing zones.

Name one decision or policy of the Collier Mosquito Control District Board in the last four years that you disagreed with, and explain why. (125 words) *This is longer than requested*

I disagree with the decision of the CMCD to NOT address the conflict resulting from the two married Commissioners (4) and Sandra Lee Buxton (2),.

They jointly own and publish a periodical that contains political advertising for Sandra Lee. There is enough circumstantial evidence indicating that they did discuss this content. And perhaps, discussions of agency business resulted in potential voting conflicts.

At the beginning of Reg's 2022 term, the other commissioners should have requested that the CMCD staff investigate these issues.

This BOARD requires enhanced oversight regarding statutory compliance.

A potential conflict exists regarding whether the couple authorize expenditures for the benefit of vendors who concurrently purchase advertising in publication.

To substantiate a voting conflict under Florida Statute (F.S. 112.3143), investigators must establish a link demonstrating private gain, separating the action from circumstantial overlap.

Leveraging this shared commercial asset for electoral promotion necessitates strict adherence to state campaign finance mandates. Sandra's campaign ads required categorization as a reportable in-kind contribution (F.S. 106.011; F.S. 106.07). and should have been reported to the FEC(F.S. 106.25). These concerns warrant an external evaluation

Any endorsements you'd like listed. (list format)

Diane Sullivan , BayShore Developer and Entrepreneur.

Frank Garofalo, serial pizza parlor mogul. Currently owner of Baci Trattoria.

Jean and David Upton. Naples residents 30 years. Currently owners Jeans Conceirge Services.

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