



**Candidate Questionnaire – Naples Airport Authority
November 2026 General Election**

Deadline: Sept. 21, 2026

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1. Full name as you'd like it to appear, and age. (25 words)- Keith West
2. Where were you born or raised, and how long have you lived on Marco Island? (50 words) I was born and raised in the Charlotte, NC area. I have lived in North Naples for five years.
3. Education: institution(s) attended and field of study. (25 words)- Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a B.S. in History.
4. Current occupation and employer, and a brief summary of relevant work experience. (75 words)- I own Rexair Flight School, based at the Naples Airport. My job in high school was weekend line boy at a small local airport. I was a navy pilot, flying the A-6 Intruder. I managed a regional flight school in Richmond, Virginia and worked at the Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association as an advisor to flight schools nationwide prior to purchasing Rexair in 2021.
5. 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 Naples Airport Authority or its advisory committees. (75 words)- I was elected to the Richmond City School Board in 2007 and served one term. I have been the president of an active community association. I am currently on the board of the Friends of the Naples Airport, the board of the National Flight Training Alliance and am Founder/President of the Naples Airport Tenants' Association.
6. Do you hold a pilot's certificate, aircraft ownership, or other direct connection to Naples Airport (tenant, employee, business owner on the field, etc.)? Please describe briefly. (50 words)- I hold a Commercial Pilot Certificate as well as a Flight Instructor Certificate. I am a tenant of the airport and own a business on the field.
7. What are your top three or four priorities if elected, and why? (200 words)- In aviation, everyone's first priority is always and forever safety. 2. The airport must remain in place and free from the operational constraints city council wants to impose. 3. The airport should be run to the benefit of local citizens and businesses while prudently controlling spending.

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8. Name one decision or policy of the Naples Airport Authority in the last several years that you disagreed with, and explain why. (125 words)- The Naples Airport Authority turned down more than \$8 million in federal grants for airport improvements. These funds had to be made up by local users and businesses. The airport should be accepting all available grants. The funds for those grants come from aviation fuel taxes that aircraft users paid into the system. This rejection was unwarranted and irresponsible.
9. Name one decision or action by the Naples Airport Authority in the last several years that you supported and would want to see continued. (125 words)- There have actually been many good decisions. Most airport operations are not controversial.
10. Any endorsements you'd like listed. (list format, no limit)
11. Campaign website and any active social media accounts. <http://www.keithwest.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Keith-West-for-Naples-Airport-Authority/61592781464247/>

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