

Business Voice Legislative Questions

We also ask that you please thoughtfully respond to the following questions. These questions, along with your resume/bio will be shared with those members conducting the interviews and race evaluations.

As a result of interviews with all candidates, Business Voice Political Committee will make decisions which may lead to endorsements, financial contributions, invitations to member businesses and other actions designed to promote candidates we believe to be best qualified.

Pre-Interview Questions

1. Assuming you are elected to the Florida legislature, what will be your primary area of interest and what do you hope to accomplish in this area? What committees will you request?
2. When serving in Tallahassee how do/will you weight decisions between the needs of your local district constituency and those of the state as a whole?
3. In the next 10 years, what do you believe will be the top three most important critical needs of Floridians/Brevard Country residents? What do you propose we do to cope with these critical needs?
4. The Indian River Lagoon is on the forefront of everyones mind. The fish kill began just days after Gov. Scott vetoed \$700,000 for the Indian River Lagoon project. Knowing how important Agriculture/ Water issues to Brevard voters, what problems do you see & how do you intend to help overcome them?

In Person Questions:

1. Please briefly tell us what makes you the best qualified for the office?
2. How do we know you understand and would support the interests of the business community in Tallahassee?
3. Are you comfortable with the quality and magnitude of healthcare delivery in Florida? If not, what would you do as a lawmaker to improve it. If so, what role do you see for the state legislature in health care?
4. Are you satisfied with the state of education in the State and are you comfortable with funding levels?
 - What impact do you see on business from these issues?
5. There is great concern about the state of disrepair of our transportation infrastructure.
 - What can be done to improve it?
 - Do you believe Brevard gets its fair share of state funding for road projects that impact our communities?

6. The Tourist Development Tax ("TDT") is collected by providers of short term dwelling accommodations from their customers. As the name suggests, these taxes are intended to be used for tourist development. Do you support using these taxes for local infrastructure and service needs (i.e. roads, police, etc.) or do you support defending these tax dollars for their historically stated purpose (i.e. tourism promotion and marketing, as well as funding tourism related infrastructure).

7. How do you wish for voters to judge your success should you be elected?
- Do you want your success to be how much funding you bring to the District? How many laws you pass? Leadership positions you are appointed to, or . . .

8. How important is guidance from the House or Senate Leadership in your legislative decision making progress?

9. Opponents and the media research public records, police reports, credit information and do other background checks in an effort to discover tax liens, lawsuits, arrest records and other unfortunate things. Have you researched yourself to see what might be used against you?
- Are there any issues your opponent could use against you that you should disclose to this group?