

Ritch Workman, State Senate 17

1. Current Occupation: Director of Business Development for Keiser University
2. Education *(if not detailed on your resume)*

BS of Real Estate and Urban Analysis from Appalachian State University. Officer Candidate School, Ft. Bragg, NC.

3. Civic Involvement *(if not detailed on your resume)*

I volunteer with HorsePlay of Brevard. I therapeutic horseback riding facility for disabled children and their families.

4. Why are you running for this office?

When I left the Army National Guard in 2005 I never felt full. I believe being a part of the US military gave me the feeling of giving back to this great Country. I believe that my service as a Legislature fulfills a need I have to contribute. (And I really enjoy getting stuff done and making a difference).

5. The Business community should support my candidacy because:

I, along with my family, owned Workman Mortgage Company for some 15 years here in Brevard. We grew that business from a mom and pop shop to one of the largest independent lenders in Brevard. I hired, fired, completed tax filings, issued W-2's, met payroll, balanced our books, and managed a staff of more than 25. I know what it means to be a business owner. I have also successfully proven I understand what business

6. Describe your experience that qualifies you for the position you seek.

I am a proven, conservative leader. I have authored and passed significant reform legislation during my tenure in Tallahassee. As a freshman I tackled a Medicare reform that had failed for 4 years prior to me trying. From there I authored and passed the only pension reform we have had in this state in decades (required public employees to pay into their pensions). I authored and passed growth management reform which resulted in removing a generation worth of regulations and restrictions off the back of developers and closed an entire agency of government. I authored and passed the largest recurring tax cut in Florida history saving Florida's families and businesses more that 500M in taxes. Most recently, I authored and passed sweeping corruption reform, finally holding government contractors accountable to public corruption law. None of these reforms were passed on party lines. In each I was able to work across the aisle and across different beliefs and bring people together to make a decision that was best for Floridians. I am qualified to be our next Senator simply because I am able to work with anyone in order to accomplish the task at hand.