

## Business Voice Port Commission Questions

1. Why are you running for office?
2. Please briefly tell us what makes you the best qualified for the office?
3. What are your top 3 objectives if elected Commissioner? Or, the top 3 most critical needs/priorities of the Port?
4. CEO John Murray has taken the position of refocusing the Port on a slower expansion plan than previously advocated. Do you think this is the right direction for the Port?
5. The Port is due for a comprehensive Master Plan to encompass all areas of the Port business (Cruise, Cargo, Transportation, Infrastructure, Cove Development, Fishery, etc) . How would you prioritize the different areas? And please include any others not mentioned.
  1. Follow up if not addressed: What is your position about expanding Barge to Rail development?
6. Port Canaveral has an established Fishing Industry. What do you see as the most important thing the Port Commission can do to help those businesses?
7. The Commissioners recently voted to donate \$100,000 for a campaign for education on IRL issues. What role do you think the Port should regarding environmental stewardship of the Lagoon?
8. The Port is in many ways a service organization. We have three service related questions:
  1. How would you help improve the culture and attitude of staff so that they are more customer/ business friendly?
  2. Cruise parking is an ongoing discussion at the Port. What is your stance on parking?
  3. At a recent meeting the Commissioners were debating the role and limitations of special events held at the Port. What role do you see special events having in the Port in the future?
9. Why should the business community support your candidacy?
10. Experience: Government is not exactly like a private business but business issues arise including budgeting, strategic planning and operational management. Do you have any experience in this regard? If not, how will you be prepared to handle issues of this type?
11. Opponents and the media research public records, police reports, credit information and perform 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?

## **Port History and Useful Information**

*In 1953, the year the Port was dedicated, a Special Act of the Florida state legislature created the independent governmental agency that operates the Port – the Canaveral Port Authority.*

*The Legislature established the Canaveral Port District in the central and north areas of Brevard County and divided it into five regions. Five elected officials representing the five regions form the Canaveral Port Authority, which sets fiscal, regulatory and operational policies for the Port. Commissioners are elected at-large and serve four-year terms. Voting takes place every two years, with no more than three commission seats up for election at a time. Commissioners receive a small salary.*

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