

Please provide as much information as possible. Recognizing this form is general, certain questions may be more or less pertinent to a specific office or applicant.

Candidate Profile – Personal Profile

1. Candidate Name Matt Nye
2. Office You Are Running For Florida House, District 52
3. Phone Numbers.
home: (321) 626-9791
office: (352) 482-1459
cell: (321) 626-9791

Please include a copy of your professional resume

4. Current Occupation:
Regional Director, Verteks Consulting
5. Education *(if not detailed on your resume)*
6. Civic Involvement *(if not detailed on your resume)*
Served on the Brevard County Charter Review Commission in 2009 and 2015
7. Are you involved in or have been involved with a local Chamber of Commerce?
Former board member of the Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast (appointed by Trudie Infantinit), past member and board member of Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce, current member of Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce
8. Have you run for office before? If so, when and what was the outcome? X Yes No
Ran for County Commission in 2010 against incumbent Mary Bolin. Outspent 9-1, lost with 41% of the vote.
9. Party Affiliation X Republican Democrat Other:
10. How long have you been registered as the above Party? 11 years

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Campaign Profile

1. Manager's Name NA
2. Phone Numbers
office: _____
cell: (321) 626-9791
3. Treasurer Self
4. Other Consultants, Staff or Key Volunteers
Scott Ellis, Rob Feltner, Patrick Mooney, Susan Hammerling, Nick Tomboulides, Matt Susin, Paul Alfrey, Jeff Bailey
5. If qualifying by petition, how are you collecting petitions?
Events and door to door.
6. How many fundraisers have you had? 3
7. What is your fundraising goal? \$25,000
8. What type of voter contact are you budgeting for?
Door knocking, mail and special events
9. How many volunteers do you have engaged in your campaign and describe how you are engaging them?
About a dozen right now, mostly via phone and email
10. Why are you running for this office?
To make a genuine difference in Tallahassee. I'm tired of seeing Republicans run as fiscal conservatives and then voting for higher taxes and more spending once elected. I'm tired of watching career politicians game the system by catering to special interests in exchange for sweetheart do nothing jobs they aren't qualified for. I want to make meaningful changes to campaign finance laws and the way political committees are currently allowed to operate.

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Business Profile

1. Various organizations and interest groups make endorsements, contribute to campaigns and help build a support coalition for candidates. Please indicate groups or organizations that you would seek out to support your candidacy.

Any association comprised of small business owners that desire less regulation and more freedom. I've had positive meetings with the realtors, pharmacists, assisted living facility owners and several others.

2. The Business community should support my candidacy because:

I have been a small business owner most of my adult life. I am very familiar with the challenges faced by those who sign payroll checks. I am for free markets, less regulation and lower taxes. I will fight to get rid of the commercial lease tax. I will fight to reduce occupational licensing hurdles. I will fight to reduce worker's compensation rates.

3. Describe your experience that qualifies you for the position you seek, or to hold public office in general.

I have an excellent understanding of the US Constitution and the Florida Constitution. I am very well versed on classical economics and excel at public speaking and debate. I have served on numerous boards over the years, and have an excellent understanding of Robert's Rules and strategies to move agenda items forward.

4. What have you done to prepare yourself to serve in this office?

My service as a state officer in the Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida for the last nine years has kept me in tune with what is happening on the state level, just as my leadership role in the local tea party and RLC kept me plugged into what is happening at the county level.

I'm a voracious reader, and I do my research on issues before staking out a position. I'm not afraid to say I don't know if I don't know something, and I'm open to hearing from all sides before taking a position.

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Pre-Interview Questions

(For Legislative and County Commission races)

1. In the next 10 years, what do you believe will be the top three critical needs of Floridians/Brevard Country residents? What role will the office you are seeking play in helping meet these needs, and what plans do you have to help us do so?

- 1) Indian River Lagoon Cleanup
- 2) Roads & Infrastructure
- 3) Prioritization of spending - putting needs above wants

2. How do you weigh decisions between the needs of your local district constituency and those of the county/state as a whole?

Unless the needs of my district are in direct contradiction with the needs of the state, or in violation of the state constitution, the needs of the district would tend to come first. Having said that, if I don't think it's a proper function of government, I'm not going to vote for it, regardless of the "need".

3. Assuming you are elected/re-elected to the Florida legislature/county commission, what will be your primary area of interest and what do you hope to accomplish in this area? What committees will you request if elected to the legislature?

I want to influence tax and spending policy. The size of state government continues to grow unabated, as proven by the most recent record \$88.7 billion budget. Every dollar spent by government is a dollar not available for market capitalization.

My committee requests would be:

- 1) Finance and Tax
- 2) Government Accountability
- 3) Ways and Means

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Pre-Interview Questions
(For School Board and Port Commission races)

1. Please describe your experience in financial management, budgeting or oversight that would qualify you to oversee the large budget of the school district/port?

2. Both the School Board and the Port Commission set the tone for their respective organizations. Please describe the role you hope to play in leading these organizations, from a public perception as well as internally.

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