

Candidate Profile – Personal Profile

1. Candidate Name: **Tyler Sirois**
2. Office You Are Running For **State Representative – District 51**
3. Phone Numbers.

home: **(321) 543-6330**

office: _____

cell: **(321) 543-6330**

Please include a copy of your professional resume

4. Current Occupation: **Executive Director, Office of the State Attorney**
5. Education (*if not detailed on your resume*) **Bachelor's Degree, Political Science/History, Florida State University**
6. Civic Involvement (*if not detailed on your resume*)

For the past six years I have served as a board member at the Friends of the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB), four of those years as president. The CACB is a one-stop, multidisciplinary facility to evaluate and treat abused and neglected children. The CACB is a partnership between the Office of the State Attorney, Brevard County Sheriff's Department, Child Protection Team, and Department of Children and Families. Our Friends Board raises funds and awareness to support the work of the CACB. I have also been serving as project lead for our new facility in Rockledge made possible by a \$1.5 million grant from the legislature.

7. Are you involved in or have been involved with a local Chamber of Commerce? **I am in the process of joining the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce and will attend an upcoming orientation.**
8. Have you run for office before? If so, when and what was the outcome? **Yes, I briefly ran for District 29 (Ralph Poppell's Vero Beach to Titusville District) but decided the time was not right for me.**
9. Party Affiliation **Republican** Democrat Other: _____

10. How long have you been registered as the above Party? **15 years (since registration)**

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Campaign Profile

1. Manager's Name: **Rob Feltner**

2. Phone Numbers

office: **(321) 543-6330**

cell: _____

3. Treasurer: **Tyler Sirois**

4. Other Consultants, Staff or Key Volunteers **Ryan Smith, Sarah Ayers_**

5. If qualifying by petition, how are you collecting petitions? **Our campaign reached the 1160 petitions required to qualify in December 2017.**

6. How many fundraisers have you had? **10**

7. What is your fundraising goal? **\$100,000**

8. What type of voter contact are you budgeting for? **Mail, Canvassing**

9. How many volunteers do you have engaged in your campaign and describe how you are engaging them? **8 to 12, The number fluctuates given the activity: canvassing, petition collection, etc...**

10. Why are you running for this office?

As a Floridian and a parent, I want our state to be a place where my children and all Floridians can be safe, pursue their dreams, and fully enjoy their freedoms. To accomplish this, I believe we need to focus on preparing young people to enter and contribute in the workforce and address the growing mental health and addiction issues in our state.

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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.

I am a strong believer in the need for robust economic and workforce development efforts. A vibrant economy and education system are good for Florida families. I would be proud to earn the support of any group that wants to see Florida businesses and entrepreneurs succeed.

2. The Business community should support my candidacy because:

I believe in Brevard County. I share the values and concerns of the business community with regards to Florida's future. I want our state to do better at connecting our education system with the needs of employers. My involvement with the Regional Aerospace Workforce Initiative, the State Attorney's Office, and the Children's Advocacy Center has provided me with a unique perspective. The bottom line is this: college is not the best destination for every child. We need to do more to connect educators and business leaders to prepare graduates to enter the workforce. Workforce participation translates into a paycheck and a paycheck contributes to self-sufficiency and confidence. Vocational and technical training opportunities and apprenticeships provide the means for families to access the economy. I hope this access and empowerment will create a more capable workforce and a stronger Florida economy as well as improve our society by driving down instances of child abuse and addiction through more meaningful employment opportunities.

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

My full range of experience, from the Regional Aerospace Workforce Initiative (working with Lisa Rice and Sue Carlson) to my current role at the State Attorney's Office, diving into the intricacies of the state budget and my work at the Children's Advocacy Center have prepared me to serve as a member of the Florida House.

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

A lot of walking and listening to the voters. I am eager to seek advice and to learn from experts. My perspective of our county is that of a lifelong resident: born at Cape Canaveral Hospital, raised on North Merritt Island, and a product of Brevard Public Schools.

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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 County 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?
 - A. **Workforce/Economic Development—We need to make sure that industry and educational sectors are talking to each other. We need to place greater emphasis on vocational and technical training to produce graduates that are prepared to meet the needs of the economy. I would like to see expanded apprenticeship opportunities and will, as a state legislator, propose legislation that incentivizes employers to offer these positions.**
 - B. **Mental Health and Public Safety— According to one study, it is 60% more costly for taxpayers to incarcerate a mentally ill individual than a standard inmate. In Brevard County, much of the problem is our limited capacity to provide services to the mentally ill. I will use the tools and resources available to me as a legislator to research this issue, evaluate the Department of Children and Families, and to explore how the same services can be provided to a greater number of clients by non-profit providers at the local level.**
 - C. **It is entirely possible that events unknown to us today will dictate a major priority within the next 10 years. A public health emergency, a major act of terrorism, another Pulse or Parkland or BP oil spill. Keeping Florida’s economy strong and diversified, providing our law enforcement and courts with the tools and resources necessary to keep us safe, and keeping the lines of communication open with my constituents will prepare me as a legislator to meet these unknowns.**
2. How do you weigh decisions between the needs of your local district constituency and those of the county/state as a whole?

As a legislator, I will reach out to people and gather input. I have to evaluate how the issue will impact my district and the entire state. Ultimately, I have to balance this feedback with my own conservative philosophy to make the best decision possible.

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?

First and foremost, I will be a cheerleader for Brevard County. We should celebrate the growth in our local economy, low unemployment rate, and tourism that is outperforming state averages. To continue to advance our community, our public schools need to prepare youth to become active and contributing members of society. This should be the measure of a great school—not necessarily college

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admission rates. We need to partner educators with the business community to form curriculum that provides greater career exposure to youth. This can be accomplished through the expansion of apprenticeship programs and greater emphasis on vocational and technical training as acceptable and honorable paths for students.

As a small government conservative, I believe in limited government and the power of free enterprise. Property rights, low taxes, limited regulation, and letting the free market work are important ideas that I fully support.

In my role at the State Attorney's Office, I see first-hand the challenges of our legal system as well as the challenges facing our society in the form of drug abuse and child abuse. If we can expand educational opportunities through vocational and apprenticeship programs, I believe we can put more people on the path to gainful employment, create a stronger workforce for Florida businesses, and reduce societal problems all at the same time.

I believe I will be the strongest advocate for the business community in this race, and I appreciate your consideration.

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