

## Melissa Martin Interview - 1pm Thursday May 3rd

1). Most qualified? Career experience and leadership experience. Positions give me unique capability for these times. We need candidates to be able to speak to both sides, all sides in focused mission driven way. Helps us achieve more of our goals than playing politics. I have been talking with current elected officials in senate and house, and former officials. To get their insight and advice. Understand the mechanics of serving and knowledge to serve on day one, and am developing legislative priority bills.

2). Via this interview, reviewing my platforms published on website etc. Best way to achieve assurance is because it is all one things, especially regional economy, talking about management of resources. We have to look at all resources, threats and impacts. I approach everything, a question, issue or debate - look at all things considered and facts of theater and public interest. In the interest of public to have healthy thriving economy.

3) Healthcare - personally I am good because rented military on tricare. But if you look around there is crisis everywhere. I believe everyone deserves not to be told you don't have enough money to have health care. I believe a systemic overhaul needed, what it is TBD. My husband HR director at the zoo.... We discuss all the time, HR, employment law, healthcare etc... discussing how to go forward. Various ideas, and I ask everyone I meet. But no consensus. My professional position is to wait to see evidence and consensus on ways forward.

4) Education. No and No. Funding levels is one thing, how we use the funds is another. It could be possible to maintain funding levels and push authority to local districts to manage and thrive on their own. But the basic data driven philosophy is teachers need more pay to get better quality teachers. Talking about how or what they teach is another issue.

1 - severe disconnect between current system. Going college/university, or not going anywhere. And that is in the system and high stakes tests. If we devise more of systemic message to explore what your good at, identify local industrial needs, establish clear and achievable career pipelines. And plenty of room for college. Connect potential work force with the needs of workforce and economic needs.

5) transportation - likely not. The issue itself go back to consider the whole. We are going through a definite energy transition. We have to harness and position ourselves to meet where that is going to be in order achieve maximum use of our resources. based on many things I've read, we are going renewal energy. We just are. So as we renovate infrastructure, we have to meet and ideally lead in that industry benefits there might be.

6) private property owners v. Enviro. Don't believe current law necessarily permits right discussion to be had. Burt Harris act to protect this issue. The threat of litigation under Burt Harris has chilled local governments ability take care of their lands. For fear of being sued. Courts have byandlarge deferred to local governments to take care of local lands. And education in general re where and how to balance public interest with private interests of property owners.

- Save our lagoon why I'm running for office. After able to pass that I realized so much more that needs to be done. Work with coalition with senate and house, but tap into the activist network and stakeholders. Engage them to apply their energy to communicate to the legislators. Coalition building and pressure applied to legislative procedure.

7) home rule. How I would balance it, I would presume home rule, and then be swayed by compelling public interest arguments. That would convince me to say this should regulated in Tallahassee. presumption, but rebuttable presumption.

8) TDT - No I thought it was a bad bill to be honest. Nice that they are trying to be creative. But my work as judge advocate was a lot of fiscal law. And look at ok you can't use that because it is not intended purpose. There was no legislative intent in TDT created to be used for such projects. I expect it will be challenged in the courts. I believe we could use TDT to increase access points to the lagoon, there people that use the lagoon, the more how buy into its appropriate care. But not appropriate to use for utilities.

9) success. I would love for them to judge me by how much they see me. My presence in my communities direct relation how I'm connected with them. Have constant feedback with constituents. Not just once a year, or at an event with paid for access. So people can be connected to their government. If I wouldn't live up to that promise, I would reopen to judgement. I would judge myself.

10) leadership - I'm not whipable. I use all advice as considerations, but look at all evidence as fact and data and use that to make decision.

11) I have researched myself, and have been researched by Florida bar and top secret clearance from the military, so I think I'm good.

12) Senate Democrat leaders in 2019... I don't remember his name. It could be different depending on the numbers. Senate victory committee still strategizing how to allocate resources. Since I'm not a million dollar viable candidate I'm not going rely on them. Local dems are very helpful volunteer organization, and getting community aware to know whats going on. Bringing in volunteers and utilize their energy.

13)40% of my time up in volousia.

14) running against incumbent. What are top 2 differences? Her voting record on growth issues. She's voted to unleash the titans on development and lessening oversight. I believe in need to protect our natural resources. Number 2 would be that she has been general lock step with party leadership. I think I would definitely anger my party leadership, as I won't be as lock step with them.

15) win number is \$100k. I'd like to be in person or volunteer knocking on doors to priority precincts - if too rural or gated community or get shot - then I would put a few more mailers in their mail box. The priority big ticket effort is canvassing and mailers, budget include signs. And some tactics don't want to share. And enabler with social media. (something about older voters influenced by?)

16) was our candidate training of use to you? Yes. I've been through a few. Yours had nice local applications. As opposed to national trainings in DC. Especially because it is not usual for democrat to be in a pro-business organization, and I benefit from that and appreciate it.

17) why senate seat? Why not another more winnable district? We needed more allies in Tallahassee. Went to this seat rather than primary another dam in HD 51. Was asked to run for congress many times, but didn't feel ready for that. Dan: saw that you publicize you will not take PAC or corporate money. Would you take ATT check? I'm concerned about dark money. Would take if from a pac that discloses their donors. I'm not going to solicit from corporate pacs, but should I receive their support, I layout out like a disclaimer.... It has no baring on my opinion, other than a statement you support my effort.

18) when in naval academy, did you think you'd run? No but I knew when I was 16 I felt called to serve my community. And until last fall didn't really think this would be how.