

Candidate Profile – Personal Profile

1. Candidate Name _____ Pamela “Pam” Dirschka _____

2. Office You Are Running For _____ Florida House District 50 _____

3. Phone Numbers.

home: _____ 321-222-4001 _____

office: _____

cell: _____ 850-932-1888 _____

Please include a copy of your professional resume

4. Current Occupation: running for office

5. Education (*if not detailed on your resume*) Bachelor of Science in Education Greenville College (now Greenville University) 1976

6. Civic Involvement (*if not detailed on your resume*) Board member of Santa Rosa Sound Coalition; Board member of First City Sports in Pensacola, Member of Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce; Volunteer and School Advisory Council member at Oriole Elementary School, Gulf Breeze Middle School, and Gulf Breeze High School; Coach for Science Olympiad team at Gulf Breeze Middle School and Gulf Breeze High School; Founder of Science Olympiad Supporters; Coach for Gulf Breeze Sports Association for Basketball and Soccer; Currently: Volunteer at Enchanted Forest Sanctuary; Member of Space Coast League of Women Voters, Brevard DEC member, District Leader and Precinct Committee Woman 114

7. Are you involved in or have been involved with a local Chamber of Commerce? Yes

Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce, Pensacola Beach 1980's

8. Have you run for office before? If so, when and what was the outcome? Yes No

Not for political office (Ran and served on School Advisory Council at Oriole Beach Elementary Gulf Breeze Middle School, and Gulf Breeze High School throughout the time our children were in school)

9. Party Affiliation Republican **Democrat x** Other: _____

10. How long have you been registered as the above Party? Since Inauguration Day 2017

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Campaign Profile

1. Manager's Name _____ Self _____

2. Phone Numbers

office: _____ same as above _____

cell: _____

3. Treasurer _____ Linda Lopardo treasurer, Claudia Thomas Deputy Treasurer _____

4. Other Consultants, Staff or Key Volunteers: All volunteers and part of District 1 Brevard Democrats including Bob Stover, Jane McCallum, Jim Sloan, Claudia Thomas, Richard Arjona, Sol Edelson, Ruben Gomez, Malinda Villain, Sandy Boisselle, James Bowen, Leesa Adams, Steven Heisler, Anna Heiney, Jimmy Nelson, Lisa Babcock, Valerie Citta, Susan Holcombe, Sharon Spikes, Jill-Renay Bennett, Eric Lehman, Jeffrey McCarty, Alan Chapman, and Melissa Martin; Orange County Democrats include Adam Woodhall, Nicolette Springer, and Lindsey Kaetzel.

5. If qualifying by petition, how are you collecting petitions?

We reached our goal of 1,251 on April 17. I collected them along with the team listed above and other volunteers in Brevard and Orange County who helped me knock on doors and greet people at tabling events.

6. How many fundraisers have you had? _none; I provide an online link for Crowdpac on literature and from Facebook _____

7. What is your fundraising goal? __\$50,000.00_____

8. What type of voter contact are you budgeting for?

Most of my voter contact will be door to door by me and volunteers plus attending local events throughout the district;

9. How many volunteers do you have engaged in your campaign and describe how you are engaging them? I have a team of approximately 50 volunteers in the Brevard Dems as well as in Orange County. I am actively welcoming NPAs to join our group as well. Many of our volunteers are working on campaigns for other candidates as well. For example, in North Brevard portion of House District 50 we overlap with Mel Martin, candidate for Florida Senate 14 and Sanjay Patel, candidate for Congressional District 8. In Orange County I am working with Sanjay Patel in the Wedgefield, Bithlo, and Christmas area where we overlap as well with Nicolette Springer, candidate for Orange County Commission District 4 and several candidates for School Board in District 2. We knock on doors and will be phone banking as well as hosting small events in their neighborhoods.

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10. Why are you running for this office?

I believe that the hope and expectation that our nation is “of, by, and for the people” and that the notion “of pursuit of happiness” is not simply a quaint idea but is a mandate that must be fulfilled by citizens willing to make the commitment to work with and serve others in that pursuit.

I would be happy to tend my garden, organize my family photos, and finally sort through the contents of my accumulated possessions after downsizing our home. Instead, the election of our president, and the actions and priorities of those in charge at the national, state, and local level, have been so extreme and counter to the values that I believe are the foundation of our country, that when asked to run for the Florida House, I felt compelled to accept that responsibility.

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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 will seek out support from groups that support the importance of education, clean environment, healthcare, living wages, and affordable housing.

2. The Business community should support my candidacy because:

the goals for which I strive are also elements that create a good climate for business. Improving education creates a good workforce and involved citizens. Cleaning up the environment not only creates a place for beauty and recreation, but also protects our aquifer, our source of drinking water. We can all work together to create a thriving community where businesses of all sizes do well.

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

I've had a background in education along with decades of experience running a small business. Throughout that time, I've been involved in the community as a volunteer with a focus on the schools and the environment. My experience in life has ranged from running national events nearly 40 years ago when I first moved to Florida to helping neighbors with creating an inventory of their belongings lost after our neighborhood flooded after Hurricane Ivan. I will do my best to represent all the residents in House District 50 using my broad background.

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

I have been reaching out to people with experience in the various policy areas. I will build a team that will give advice and background to assist me with the decision-making process so that I will have facts to help guide me.

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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?

A sustainable supply of good drinking water is going to be one of our biggest needs in the next 10 years.

Smart growth that minimizes the long-term costs (water/police/fire/transportation)

Quality jobs: We need to modify our healthcare delivery, education, and pay structure to ensure a quality workforce that allows portability of healthcare to help foster entrepreneurial opportunities to move more people into the workforce and live healthier, happier lives.

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

The goal is to find win-win solutions. If this isn't possible then there needs to be a way to compensate to result in an equitable solution for all.

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?

The availability of good drinking water is important to all Floridians. Almost everything we do in Florida has an impact on the availability of good drinking water. The tragedy that occurred in Flint, Michigan that has impacted thousands of young lives must never happen again in this country and certainly not in Florida. Bithlo and Wedgefield have water quality issues today and will receive the attention necessary to resolve these issues.

Health & Human Services Committee

Appropriations Committee

Education Committee

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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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