

## Pamela Dirschka - 2:30pm Thursday May 3rd

- 1) qualified? I have had a lot of variety experiences in life, thorough early times. I was a teacher for 4 years, coached 3 sports a year. I moved to FL and substitute taught, then started windsurfing businesses on Pensacola beach. Something I love to do, but afraid to do so on IRL now. I'm hoping we can keep making things clean so we can all get back out there. During my time of concerned about EDU, business, my husband and I ran computer consulting business for 20 years in early days of personal computers. Turned into programming for small business. I volunteered a lot in different organizations schools and community. would like to be the voice for those not typically represented in FL legislature. School advisory council whole time my kids in there in pensacola beach chamber. Similar to IRL in panhandle. Santa Rosa commission. Moved to brevard in 2013. To be near in-laws in their 90s .
- 2) Business interests? Having experience with a small business makes me open to the concerns a small business has. When we got started I went through SBA programs, worked with EDC. My son at Northrup grummon and daughter at Yale health... they saw went we went through in small biz and went to go work for large biz! I would say through them I know understand perspective of both. We need to provide good jobs. Space coast, we have a lot of smart people and need to do things to attract them to this area. Businesses need clean environment good schools,
- 3) Healthcare Not happy with condition at all. Medicare Expansion that was rejected in Florida has hurt a lot of people in a gap that don't have access to it. Ideally I think healthcare should not be tied business/job, would like to see some sort of medicare for all.
- 4) Education. Our state is woefully underfunding. Emphasis on testing have hurt, teachers aren't given respect they need. We need to support them better. It needs to be much higher priority.
- 5) Transportation infrastructure? If I were in legislature, during time we had opportunity to do expansion of public transportation. Gove scott rejected expansion of trains. That can be a really good help for us. We took train to Miami, and it is great. Wish we could hop on in Titusville. Wish we could see between brevard and orange county. Even our bus transportation is lacking. Went to citizens academy in brevard county.... They said they couldn't coordinate with orange county. More we can encourage public transportation. We can't build our way out of all the increasing transportation needs we have.
- 6) Private property v environ? Right now, in orange county, road on drawing boards for split oak area, a mitigation area for all the development happening ... watching what they do that. Lot of sensitive land needs to be preserved because vital to the environment. I am concerned about the beach access that legislature took this session.... People who voted on it weren't aware of the restrictions they put on citizens access to the beach. If people loose rights they have to their property they need to be compensated for that. I think its a balance.
- 7) Home rule? Would have to look at it, but in general side with home rule. Local community better at deciding than at state level. I support home rule.
- 8) TDT - I don't support changes going toward infrastructure. I believe funding set aside to encourage advertising, and In fact I was in one fo the states advertisements way beck when I windsurfed. Because of charter cap, I have seen it is difficult for county commission to do what they need to do. I don't think people realize that. I can see if it really benefits the tourists, it needs to stay focused on things to benefit tourism.
- 9) success? I think a politician always looses. You will always step on toes, or hear complaints. What I would judge if I feel like I represented the people I've been talking to at the doors, I will feel successful.
  - 1) Laws passed? Money to district? leadership? I'm not sure can use just one of those.... Things you need to do but system is skewed a lot and want to be

known as someone who is sincere. I think the whole system is skewed toward big donations. (if any of you want to give I wouldn't be opposed to that)

- 10) Leadership? I will come in as novice so will need assistance. But hope to have a panel of people I can turn to in the district, for guidance that would be balanced by what leadership would say. I would probably not always be a team player.
- 11) research? Husband and I hit by IVAN and applied for SBA loan and restrictions on how to use it so we didn't pursue it. But if you google it, it still comes up even though not used.
- 12) How well do you know opponent? He tends to be more moderate member. He is somebody that I find people here don't know him, but people in orange I get a lot of feedback. Hearsay or incidental comments I would not use in campaigning. He stepped forward early on in session to ban fracking, I agree with that. Voted for the teacher bill 755, but many amendments he did not support that I would have. I think that I will do a better job of getting out and meeting people. I know he gets endorsements, but that doesn't surprise me given political leanings of the community.
  - 1) He did not support banning large magazines etc. I would support ban assault weapons, large capacity magazines and expand background checks.
- 13) Path to victory? When I got in was concerned about an orange county candidate, because he does have higher proportion of dems. And then gop dominates in brevard. We have just a 3k vote difference assuming people vote down party line. Strong door to door campaign, don't have set number. Good team here building team in orange county.
- 14) Dollar better spent by government or private sector? cant answer that. Government gets a bad name... and I laugh because comes from folks like my brother who work at space center and I say look in mirror: you are government! There can be waste in both, and I think we need to be careful of taxpayer dollars.