

Business Voice County Commission Questions

1. Assuming you are elected to the County Commission, what will be your primary area of interest and what do you hope to accomplish in this area?
2. In the next 10 years, what do you believe will be the top three most important critical needs of Floridians/Brevard Country residents? What do you propose we do to cope with these critical needs?
3. The Counsel for the Charter Review Commission has opined in a legal review that the Charter cap may be unconstitutional. Do you support the repeal of this language that would ultimately give the County Commission full authority and discretion to set its budget as it sees fit?
4. How would you reduce the budget to save taxpayers money? As specific as possible explain the reductions you will propose/achieve for the budget.
5. How do you propose dealing with the funding of County roadway maintenance and/or capacity improvements?
 1. Have you read the Blue Ribbon Transportation Committee report?
 2. Do you support any of the options outlined by the Blue Ribbon Panel? (Transportation Impact Fees for new construction, Gas tax, Sales tax)?
 3. If no, how do you propose addressing the backlog of maintenance?
6. How do you propose balancing property-owner rights with environmental concerns?
 1. Is the EELS program a wise use of taxpayer dollars?
7. The Indian River Lagoon is on the forefront of everyones mind again this election cycle. The 2016 Save Our Lagoon Sales Tax is bringing in more revenue than anticipated and already funding projects, yet restoring the lagoon will take time and the public grows disheartened seeing the brown water and another fish kill.
 1. Knowing how important the Lagoon is to Brevard voters, how do you communicate with them on this topic?
 2. What problems do you see with the current restoration efforts, if any, how do you intend to help overcome them?
8. What is your position on CRAs?
9. Would you vote to support annual funding for the EDC? If yes, why? If no, why?
10. Do you support the Arts & Culture and would you approve an increase in the annual grant program supporting same? If yes, why? If no, why?
11. Explain your position on support of County tourism efforts. Do you support the Tourism Development Council (TDC) and the manner in which they promote tourism in this County? If yes, why? If no, why?
 1. Do you support using a portion the bed tax (Tourism Development Tax-TDT) to fund to infrastructure projects (sewer and water) to help with Indian River Lagoon restoration? If yes, why? If no, why?

General:

1. Please briefly tell us what makes you the best qualified for the office?
2. Today the business community is confronted with a wide array of complex issues. Who or what organization do you use for advice or counsel?
3. Are you willing to build a consensus with others to make things better for the County overall rather than just focusing on parochial issues only germane to your district?
4. How would you help improve the culture and attitude of County staff so that they are more customer/business friendly?
5. Experience: Government is not exactly like a private business but business issues arise including budgeting, strategic planning and operational management. Do you have any experience in this regard? If not, how will you be prepared to handle issues of this type?
6. Opponents and the media research public records, police reports, credit information and perform other background checks in an effort to discover tax liens, lawsuits, arrest records and other unfortunate things. Have you researched yourself to see what might be used against you? Are there any issues your opponent could use against you that you should disclose to this group?