

Thad Altman -

- 1) most qualified - Good people every year running, but I have the experience. Been through this for a long time. 13th or 14th election cycle. Part of House tour now, longest continuous serving legislator. important to have experience, understand criticism of old politicians. New ideas important, but important to have a balance. I was a freshman all over again last year. Helped me navigate the operation even more, help me lead the delegation. And melon term track record. Its proven. wont bore you talking about it. Most meaningful thing was when I was county commissioner worked with chamber to raise the gas tax and build hundreds and hundreds of roads. I ran on that and was personal prioritization. Focused on roads around the airport. And look how it has grown and paid off.
- 2) Support business community? Was a little disappointed why I didn't get endorsement of the group last time. Little perplexed. I could go on and on about my record. Top 5 innovation centers of the world, I think my career part of that. On space Florida board, supported EDC and infrastructure, note just roads and sewer but parks etc. I'm not here to serve just business community, or environment, or whatever. I think we are in it together and need to work on quality of life for everyone involved. I don't look at it that way (just pro business). Here to do right for everyone.
- 3) Healthcare - I've learned a lot about health care in the last year, the hard way, with my father having long illness across providers. No I don't think it is what it needs to be. An emerging problem with aging population. I have not been silent about it. I have said take every morsel of federal dollars we can. I supported taking federal medicaid expansion, \$54 billion dollars we missed out on. Can't continue to ship our dollars into other states and other providers. Florida hospital is amazing - I'd give them the highest mark. Private faith based org does amazing job. I think we need to build partnerships between private providers. Story re. Paraplegic couldn't provide home. Thad tried to get maidacaid waiver program to take advantage of those federal dollars. We need to maximize our dollars. Story re Texas testimony. FL chamber and AIF supports what I am talking about.
- 4) Education - Great success in k-12. Supportive of leadership from Jeb bush to Corcoran. We've led nation in performance increasing graduation rates etc. We are a model throughout country. If listen to teachers union tell you we are going down the tubes. I believe their policies more interested in their priorities than children. We are #1 access to higher education affordability and access. I'd give us high marks, but never satisfied when comes to our kids. Do better, work force training. Don't agree with what we did to community colleges. Full funded bright futures, UF in top 10. Record levels of funding.
 - 1) Unfunded mandate. Has to be passed by legislature by 2/3 vote so consensus has to be there to do it. We match local 50%. People don't realize state ultimately responsible. - Guns example? We passed that in last two weeks miraculously came up with \$400m dollars. Most remarkable thing I've seen accomplished in legislature. But its not perfect. Wayne wants to five cruises and treat like full on deputies, other communities and state approach more creatively with retired deputies or lesser role. I think they can do a lot with the money we put in there. Andhard in two week time to measure the breadth to the need.
- 5) State infrastructure dollars - this is biggest problem we have. Going to have to raise revenue. No one wants to talk about, but infrastructure does not appear magivcally must fund it. Be smart. When we did in county imperially it saves residents money if it increases efficiency... not stuck at red lights, long drive time, higher gas usage. People don't even want to talk about raising revenue. Look at lagoon sales tax, , passed over 70% people get it.... 2008 campaign poll showed over 70% more likely to vote for him BECAUSE he had voted to raise gas tax to create more roads. And work with federal government. Rail, mass transit. Got to have it if want to be world quality. Why millennial are moving back to urban setting.

- 6) Private property v environment - getting state dollars for lagoon? Clean environment is a property right. If I live here and have palliated water impacts everyone property. I've been fighting for environment for 30 years. Shouldn't take use of property without compensating them. There is a balance, and I think we've done a good job. More land aquasition. Pretty much killed amendment 1, went away under Jeb and we brought back. We have great success in lagoon dollars. Dredging so important and already seeing results. Dredging dollars is a silver bullet need to to better.
- 7) Home rule v. State - I am local government guy, but I think a lot of local government have kinda gone crazy regulating. Limiting businesses and personal rights. 67 counties could have different rules... minimum wage? Must create environment where can do business in reasonable rational way. Lots of people upset at randy for his first bill, he probably went to far, but the point is to create even playing field. I believe in home rule and local government do better than others, but there are two sides to the issue and I'm open to reigning in some of the abuses. ex. Support local gov regulate fertilizer. Support state not allow local governments have minimum wages.
- 8) TDT - did you support change? No I tried to run and amendment to reign it in a bit. I worry we are going to kill the goose that laid the golden egg. Not going to be use on sewer Too costly and then loose all benefits of tourism dollars. I love randy fine, he is great legislator for our area. We fought it out on this and he won, but he did reign it in. I started the tourist tax, I was chairman of cmte when TDT created.
- 9) Judge success - Strictly on my track record. Things I've done and projects I've done. Amazing year in budge for brevard, able to get \$17millions for flood plain changes. Harris leader in the technology and they will be ones to do it. So money back to economy two fold.
- 10) Leadership? Very important. The most difficult thing is it is a team sport and people work for Years to get into leadership and very difficult to disagree. I respect their role and know when things are important. I haven't sold my soul, but it is hardest thing to work within the framework but keep your identity and principals. But it is a team sport....
- 11) Opposition research - I don't think so.
- 12) Top 3 most important issues in next 10 years - transportation. Going to be huge. Americans want to be mobile. Mobile economy. Environment. big challenges in terms of water quality and quantity. And thirdly healthcare with aging population. Economic development - have vibrant community. Can't have a retirement state.
- 13) Committees
- 14) Expansion of gambling - avid supported of horse and breeders and get that. I thing in gaming industry protect those who started in. Existing parimutuels. If it does expand be limited to those locations. We have industry here proven, been a good neighbor.
- 15) CRA's - where do you stand? I like em and love um. I voted against every CRA regulation bill that came before us. Look at downtown melbourne... it is conservative idea to keep money away from gov and keep tin local community o help grow businesses.
- 16) Race this year. Crowded field always an anvatage, so head to head is more of a challenge. This will be more difficult race....