

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY  
2012 NAPLES CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM  
BACKGROUND PROVIDED BY CANDIDATES**

**Candidate name: Penny Taylor**

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**Civic involvement in Naples/Collier County**

Led a citizens petition drive to resist state efforts to make detrimental alterations to Naples beaches, opposed new sales tax proposals and was a primary backer of the first county-wide green space initiative.

**Qualifications for City Council**

A 10-year record of service as a member of Naples City Council from 2000 to 2010 and as Vice Mayor of the City for two years beginning in 2008.

Named *Citizen of the Year* by the Old Naples Association in 1996.



**Three top goals as member of Naples City Council**

**(1) Balance the City's budget** – by: Adopting a long-range financial plan based accurately projected tax revenues that will: (a) Continue to keep pension and health care liabilities under control, (b) Establish and fund operating budgets for new facilities before building those new facilities.

**(2) Protect our environment and water resources** – by (a) Continuing to support the Aquifer Storage and Recovery program, (b) Supporting projects to improve water quality in Naples Bay, (c) Opposing plans to abolish the City's Natural Resources Department.

**(3) Preserve Naples' quality of life** -- by: (a) Opposing transformational annexation which would be any extension of city boundaries that would fundamentally alter its most attractive characteristics. (b) Continuing to work closely with neighborhood associations to address their concerns such as street and median landscape maintenance and the frequent inspection and maintenance of neglected properties.

**(4) Improve economic development** -- by: (a) Continuing to support efforts that have put Naples on a path of becoming a world-class medical treatment center; encouraging the location of new, specialized diagnostic and treatment center in the city. (b) Encouraging new upscale assisted living and nursing facilities. (c) Modifying or eliminating out-of-date business restrictions.

**Education**

University of South Florida -- B.S. Degree

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y. – Post Graduate Studies at the Institute's School of Photography

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**Penny Taylor, cont'd.**

**Employment history**

I came to Naples in 1978 from New York City, worked as a photo-journalist and opened Penny Taylor Photography studio five years later. The studio has been in the same Naples location for 28 years. My work has appeared in many major daily newspapers, national magazines and local exhibits

**Years a Naples resident**

33 years

**Family information**

Parent of daughter, Arielle 28, assistant director of Admissions at Maryville College, Maryville TN and am actively serving as a foster parent having thus far assisted a total of 44 at-risk children over a period of eight years.