

2022 COLLIER COUNTY PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE

AUGUST 23 FLORIDA ELECTION

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

Collier County School Board
Collier County Judges
Collier County Commissioners
4 Local Referenda



These other State and Federal Offices will be on the primary ballot (depending on your party affiliation):

FL Governor, FL Attorney General, U.S. Senate FL,
U.S. House Florida Districts 18, 19, 26 FL
Commissioner of Agriculture
& Consumer Services

ABOUT THE AUGUST 23 PRIMARY

This Primary Election provides voters with a chance to choose candidates who will appear on the ballot for the General Election in November. In some cases, the results of the Primary also determine the final winner.

Two of the races in this election are non-partisan (School Board and County Judges). However, the other races are partisan and Florida is a Closed Primary state. This means that only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for their respective party's candidates in a Primary Election.

If a party's candidate has no opponent, they will not appear on the Primary ballot and will be on the ballot in the General Election in November.

ABOUT VOTE 411



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COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

School board members are elected at large in a non-partisan election and serve four-year staggered terms. Voters can choose one candidate per district and can vote for each district. The responsibilities of a school board are as follows: set the vision and goals for the district, adopt policies to achieve these goals, select, support and assess the superintendent, review budgeting and finance and listen to the needs of staff, community and students. 2021-2022 Salary: \$43,007

DISTRICT 1 (Choose One for Each District)

KIMBERLY ANN BOOBYER:



Background: From Michigan, worked in management, Pharmaceutical/Medical/Home Care Industry. 23 years as Professional Golf Instructor/Coach. 16yr old daughter with DS. Coach First Tee Prog/Volunteer Sp. Olympics.

Education: Graduated HS in 1986. Acquired numerous certifications while working in medical industry.

Campaign Website: www.KimberlyBoobyerforschoolboard.com

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? Academic Excellence for all students especially for the 38% of students on average that fail to achieve grade level in ELA and Math. Recruiting and hiring a new superintendent. Maintaining CCPS's exemplary safety and security record in regards to school shootings.

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? Qualities: leadership, integrity, knowledge, loyalty, decisiveness, initiative. Characteristics: team builder, excellent communicator, morale builder, community liaison, visionary. Accomplishments: Academic excellence & student achievement, fiscal responsibility & financial prudence, HR-retention & effective staffing.

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? I will exercise fiscal responsibility and review all budget categories with a focus on staffing ratio of teachers/administrators, teacher resources, reducing the current millage rate and eliminate exceeding the budget.

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? School choice allows parents to send students to public charter schools. The scholarship and voucher programs vary as to their impact on individual students. Some students stay within and others that are negatively impacted leave the public school system.

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? The textbook review process follows state statute; teachers, staff, parents and community members are all included. There is currently a policy being developed to remove books from school libraries (media centers) based on parent's requests. My view is that CCPS should maintain parent involvement in this process.

JERRY D. RUTHERFORD:



Background: Born in Orlando, native of Florida. Married with 5 children, 10 Grandchildren, 2 Great Grandchildren. Business owner and contractor. Attended CCP School Board meetings for the past 35 years.

Education: Graduated Pahokee High School, Pahokee, FL.

Campaign Website: www.jerryrutherford.com

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? Our American culture to the classroom. Be in classrooms often to observe and get feedback from teachers on how things could be improved. Work collaboratively with the School Board on educational improvements.

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? Qualities I expect are honesty, cooperation, respect, and transparency. Characteristics would include high moral standards and willingness to work with the School Board for the best educational standards. Accomplishments: 90% or greater proficiency in ELA and math in their previous district, with a focus on citizenship.

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? I will look for ways to reduce the budget, reduce the tax rate and support a livable wage for teachers. As a painting contractor, I have learned to manage a project to meet the budget and keep expenses below budget as much as possible.

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? I believe that the best means of achieving the education of the student should be used. Basic education, functional literacy and a knowledge of American government and culture are the goal. There should be a variety of avenues to achieve these goals.

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? There should be a policy that will consider each grievance individually. Parents, teachers, administrators, and citizens must be able to bring objection to books or materials, and the policy must be written to objectively evaluate materials based on standards of decency. A committee of the above shall create the policy.

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★ ★ COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, *cont'd* ★ ★

JORY WESTBERRY:



Background: CCPS Teacher, Asst Principal, Principal, Mentor, Vice Chair CCPS Board.

Education: BA -Elem Ed, M. Ed -Ed Administration, Ed. D Doctor of Education (Honors) UM, Certified Board Member.

Campaign Website: www.jorywestberry.com

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? Continue analyzing student academic progress to determine the most effective strategies/pedagogy for success, determine whether high caliber materials are available to fulfill the Board's priorities and ensure that resources and training are available to teachers/staff to ensure high performance with their students.

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? The new Supt must be a proactive leader who listens and values others' expertise, solicits innovative ideas, communicates with all stakeholders with honesty and integrity, strong leadership experience K-12, academic knowledge about learning and goal setting and credibility and the courage to implement change as needed.

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? The budget is largely based on the Strategic Plan/identified academic needs/ building needs etc. Meetings are held with many groups of auditors and Board over the course of a year after analyses and recommendations. To date, we have had no "findings." Auditors' results are shared in the Sunshine at Board meetings.

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? Of the 40,000+ students in CCPS schools, there are 54 CCPS schools and 8 charters. Charters were designated to provide a unique focus from public schools; some do, some don't. Scholarship/voucher programs could provide a few students bullied or harassed passage to another school, but there should be process oversight.

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? E Westberry I respect parents' concerns. Junie B Jones, Charlotte's Web and Harry Potter were once banned, but for some students this creates interest and books will still be accessible online, public libraries and shared by friends. Books should be age appropriate. CCPS has a process in place to address concerns and take action.

DISTRICT 3 (Choose One for Each District)

JANA C. GREER:



Background: I am an America-First Constitutional Conservative. I have been married for almost 19 years and we have 6 children, with 5 currently in the district.

Education: High School Diploma and Middle Tennessee State Massage Therapy Program, Doula, and business.

Campaign Website: www.votegreer.com

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? My priorities are to do better for all students in Collier County by making sure all dollars spent are spent efficiently, working to retain our teachers and support them in the classroom, reduce spending where it's not focused on the classroom, and make policies that make sense to help support the schools.

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? The qualities I consider that are important for a Superintendent are -integrity, honesty, morals, conservative, experience in education, experience in leading and managing. I would also like to have someone who's a parent or has been a parent so that there is an understanding of what it is like to raise a child.

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? The budget needs to move to zero based and spending needs to be reviewed from an efficiency standpoint. We need to focus funds on the classroom, teachers, teacher support and improvement of students' academic achievements.

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? Charter schools and scholarships further support parents' rights to choose the best education for their children. These programs have an impact on students because they allow their parents to move their child to a school that meets the needs of their child.

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? The request is not just parents, it is educators, taxpayers, and even the Florida Department of Education as well as the state legislature and the Governor. We need to do better for our kids and focus on educating students to prepare them for success in the world. Our kids are our future, and we must do better.

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KELLY LICHTER:



Background: I am a wife and mother of two school-aged children. I am a former high school teacher and founder and president of Mason Classical Academy, Collier County's highest performing public school.

Education: BA in History Baldwin-Wallace College, Master's in Social Studies Education.

Campaign Website: www.kellylichter.com

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? 1. Establish a knowledge-based curriculum, which will improve academic outcomes 2. Eliminate fraud, waste and abuse at the District 3. When the Superintendent retires, replacing this position will be a major priority, because they will have a significant impact on the District.

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? I will look for someone who is honest, has integrity, believes in transparency and accountability and someone who cares more about doing the right thing rather than promoting themselves through public relations.

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? I would rather see real in-depth discussions at budget workshops on the budget rather than a dog and pony show. Just because the District has always been doing it this way does not mean it is the most effective.

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? School choice is good for education. A one-size-fits-all approach is not what is best for children. My decisions are based on what is best for students.

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? I support these parents as they have exposed downright filthy material that has no place in our schools. There are so many great works of literature that should be read by our students.

JEN MITCHELL:



Background: I am the chair of the Collier County School Board, a local Realtor and mother of 4 traditional public-school students. I've lived in Naples for 25 years but was born and raised in Lafayette, Indiana.

Education: I am a graduate of Purdue University.

Campaign Website: www.votejenmitchell.com

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? I will continue to focus on student achievement, specifically improving reading and math proficiency, attracting, and retaining talented teachers, expanding career and technical education, and maintaining strict budget oversight.

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? A Superintendent in Collier County must be an excellent communicator who is engaged in the community, with a vision for improving student achievement, and the leadership skills to execute that vision. The Superintendent must be willing to look for cost savings wherever possible and prioritize needs over wants.

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? I will continue to review monthly expenditures and analyze data to determine our return on investment of the various programs throughout the district prior to voting to approve. I will also continue to ensure that our budget is aligned with our strategic plan.

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? While I do support GOOD choices, my fear is that there is not enough oversight to make sure that the choices that exist are actually good. If the money is going to follow the child, then the taxpayer must be able to follow the money. Covid-19 revealed to me just how different learners can be, so choices are important.

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? I believe it's a parent's right to determine whether or not their child is exposed to particular book or element of curriculum, however it is NOT their right to make that determination for another child. CCPS routinely works with parents to assign alternate work, for example when this issue arises.

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DISTRICT 5 (Choose One for Each District)

ARTHUR BOYER:



Background: 18 years educator, volunteer education consultant, motivational speaker, author-writer.

Education: BS in Criminal Justice, Master of Public Administration, Doctor in Organizational Leadership.

Campaign Website: www.boyer2022.com

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? Failing of student achievement Overcrowded schools Loss of great teachers because of low pay, lack of support, and outdated teaching methods.

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? 18 years as an educator including higher education; 7 years of professional and education consultant; 5 years of motivational public speaking; published author-writer on education; served on the board of many local organizations.

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? Supporting sustainable accountability policies and practices.

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? Funds and resources.

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? I believe on all efforts to ensure knowledge and the academic success of our students. Without all political mindset, in-depth reviews of books can be conducted to make sure we serve the best interests of our students.

JACKIE KEAY:



Background: Jackie grew up in Naples and joined the Army after graduating from Lely High School in 1988. She home schooled for 10 years and taught at Mason Classical Academy for two years.

Education: Jackie earned a Master's degree in Psychology and is currently studying financial planning.

Campaign Website: www.votejackiekeay.com

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? I have been advocating for issues since last year. Whether it is an issue of masks, bullying, LGBTQIA students, or mass shootings, we must build a positive school climate, where students can share their concerns with trusted adults. They must feel safe to achieve academic success.

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? As we face new challenges due to the pandemic, I feel an important characteristic for Dr. Patton is to also have an open mind to innovative ideas and thinking outside the box. For example, she could implement specific mental health services and support to educators which will increase retention and student learning.

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? We must be cognizant of not wasting taxpayers' money by creating solutions for problems that do not exist. For example, we are spending an exorbitant amount of time, resources, and money in Florida fighting against CRT, which is not taught in K-12 grades. That money should be used to address the mental health crisis.

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? One size does not fit all. For one student, a charter school may be the best learning environment and for another student, a public school may serve them better. The key is to put students first, by working collaboratively to ensure they are placed in the environment that best fits their educational needs.

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? I feel like parents, as well as students, should be heard on issues related to education. Albeit I do not feel like they (also politicians) should dictate what material should or should not be used, as they are not the professionals hired to educate students. I am in favor of parental guidance being placed on books.

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COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, *cont'd*

TIMOTHY MOSHIER:



Background: 30 years in transportation and logistics! Married for 34 years with 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren! Resident of Florida since 1997! Business owner in Naples Florida and resident of Everglade City, FL!

Education: Graduate of Northwood University 1988 with a degree in automotive and service management!

Campaign Website: www.timforcolliercountyschools.org

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? Safety and security for our students, teachers, and staff! Strengthen learning with a tighter budget! Make removing sexually explicit materials from the media center smooth and cameras in the classroom! Bring teachers' pay up to national average based on merit!

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? The superintendent needs to focus on the failing students and listen to the parents! Fiscally responsible! How to do more with less! Common Sense approach to recognizing every child is a gift regardless of their ability! Lead by example!

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? Line by line and a forensic audit!

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? It gives every student a fair education regardless of their zip code or religious beliefs! Money should follow the student!

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? Agree 100 percent! School is for learning not indoctrination!

ROY M. TERRY:



Background: 44 years in education in Collier County

Education: BS from Western Maryland College, M/Ed from Colorado State University

Campaign Website: www.voteroyterry.com

What are your priorities if elected to the School Board? Hiring a new superintendent, opening a new high school, and rezoning and making sure our schools are safe, and serving all the students of Collier County.

What qualities, characteristics and accomplishments do you consider important for the school superintendent for Collier County? Experience as a Superintendent or Assistant, ability to work with the community. Honest and high integrity, ability to keep moving our District forward, passion for the job.

How will you exercise your oversight role with respect to the school district's budget? I will offer suggestions prior to the presentation of the budget. Seek for possible cuts. Once the budget is presented, I will review it and offer my suggestions to the Superintendent.

In your view, what impact do Florida's school choice programs, especially the scholarship or voucher programs, have on public school students? I support school choice but think Charters should offer something different for our students. I do not support vouchers for private schools.

What is your position on parents' requests to remove books from school libraries and curriculum? We have a process in place to review any complaints that we receive. That committee will look to see if the book is age appropriate and they will make a recommendation to the School Board.

This candidate did not respond to requests for information:

ANA TURINO:

Campaign Website: www.anaturino.com

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COLLIER COUNTY JUDGES

Collier County judges review cases of citizen disputes involving municipal and county ordinances, traffic offenses, landlord/tenant disputes, and misdemeanor crimes and monetary disputes of \$15,000 or less. These judges are part of the 20th Judicial Circuit Court and are divided into groups based on geography. They serve six year staggered terms. 2021-22 Salary: \$156,377

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PAMELA BARGER:



Background: General Magistrate for over 2 years, Senior Staff Attorney for 13 years

Education: University of Florida (B.A. Political Science); St. Thomas University School of Law (J.D.)

Campaign Website: www.pamelabarger.com

What, in your experience beyond a law degree, makes you believe you are the right choice for this judicial seat? The new County Judge will be taking a civil docket. For the last several years I have been presiding over a Circuit Civil docket exclusively as a Magistrate. I have had the unique experience of working side-by-side with our judges for 15 years as both a Senior Staff Attorney and General Magistrate.

Please explain your judicial philosophy, in simple terms. My philosophy is simple, give people their day in court, treat them fairly and with respect. County Courts are often referred to as the "people's court" because of the sheer number that enter its doors. Judges should interpret and uphold the laws as written free of political or ideological beliefs.

How will you balance being an independent judge and an elected official? I follow the law, apply it fairly, and treat people with respect and dignity, I will have no problem being an independent judge and elected official. Voters will continue to elect a judge who is ethical, fair, honest, and follows the laws and the Constitution.

How will you handle personal or business conflicts of interest on the bench? As a Magistrate I have had to deal with both a personal and business conflicts on the bench. Once I realize I have a conflict, I enter an order of recusal and the case assigned to another Magistrate or Judge. I want to avoid any appearance of impropriety and will always recuse if an issue arises.

How do you define injustice and how will you handle this in your courtroom? When the law disproportionately effects one ethnicity, race, gender, or social class differently than others it is an injustice. The first step is to recognize when a bias is occurring. Next, as a Judge I must ensure that rights are protected, and the law applied fairly to each individual no matter their race/ethnicity.

CHRIS BROWN:



Background: Grew up in Naples. Started in corporate law in 1999 and switched to criminal and civil litigation (with a significant appellate practice in 2002. Have tried 150+ cases and argued dozens of appeals.

Education: Naples High (1991) University of Florida BA in History (1995) University of Florida Law Degree (1999)

Campaign Website: www.ChrisBrown4Judge.com

What, in your experience beyond a law degree, makes you believe you are the right choice for this judicial seat? I have represented thousands of people in our local courts for over 20 years. I have tried over 150 cases and argued dozens of appeals. I have been working in front of great judges for decades. In my industry I am recognized with an AV rating and Board Certification. This is a trial judge job and experience MATTERS.

Please explain your judicial philosophy, in simple terms. Judges serve the public and they should never forget this is an honor and responsibility. Every person who walks in a courtroom deserves to be treated with respect by the Court. This should be true even if they don't have a lawyer. A judge MUST protect the Constitution and our laws. A judge must never make policy.

How will you balance being an independent judge and an elected official? One of the advantages a judge has is a 6-year term. Hopefully, he is not thinking about the next election. I have been blessed with great success in private practice so my service will be based on doing right and not worrying about losing a job or pension. My experience is varied and deep so I can be neutral..

How will you handle personal or business conflicts of interest on the bench? The easiest standard would be one used in a criminal trial; that is a reasonable doubt. If a judge has a reasonable doubt that she/he can fairly preside over a matter due to a personal feeling or connection, they should recuse themselves immediately. Obviously, if there is a financial interest involved that is a bar

How do you define injustice and how will you handle this in your courtroom? We know what injustice is when we are kids and some lose sight of that along the way. All people should be treated the same in similar situations. When this doesn't happen, it stinks, and everyone knows it. If the public cannot have confidence that a judge is fair and impartial then you have injustice.

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COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County commissioners, elected in a partisan race, serve four-year staggered terms. The role of the commissioner is to: adopt an annual budget, levy taxes and special assessments, adopt county ordinances, provide for the prosecution and defense of legal causes, provide and maintain county buildings, establish and enforce zoning, place issues on the ballot, provide services related to health and welfare of citizens and appoint members to and create boards and commissions. 2021-2022 Salary: \$91,131

DISTRICT 2 (Choose One For Your District. Republican Voters Only)

REG BUXTON (R):



Background: Thirty years of marketing, consultant for Federal alphabet agencies, Intl. Documentary Film maker, created and sold three business, Publisher at NDN. Owner of Life in Naples Magazine.

Education: Community College

Campaign Website: www.electregbuxton.com

What are the major issues facing county residents and how would you address them, if elected?

Three important concerns are Water quality, growth and development, and work force housing. I have shared my thoughts in the spaces below. Mental health services are in desperate need in Collier. Support David Lawrence in their expansion efforts by speak to and writing letters of support to State and local officials.

What should Collier County do at this time to manage growth and development? 78% of Collier County can't be built on. Of the other 22% only 13.8% has been developed. Builders and landowners must incorporate green space and natural habits into the planning to ensure we maintain our desired lifestyle. Collaboration between County Commissioners, developers and landowners makes this achievable.

What ideas do you have for increasing workforce housing in Collier County? We must work on public/private collaborations. The School District, Fire Departments and our Hospitals all have land set aside for future building. I think that it is time for them to consider using those land parcels for employee housing. I am not in favor of the Government managing our housing, however.

What is your position on Collier County medical marijuana dispensaries, under what conditions? Collier County banned the sale in 2017. My position is based on conversation with Law Enforcement that it is not something that we need in Collier. Dispensaries in Bonita Springs make medical marijuana readily available to those with a physician's order and it is not necessary to introduce them in Collier County.

Storm-water runoff and old septic tank leakage continue to be major sources of pollution to our local waters. What practices do you favor to protect water quality? Using County and City resources to add oyster beds to Naples Bay. One oyster cleans 50 gallons of water a day! Water run-off from Bonita into Collier canals must be monitored by an independent agency. Reduce the months of fertilizer usage to reduce pollution. I support an aggressive plan to remove all septic tanks.

CHRIS HALL (R):



Background: 10 years in Wholesale Electric Supply, 6 years full time Network Marketing with Enrich Intl, 2 years on their Board of Directors, 22 years of owning 2 businesses as Real Estate Investors.

Education: 1984 Texas A&M BS Industrial Distribution (Engineering Sales)

Campaign Website: www.chrshallnaples.com

What are the major issues facing county residents and how would you address them, if elected?

Big government and control Workforce Housing Growth and Infrastructure We have to keep Collier County Great Limit the budget to what is necessary, limit govt overreach and control Provide incentives to create workforce housing communities and limit the rezoning habit that has created much of our growth issues.

What should Collier County do at this time to manage growth and development? Continue our plans to increase road sizes, add exits to I-75, add housing communities inside the county to limit commutes from the north and east and most of all, apply common sense to the growth plan and grow behind our infrastructure and not ahead of it.

What ideas do you have for increasing workforce housing in Collier County? Provide private sector solutions. Incentivize builders to build below market housing for qualified workforce to purchase, finance and be allowed ownership to live life stress free of rising rents due to demand. These communities will always be for the workforce and ownership can be conveyed w/ a small amount of equity.

What is your position on Collier County medical marijuana dispensaries, under what conditions? Until this industry is stable and we can ensure the public of what is, how much, and the quality of hemp products, I will be opposed in every aspect of allowing dispensaries in the County.

Storm-water runoff and old septic tank leakage continue to be major sources of pollution to our local waters.

What practices do you favor to protect water quality? I'm in favor of the Bio Reactor that utilizes wood chips to eat the effluents and polluted water. These are 95% efficient and pump stations can be added to East Golden Gate and Downtown Naples for 750ishK dollars. Allow old septic systems to fail and be replaced by up to code and more eco-friendly aerobic systems.

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COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, *cont'd*

GERALD LEFEBVRE (R):



Background: 20-year member of Collier County Code Enforcement Board, Chairman for 2 years and Vice-Chairman for 11.

Education: University of Connecticut Bachelor's Degree in Political Science

Campaign Website: www.voteforgerald.com

What are the major issues facing county residents and how would you address them, if elected?

Development in the County: As a County Commissioner, I will make sure that the residents' opinions and concerns are addressed sooner in the approval process and limit changes to the Growth Management Plan. Personal Protection: Police and EMS are funded based on growth. Water quality: Protect our natural resources.

What should Collier County do at this time to manage growth and development? Work with the owners of the Rural Land Stewardship Area (RLSA) to make sure that the area is developed with a long-term plan. Assuring that the 4 Villages remaining to be built have the residential, retail & office commercial, schools and medical facilities built simultaneously.

What ideas do you have for increasing workforce housing in Collier County? I would look into what County lands are suitable for workforce housing and encourage partnerships with private entities. Reduce impact fees or defer them. I would also encourage single family rental developers to build in the County, thus providing housing with lower densities than apartments and appeal to families.

What is your position on Collier County medical marijuana dispensaries, under what conditions? I would entertain having medical marijuana dispensaries in Collier County with restrictions as to how close they are to schools and parks.

Storm-water runoff and old septic tank leakage continue to be major sources of pollution to our local waters.

What practices do you favor to protect water quality? I would have County staff evaluate areas of concern where there is septic tank leakage and look into state and federal grants to assist owners to switch to public water and sewer where feasible. Regarding storm water runoff I would see if it can be treated before being released into our waterway or retained on site.

NANCY LEWIS (R):



Background: I am businesswoman with a well-rounded background in administration, financial management, and general real estate.

Education: I graduated from high school and jumped right into the business world.

Campaign Website: www.nancylewislistens.com

What are the major issues facing county residents and how would you address them, if elected?

Rapid growth/over development, aging infrastructure, government overspending and water quality. I will not approve new development our roads and infrastructure cannot support, routine exemptions from our growth plan and development laws or projects / programs that are truly not the responsibility of county government.

What should Collier County do at this time to manage growth and development? Uphold the growth management plan and development laws we have in place. Stop the routine exemptions of these laws. Redefine our vision /strategic plan... decide what Collier will look like in 50 years and plan, accordingly, focusing on true fiscal neutrality for the Villages, and protecting/ preserving our resources.

What ideas do you have for increasing workforce housing in Collier County? Increase the affordable component from 10 to 20% on new development requesting density bonuses within development laws, have county legal staff write enforceable ordinances with clear stipulations (rather than applicant's attorney), add inclusionary zoning in rural villages & encourage more private sector partnerships.

What is your position on Collier County medical marijuana dispensaries, under what conditions? I am not in favor of marijuana dispensaries in Collier County

Storm-water runoff and old septic tank leakage continue to be major sources of pollution to our local waters.

What practices do you favor to protect water quality? One of the greatest impacts on our water quality is chemicals being sprayed on the canal banks of public waterways. Cutting weeds should be the alternative near water, fertilizer bans should be considered in rainy season & septic inspections should be part of the home buying process to insure proper operation of system

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★ COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, *cont'd* ★

DISTRICT 4 (Choose One For Your District. Republican Voters Only)

DAIJA HINOJOSA (R):



Background: Consultant with a focus in Leadership Training. 18 years in Business Management managing women's apparel brands.

Education: High School + Professional hands-on business training

Campaign Website: www.votedaija.com

What are the major issues facing county residents and how would you address them, if elected? Over development, Water quality and infrastructure needs. I will address by influencing my colleagues to adhere to the LDC and GMP. And request a full budget audit to eliminate wasteful government spending.

What should Collier County do at this time to manage growth and development? Adhere to the land development code, follow the growth management plan, and direct focus on re-development. Must manage the decisions that have already been made. Our infrastructure needs serious attention especially with the new growth coming.

What ideas do you have for increasing workforce housing in Collier County? The county has a duty to provide EMS. Our county needs to focus on how to attract and retain the best in the field through paying a livable wage. Collaboration with private sector could take years. This is directly in the purview of the Commission.

What is your position on Collier County medical marijuana dispensaries, under what conditions? My position is principle based. "Where purpose is unknown, abuse is inevitable". We have liquor stores, pharmacies and allow cigarette sales. Dispensaries should be treated as equal. What comes from the ground can heal us, but under the conditions that we recognize its purpose. Recognized as legal per FL law.

Storm-water runoff and old septic tank leakage continue to be major sources of pollution to our local waters. What practices do you favor to protect water quality? Advocate for the county in Tallahassee for grant funding to complete a septic to sewer conversion. Require the use of organic fertilizers to eliminate toxic pollutants in our waterways. Also, budget for ASR injection wells for deeper water storage reserves. This is more cost effective than creating reservoirs.

DANIEL KOWAL (R):



Background: I'm a US Army veteran and retired Law Enforcement officer. I served as a Special Agent in Washington D.C. In 2003, I relocated to Naples Florida where I worked as a Deputy Sheriff until I retired.

Education: Criminal Justice at Community College Beaver Co., Federal Law Enforcement Academy, Barry University.

Campaign Website: www.votefordankowal.com

What are the major issues facing county residents and how would you address them, if elected? Clean water, I will work to maintain a healthy ecosystem. I will support The FL DEP septic upgrade incentive program. Lack of infrastructure, add exits onto I-75. Housing affordability, put into use the 15 parcels of County owned land and work with developer/s to build homes affordable to necessary personnel.

What should Collier County do at this time to manage growth and development? I will insure when approached to bypass redevelopment plans, that we take the opinions of the taxpayers that will be affected. I will work to manage the traffic issue with a commonsense approach. We need to find north and south routes to get the traffic to the interstate so they're not on the east and west roadways.

What ideas do you have for increasing workforce housing in Collier County? I believe as a county and community it may be time to come together and not spend any more taxpayer money on these parcels of land that are considered green space. It may be time to use the parcels of land that are not part of the 1,100,000 protected acres and bid out to developers so affordable homes can be built.

What is your position on Collier County medical marijuana dispensaries, under what conditions? I don't believe the industry has met a consistent regulation of quality control of its product yet. I have also witnessed edibles getting into the hands of minors and resulted in overdoses. You also have to understand, it's still a cash only industry. This makes the dispensaries a target for crime, and corruption.

Storm-water runoff and old septic tank leakage continue to be major sources of pollution to our local waters. What practices do you favor to protect water quality? I will also support programs like FL DEP septic upgrade incentive programs. In some areas, replace septic tanks with public works septic systems. In district 4 there's still a lot of areas that have insufficient storm drainage in their communities. These need to be addressed sooner not later.

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COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, *cont'd*

MICHELLE MCLEOD (R):



Background: 3rd Generation Floridian, Business Experience: 23 years in hotel management, 6 years in banking, 4 years in public office as a Naples City Council member.

Education: BA Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana and an M.B.A., concentration in Finance from FGCU.

Campaign Website: www.mcleodforcommissioner.com

What are the major issues facing county residents and how would you address them, if elected? Stop excessive spending like the Paradise Coast Sports Complex which is \$67 million dollars over budget. Stop subsidizing companies that bring low wage jobs to our area like when the county gave \$15 million to the Great Wolf Lodge. Support smart growth policies to avoid further urban sprawl & harm to the environment.

What should Collier County do at this time to manage growth and development? I like what Eric Eikenberg, CEO of the Everglades Foundation says, "unlike development practices of 100 years ago, development today can happen in an environmentally sensitive way. Development and the environment can coexist." Collier County should support smart growth policies that do just that.

What ideas do you have for increasing workforce housing in Collier County? I serve on 3 boards addressing housing needs in our community through a variety of different ways from philanthropic means to public/private partnerships to lobbying for changes to the LDC. In planning for housing needs, statistical analysis should drive these decisions as to where the best opportunities lie.

What is your position on Collier County medical marijuana dispensaries, under what conditions? From a review of studies on the impact of medical marijuana in communities such as in Colorado, it would behoove us to conduct research & collect scientific data in our own county related to the availability of medical marijuana through dispensaries & create policies based on those findings.

Storm-water runoff and old septic tank leakage continue to be major sources of pollution to our local waters. What practices do you favor to protect water quality? Modify LDC in Golden Gate Estates to hold water on land to allow water to be filtered into aquifers instead of going unfiltered through swales, canals, and our waterways •Advance and fund septic to sewer conversion and storm water improvement projects. Advance the Belle Meade project to improve the health of Naples Bay.

PENNY TAYLOR (R):



Background: 2014 - Present - County Commissioner, District 4, Collier County; 2000-2010- Naples City Council, Two Years as Vice-Mayor; 42-year resident of Naples; Small Business Owner.

Education: BA University of South Florida.

Campaign Website: www.voteppenny.com

What are the major issues facing county residents and how would you address them, if elected? Over development is threatening our way of life. I will continue to vote against development that doesn't adhere to our Growth Management Plan. Clean water is key to our quality of life. I work locally, regionally and on the state level to ensure safe and clean water for Collier County.

What should Collier County do at this time to manage growth and development? Collier County Commissioners must send a clear message to developers that the Growth Management Plan must be followed by voting against development that violates our zoning laws. The Smart Growth model must be required for growth in the East to minimize travel on our over-burdened roads.

What ideas do you have for increasing workforce housing in Collier County? During my first term on the Commissioner, I initiated the building of income-based housing on County owned property. That continues today. I am also on record of continuing to lead my colleagues to support projects which by law, must be tied to a 15% - 25% allocation, within that development, for income-based housing.

What is your position on Collier County medical marijuana dispensaries, under what conditions? Medical marijuana was passed by the voters of Florida, but the State has pre-empted local control for the placement/zoning of these dispensaries within a county. I do not support dispensaries located near schools. At this time, without local control over zoning, I do not support medical marijuana dispensaries here.

Storm-water runoff and old septic tank leakage continue to be major sources of pollution to our local waters. What practices do you favor to protect water quality? The County must continue to convert septic systems to sewer systems throughout the County. It's expensive and assistance from the State is critical to keep progressing in this area. Storm water run-off pollutes our water and must be cleaned before emptying into our waterways. We must educate our residents.

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REFERENDUM: Four local referenda will be on the August Primary, and will appear only on the ballots of the voters in the special areas who will vote Yes or No:

- Collier Mosquito Control District Expansion of District Boundaries and Taxation of New Areas.
- City Charter Amendment to allow the City of Naples City Manager to Reside in Collier County, rather than the City of Naples.
- Hideaway Beach District City of Marco Island, Florida Tax and Bond Referendum (Funding Beach Renourishment/Access Services and Improvements).
- Establishment of a Vacation Rental Registration Program for RSF Properties in the City of Marco Island.

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REQUEST A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT: No later than August 13, 5pm

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