

Elections Questionnaire

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Name *

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Age

45

Gender

Male

Female

Other

Hometown

Miami, FL

Party Affiliation

- Republican
- Democrat
- No Party Affiliation (NPA)
- Green Party
- Libertarian
- Other

Office I'm running for:

State Representative FL House Dist. 119

History of public service:

I served as a Board Member, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Miami-Dade County Unsafe Structures Board from 2000 to 2021. I have volunteered as a legal advisor and General Counsel for the Miami Coalition Against Breed Specific Legislation, a local animal welfare group. I am an elected member of the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee since 2020. I was poll watcher for the John Kerry and Joe Biden Presidential Campaigns during early voting and on Election Day. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus, Miami Council 1726 and 14216 for over ten years, collectively. I have donated my time to a number of charities locally, including Habitat to Humanity and Shake-A-Leg Miami. I am a Founding Brother of Lambda Theta Phi, Latin Fraternity, Inc., and I assisted with recruitment and induction of brothers at new chapters that were established at UCF, USF, FSU, FAU, FIU, University of Miami, and Nova Southeastern University.

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Do you believe climate change is real?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / unsure

How much do you think human activity, such as the burning of fossil fuels, contributes to global climate change?

- A great deal
- Some
- Not much
- Not at all

How much, if at all, do you think global climate change will affect Florida?

- A great deal
- Some
- Not much
- Not at all

Which of these statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

- Stricter environmental laws and regulations will hurt the economy and are not worth the cost
- Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost

Which of these statements comes closest to your view about the MOST EFFECTIVE WAY to increase reliance on renewable energy sources, even if neither is exactly right

- Government regulations are necessary to encourage businesses and consumers to rely more on renewable energy sources
- The private marketplace will ensure that businesses and consumers rely more on renewable energy sources, even without government regulations.

Do you favor or oppose EXPANDING each of the following sources of energy in our country?

More offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters

- Favor
- Oppose

More near-shore oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico off the west coast of Florida

- Favor
- Oppose

More nuclear power plants to generate electricity

- Favor
- Oppose

More coal mining

- Favor
- Oppose

More solar panel "farms"

- Favor
- Oppose

More "fracking" for oil and natural gas

- Favor
- Oppose

Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply?

- Developing alternative sources, such as wind, solar and hydrogen technology
- Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas
- Both should be given equal priority

Do you believe Florida utilities depend too much on fossil fuels for electricity?

- Yes
- No

Florida [trails the nation](#) in energy efficiency measures. Would you favor or oppose legislation directing the Public Service Commission to set efficiency targets?

- Favor
- Oppose

Do you favor or oppose cutting the credits given the owners of rooftop solar systems for the excess energy they send to the grid, a practice called net metering?

- Favor
- Oppose

Do you favor or oppose expanding the use of solar panels on state buildings?

- Favor
- Oppose

Florida is one of the only states that does not allow power purchase agreements, where a third-party developer installs, owns and operates an energy system on a customer's property and sells the electricity at a fixed price. Do you favor or oppose allowing PPAs in Florida?

- Favor
- Oppose

Do you believe the Florida Legislature should mandate the creation of an energy independence plan for the state?

Yes

No

Do you favor or oppose lowering the taxes on electric vehicles?

Favor

Oppose

If there's anything you'd like to add, please share it with us here.

I would add that we are already seeing the harmful effects of climate change in the damage seen in our coral reefs, and in localized flooding in certain low-lying areas during heavy rains and king tides. I am a strong advocate for improved public transportation, including light rail and high speed rail. A quality mass transit system helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by taking large numbers of cars off of the road. I support greater investment in public transportation and regional transit agencies. Public transportation agencies need to have a dedicated funding source to attract federal dollars for projects like the expansion of Metrorail into residential suburbs in Miami. I also support a high speed rail network to link Miami to Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville, which would reduce the number of automobiles on the Turnpike, I-75 and I-95 for those who choose to travel by rail. Europe is a great example of the benefits of quality high speed rail, passenger train service and light rail transportation networks.

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