

# Elections Questionnaire

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Gender

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## Hometown

Clearwater, Florida

## Party Affiliation

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

## Office I'm running for:

Florida House, District 59

## History of public service:

Nearly 30 year senior Naval Officer and Family Physician - retired from US Navy 2021

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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.

It has been an honor completing your survey as a conservative Republican. One issue that I have is do both sides really understand climate change. Everyone seems to side with the scientific evidence that supports their view. I assume that people know that the electric vehicle charging stations are powered by coal and natural gas for the time being. Maybe they will eventually be self sustaining. Protecting our environment at all levels is extremely important but the shift to electric/wind/solar should be tempered until they supply most of our energy. My personal opinion is that it will take 50-100 years to do this. And what about the rest of the world. Emissions are staggering...are they also being encouraged or do we let them do what want until it is too late. If an individual believes in these issues then hold the world accountable. Do I see this happening? No, on so many issues. We pay lip service to most issues. Want more I can provide. America get your head out of your ass and truly make a difference on many issues. My guess is that unfortunately many won't. Too much energy to expend for the average individual trying to just live from day to day.

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