

# Elections Questionnaire

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Age

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Gender

Male

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## Hometown

Indianapolis, Indiana

## Party Affiliation

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

## Office I'm running for:

Florida State House 39

## History of public service:

I currently serve on the Orange County Membership Mission and Review Board (MMRB)

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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.

Not everything is political. There are certain areas of this survey where I can bend a bit and other areas that suggest my conservative opinions aren't going to be well received.

We know that batteries for electric cars, for example, are extremely expensive and proper disposal of said batteries is/are simply not clearly defined or environmentally friendly. We also know, natural gas is a "friend" of our energy processes. Example....it's not a sunny day...solar isn't the easiest suggestion. No wind impacts wind driven resources. Natural gas then is consistent and can step in on a regular basis.

I'm willing to acknowledge we've had climate change for millions of years. As a candidate, in Florida mind you, I sometimes walk neighborhoods thinking this is the hottest summer I can remember as a near 30-year resident of Florida. Then I'm reminded we had a relatively mild "Florida winter" and it was nice to have the break in cooler temperatures for what appeared to be a longer period of time this past "season."

Bottomline, I simply believe there's room for everyone and anyone at the table they choose to sit at. I just don't support the idea of mandating any person or company at a time when those who want to go electric can (car) .... those that don't (car) can keep going gas. I will be very clear; however, we should be energy efficient as a country and reliant on no other country for resources we have within our reach in Florida or in our country.

I will close with this... while I have opinions and thoughts...I'm always open to listening and learning different perspectives.

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