

# Elections Questionnaire

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Name \*

Rubin Young

Age

61

Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other

## Hometown

Miami

## Party Affiliation

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

## Office I'm running for:

US House of Representatives Dist. 25

## History of public service:

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RUBIN YOUNG is a community servant, a national organizer, a Republican and a proven leader in the fight for human and civil rights, the rights of legal immigrants, and the common goals of educational and economic opportunities for all people.

About Rubin Young:

Mr. Young formerly worked for the State of Florida serving as a District Legislative Assistant II managing a large district on behalf of State Representative James Bush III, District 109.

As an aide Mr. Young has used his paralegal skills to help draft legislation that led to bipartisan support on behalf of this district HB269, HB575, HB817, HB663, and HB293, whereas he's played a critical role in helping Rep. Bush navigate important appropriation bills through the various Republican lead committees during both the 2018 and 2020 legislative sessions.

Mr. Young was born on June 16, 1961 to Hercules A. Young and Susie M. Dotson. He grew up in Homestead, Florida with his great-grandparents Emma Adderley Rolle and with the memories of his great-grand father a Nicholas Frances Rolle.

Mr. Young's grand-mother Ghylea Rolle later moved back to the United States from Cat Island in the Bahamas and married a Joseph Young, where they raised 13 children.

Mr. Young attended public schools throughout Dade, A.L. Lewis Elementary, West Homestead Elementary, Naranja Elementary, Redland Junior High and he graduated South Dade High School in 1980.

#### MILITARY SERVICE:

Later that year, he joined the United States Army and he had basic training and AIT at Fort Jackson, SC, where he served as squad leader under Staff Sergeant Patrick Duncan. Mr. Young later was duty stationed at Fort Myers, Arlington, VA where he worked at Fort Lesley J. McNair United States Army Military District of Washington (MDW) known as the Headquarters of the Army as an Administrative Specialist I and II.

Administrative Specialists are required to learn administrative procedures and processes, pay and personnel information, preparation of orders and directives, correspondence, and the use and maintenance of filing systems.

In 1981, Mr. Young also served on the Presidential inauguration committee of newly elected President Ronald Reagan. Later on January 13, 1982, an Air Florida Boeing 737-222 plunges into the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., killing 78 people.

The crash, caused by bad weather, took place only two miles from the White House. Mr. Young on that day was on a military duty bus heading back to Fort Myers, when the Boeing 737-222 crashed into the Potomac River. The bus was crossing over the Potomac River Bridge when the plane plunged in the river. Mr. Young said that he's alive today because of the grace of God.

Mr. Young was generally and Honorably Discharged in 1982 after the death of his oldest brother, Sergeant David A. Young, who was an Army Specialist 5 serving as a Green Beret stationed at Fort Hood, Killeen, TX.

**PUBLIC SERVICE:**

In 1986, Rubin began his career as a Deputy Clerk working for the Dade County Traffic Division under the Honorable Richard P. Brinker. Mr. Young was later appointed by the Union to be on the Labor Management Relations Board where he served as a Union Member for years.

In 1988, Mr. Young joined Florida State's "Guardian Ad Litem Program" where he served 2 years representing abused and neglected children. He worked with both judges and attorneys where he strived to ensure that children's rights were well represented and protected in the Family Court System.

In 1990, and 2016, he became the first African American to run in a countywide nonpartisan election for Miami Dade County Clerk of the Circuits and County Courts and County Clerk. In his first ever bid Mr. Young received a considerable amount of countywide support, earning over 19,000 to 25,000 votes.

In 2020, Mr. Young a Republican ran a very successful campaign against Democrat Harvey Ruvin where he had received 28,088 votes despite the voting irregularities which took place during the 2020 general elections.

Also, in 1990, Mr. Young founded "Blacks Organizing Leadership Development (B.O.L.D)," one of the United State's first leadership development organizations.

B.O.L.D. soon became the voice of the nation's people, motivating leaders all over the world to stand up for the rights of poor people by demanding enforcement of current laws such as the Economic Opportunity Acts of 1964, 1972, 1978 as well as the Community Service Act of 1974; Public Laws 88-452, 92-424, 93-644, 88-352 and 95-568.

These same laws helped to launch President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty Program" which created the Office of Economic Opportunity and the National Regional Community Service Administration Director under the authority of Mrs. Mary Lee Hill, Founder and CEO of EOPI.

Born and raised in Miami-Dade County, Mr. Young served as a Florida State Representative's Legislative Assistant II in 1991.

He was instrumental in helping the restructuring of the redistricting process, and in doing so helped elect many black officials to new seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In addition to his responsibilities as a public servant.

Mr. Young also joined the American Federation for State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) where he served as Union Shop Steward and later as International Staff Representative, recruiting, organizing, and fighting for the rights of the Union's members from 2011 to 2013 in Washington DC serving as a staff representative and organizer for AFSCME District Council 20.

Rubin Young is an advocate for change. While serving as a Union member, he acted as a liaison between

the Union and the NAACP, taking on projects such as gathering signatures on a petition protesting the mistreatment of Federal Judge Alcee Hastings, Florida's first black Federal Judge.

In 1995, Mr. Young brought attention to issues such as welfare reform, healthcare, and Social Security straight to the attention of the nation when he campaigned for the Office of the President of the United States of America. He then communicated this important message to the people of the entire United States by creating a partnership with new technology and becoming one of the first Presidential candidates to campaign using the internet.

#### EDUCATION:

He also earned his Executive Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Faulkner University in Montgomery AL and is pursuing his master's in human resource management as well as pursuing a degree in Paralegal Studies at Miami Dade Community College Law Center.

Rubin is a passionate believer in education and will use his degrees to become an outspoken civil and constitutional rights attorney and community leader.

#### AMERICA FIRST AGENDA:

1. School Choice
2. Election Security and Integrity
3. Pro-life
4. Restoring America Dream
5. Reviving our American Spirit
6. Republicanism "returning law and order"
7. Border Security
8. Ending Illegal Immigration
9. Fighting against noncitizens holding elected office
10. Halting Gentrification in poor communities

#### COMMUNITY LEADER:

Mr. Young is President/CEO of one of the nation's first leadership development organizations called Blacks Organizing Leadership Development and the Black Community Inc. of America, organizations formed to protect the best interests of our communities. Its theme is "Building a Better Community, One Community at a Time".

The Black Community Inc. of America was born on January 16, 2006 out of the life's work of the late great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### ON THE ISSUES:

This is key to the success of every citizen living in the State of Florida. It must be easily accessible and free to all citizens looking to pursue the American dream. We need to create a plan to reach and teach young people valuable skills like career development.

We must find employment for the unemployed and underemployed through the creation of new jobs and new opportunities in the fields of entrepreneurship and education.

VISION:

Rubin Young's mission and purpose is to promote the development of "The Beloved Community" that Dr. King spoke of throughout his life.

As we move into the 21st Century, let us find ways to strengthen our neighborhoods and put local residents who live in these areas of neglect and abuse back to work.

"We must get ready to carry the fight and we must be prepared for our future by any means necessary."

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Do you think climate change is real?

Yes

No

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 aren't 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.

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?  
Reducing the effects of global climate change needs to be a...

- Lower priority with so many other important problems facing Americans today, even if that means more climate problems for future generations
- Top priority to ensure a sustainable planet for future generations, even if that means fewer resources for addressing other important problems today

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 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

Thinking about the country’s energy supply, do you think the U.S. should...

- Phase out the use of oil, coal and natural gas completely, relying instead on renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power only
- Use a mix of energy sources including oil, coal and natural gas along with renewable energy sources

Do you favor or oppose phasing out the production of new gasoline cars and trucks by the year 2035?

- Favor
- Oppose

Looking to the future, which of the following do you think is more likely to happen in the U.S.?

- New technology will solve most of the problems caused by global climate change
- Major changes to everyday life will be needed to address the problems caused by global climate change

Do you favor or oppose the following proposals to reduce the effects of global climate change?

Planting about a trillion trees around the world to absorb carbon emissions in the atmosphere

- Favor
- Oppose

Taxing corporations based on the amount of carbon emissions they produce

- Favor
- Oppose

Providing a tax credit to encourage businesses to develop technology that captures and stores carbon emissions so they do not enter the atmosphere

- Favor
- Oppose

Tougher restrictions on power plant carbon emissions

- Favor
- Oppose

Tougher fuel-efficiency standards for automobiles and trucks

- Favor
- Oppose

To reduce the effects of global climate change, how important is each of the following considerations to you personally?

Getting the U.S. to net-zero carbon emissions as quickly as possible

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not too important
- Not important at all

Limiting regulations on businesses

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not too important
- Not important at all

### Increasing job and economic growth

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not too important
- Not important at all

### Keeping consumer costs low

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not too important
- Not important at all

### Protecting the quality of the environment for future generations

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not too important
- Not important at all

Do you favor or oppose each of the following proposals for the federal government?

Federal spending to build a network of electric vehicle charging stations across the country to increase use of electric cars and trucks

- Favor
- Oppose

Raising taxes on corporations to pay for more energy efficient buildings and improved roads and bridges

- Favor
- Oppose

Requiring power companies to use more energy from renewable sources, such as wind or solar

- Favor
- Oppose

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

A federal government proposal to change building standards so that new construction will better withstand extreme weather events is...

- A good idea because the country's building standards need to be upgraded to better deal with the effects of extreme weather events.
- A bad idea because it could increase costs and cause delays in important building projects

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