

Elections Questionnaire

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Served in the Alachua County Public Defender's office, elected as Florida Commissioner of Agriculture in 2018.

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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.

There's no way a place called "The Sunshine State" shouldn't be leading the way on solar energy. Instead, we're behind states like California, North Carolina, and even New Jersey and Massachusetts. Florida is the best-positioned state in the nation to lead the way on the energy expansion movement. We just need the right leadership to get the job done.

We also need to understand the disparities in energy, that Black and Hispanic families face an energy burden three times higher than other consumers. That's why, when I launched the statewide energy disparity study in 2021, I said, "To help those who need it the most, we need to understand the systemic inequalities, the barriers and disparities and all the factors that keep vulnerable communities trapped in a cycle of energy efficiency and higher energy costs." It's also why, as Commissioner of Agriculture, I launched the Low-Income Residential Energy Efficient Grant Program.

I will update and expand the Florida Energy and Climate Plan we introduced in my capacity as Agriculture Commissioner.

I will also expand Florida's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program which provides grants to localities and non-profits to assist eligible low-income Floridians. My administration will also partner with local governments to provide incentives for low income housing improvements.

Smart energy and infrastructure starts with security. I will identify infrastructure vulnerabilities, starting with drinking water and wastewater vulnerabilities, and work with experts to ensure these systems are secure.

I will stand up to the for-profit utility companies and demand we lower utility bills for everyday Floridians through the expansion of available grants and tax credits.

I believe in energy independence, and I believe that it starts with solar. Together, we will make the Sunshine State the leader in solar energy, we will preserve net metering, and stop the utilities and their lobbyists in Tallahassee from making solar more difficult to obtain and more expensive.

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