

Elections Questionnaire

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Name *

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Age

36

Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other

Hometown

Miami, FL

Party Affiliation

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

Office I'm running for:

Florida State Senate - District 38

History of public service:

As a small business owner and a mom, I have been involved in local advocacy work for the disadvantaged communities throughout Miami-Dade County. As a cancer survivor, I use my work in healthcare by providing access to medical resources to our seniors as a primary activity that supports my neighbors and helps build prosperity for all.

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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.

As a cancer survivor, mother of two daughters, a wife, and a small business owner bringing access to healthcare for our seniors, I have a passion to ensure that everyone has the same chances I was given throughout my life. Part of this vision means ensuring that all families have access to affordable electricity and communities free of pollution.

My parents fled Cuba at a young age and my father's first job was a stock boy at Pantry Pride. Along with my mother, he has built multiple family-owned businesses from scratch. Their determination is what gave me purpose as a child and their example is what fuels my desire to give others the same access to the American Dream that we have had. Today, however, the cost of living -- including energy and gas costs -- has put that dream out of reach for so many of our neighbors. In fact, I remember receiving my first \$30,000 bill for the vital chemotherapy that eventually gave me a second chance at life. A family shouldn't have to choose between keeping the lights on and keeping a loved one alive. So, I'm running for office to make sure that everyone -- my daughters, my friends, my neighbors, and all Floridians -- have the same chance to thrive as I have.

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