

Elections Questionnaire

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Name *

Dr. Barbara Sharief

Age

50

Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other

Hometown

Miramar-Broward County

Party Affiliation

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

Office I'm running for:

Florida State Senate District 35

History of public service:

Dr. Barbara Sharief's life has been one of dedication, breaking down barriers, and service. Each stage prepared her to fight for her community in South Florida.

Bringing expertise in the healthcare space, Barbara is a fierce advocate for Medicaid expansion, improving Medicare and lowering prescription drug costs. Barbara obtained a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Nursing from Florida International University after graduating from Jackson Memorial Hospital School of nursing at University Miami Jackson. Barbara graduated from Miami Dade Community College with an Associates of Science in Nursing. Barbara specialized in intensive clinical care and pediatrics, using her skills in a way that benefited those around her. In 2001, she continued her mission by opening her own pediatric and adult homecare service, which employed over 500 frontline heroes in our community. She learned how to run a business from her father, often helping him out with his small business when she was a kid.

Barbara has served as Broward County Commissioner for 11 years. She has also made history as not only Broward County's first black female Mayor but also the first black female President of the Florida Association of Counties, where she advocated for all 67 counties in Florida. She is also a longtime member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a member of the LINKS, Ft. Lauderdale chapter. Throughout her career, she has seen our community face tragedy: from the Fort Lauderdale airport shooting to Hurricane Irma. No matter the instance, Barbara brings strong leadership through problem solving and critical thinking. Time and time again, she has guided her community through difficult times, helping others overcome obstacles and stay resilient. She will bring that same experience to the State Senate as she helps our community build back strong after the pandemic.

Barbara has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Floridians, helping to generate a projected \$130 billion for transportation and infrastructure improvement projects over a 30-year period in Broward County. Barbara serves as Chair on the Opioid Lawsuit Task Force. She was a member of the Pompano Beach Community Advisory Board and was on the Broward Metropolitan Transportation Committee for the last 13 years. Barbara led the successful passing of the transportation surtax initiative in Broward County.

She is a member of the Miramar Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce, Women in Healthcare Florida Chapter, National Minority Supplier Diversity. She is also deeply involved in other facets of her community such as the Florida Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, National Nurse Practitioner Association, Jewish Democratic Council of America, the National Organization for Women, the League of Women Voters, the Human Rights Campaign, and the Miramar Democratic Club.

With Barbara comes hope for a better and brighter future. Hope for change. And that is the hope she wants to bring to our district and community if elected as our Senator for Florida District 35.

Your Twitter handle:

<https://twitter.com/Barbarasharief>

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

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