

Elections Questionnaire

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Name *

Carlos Guillermo Smith

Age

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Gender

Male

Female

Other

Hometown

From Boca Raton and lives in Union Park (orlando)

Party Affiliation

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

Office I'm running for:

Florida House Representative District 37

History of public service:

In November 2016, Central Florida voters elected Carlos to represent them in the Florida House of Representatives and re-elected him in 2018 and 2020 with overwhelming majorities. A battle-tested community leader, Carlos has been a champion for EQUALITY who's proudly stood up for the FREEDOM of all Floridians – not just some.

Your Twitter handle:

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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.

I am a climate activist and will continue to fight every battle ahead of the Florida Legislator related to climate change and the need for action to build a more resilient Florida. Climate Change is our most important issue and the greatest threat to our future. Therefore, it must be taken seriously and every level of government should be looking to set ambitious goals to achieving the necessary targets to lower global warming impacts.

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