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Seat running for	Boynton Beach City Commission
District	District 4
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How long have you lived in Palm Beach County?	34 years

JOBS

I have – and always will – support policies and initiatives that create local jobs, which strengthens our local economy. I believe through targeted redevelopment focusing on Boynton Beach's critical corridors and making various incentives available, including non-financial ones, we can give our local businesses the support they need to grow, attract new businesses to come to our city, and create more good-paying job opportunities.

TALENT

To attract new talent into Boynton Beach, we need to provide incentives for entrepreneurs to start their businesses in Boynton Beach. We also need to support our local schools to ensure our students have access to high quality education and are preparing for the jobs of tomorrow.

1.It would be beneficial to have a dedicated business liaison who can work with business owners looking to bring their businesses to Boynton Beach. Getting a business license and working with the necessary city departments can take time and effort. Having designated city staff to help those working through the processes would be beneficial. This position can also work hand in hand with city departments, the CRA, and other members of the business community.

2.As we redevelop portions of our city, it would be an asset to create affordable office space. To attract companies to our city, we must generate move-in ready spaces for these companies. With an increase in supply, we can better coordinate with business organizations to attract companies to our company.

3.Keep taxes low.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

Boynton Beach is on the rise and our local business climate continues to grow strong; but we must keep improving on an already positive business climate by creating a better interface between business owners and the city and continue to lower the milage/tax rate. Working on these two points will help make it easier for our local businesses to grow and thrive, while attracting new businesses to come to Boynton Beach.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

This is an issue I am very passionate about and have already taken action on. The cost of housing is the number one issue I hear about when speaking with voters, and I have been working with my colleagues on the Commission and community partners to find solutions to this problem. Recently, I discussed this issue with community leaders at the National League of Cities and believe that the local government, non-profits, builders, and developers can work together to find concrete solutions.

Hearing the concerns of Boynton Beach residents, I voted to adopt additional homestead exemptions for senior residents – allowing nearly 850 more properties to qualify for a homestead exemption. As a City Commissioner I value the input of residents and look forward to engaging in discussions with them to find innovative solutions to the affordability problem.

TAXES

As a city commissioner, I believe we need to responsibly manage the budget so that we can reduce property taxes without losing the quality and level of city services residents expect. We were able to do that this past budget cycle, and I will continue to work with city staff to ensure that we continue to lower taxes where possible without sacrificing the high quality and efficient delivery of city services that residents know and deserve.

COLLABORATION

Working collaboratively is crucial for creating progress – this principle I have carried with me during my time in public service.

Before serving on the City Commission, I sat on the CRA Advisory Board and was appointed to the PBC Advisory Commission on Women.

Being in these leadership positions has introduced me to many women entrepreneurs. Hearing about their experiences has helped me be a better advocate for them while on the City Commission.

By collaborating with people from all different backgrounds and leadership positions, we can better understand other points of view and hone our positions on important issues.

I always make myself accessible as City Commissioner and encourage increased communication and engagement with our residents and local business leaders.

WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

Encouraging and supporting more women to join the workforce is crucial to creating a more equitable and inclusive society. One way to achieve this is through local policies that support women in the workforce. For example, implementing flexible work arrangements, such as telecommuting or part-time options, can help women balance their professional and personal responsibilities. Offering affordable child care and parental leave can also make it easier for women to return to work after having children. By providing these supportive policies, we can remove barriers to entry and empower women to succeed in the workforce. Let's work together to create a brighter future for all by promoting gender equity in the workplace.

WORKPLACE CULTURE

The City of Boynton Beach does not currently have paid maternity/paternity leave. This is something that I have been working on with City staff to implement policies for new parents. Our city employees should not have to go without a paycheck for maternity leave. Furthermore, our City does not have a true nursing room for parents to have a quiet spot to feed their babies – I have also been working with city staff to implement a nursing room within our city hall.

OUR COMMUNITY

Yes, I believe the City of Boynton Beach is moving in a positive direction. However, that does not mean we are never faced with challenges. There will always be challenges and there is always room for improvement, but Boynton Beach is a growing city that is progressing in the right direction. When elected, I will continue to work with the city commissioners and staff, as well as listen to the needs of our residents so that we can continue making Boynton Beach a city for everyone.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Being a representative for the people of Boynton Beach is an incredible honor, and I look forward to continuing my service for the residents of Boynton Beach. Which is why it is crucial to ensure that those who are voting in this election understand the differences between all the candidates in the race. There are several factors that distinguish me from my opponents.

1. Experience: I am the only candidate in this race that has served on the Boynton Beach City Commission, as well as other Boynton Beach related organizations. For example, I was a member of the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board. I currently serve as a board member of the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency; a board member of the Palm Beach County Advisory Commission on Women, a board member of the South-Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board; a board member of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; Representative on the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

I also have a vast experience in civil litigation, which provides me with insight and perspective as it relates to tort claims.

2. Vision: I have lived in Boynton Beach for the last 17 years and, alongside my husband, am currently raising our two children in Boynton Beach. My family is deeply committed to public service, and we are dedicated to making sure Boynton Beach continues to be a community where people want to live, work, and raise a family in.

3. Endorsements: I am the only candidate in this race that has received the endorsement of our first responders – The IAFF Local 1891 Boynton Beach Firefighters, the Police Benevolent Association, and the Fraternal Order of Police, the AFL-CIO, the CTA, and the Palm Beach County Democratic Black Caucus. As well as Senator Lori Berman; our current State Representative, the former District 4 City Commissioner, Joe Casello, and Boynton Beach Mayor Penserga and Boynton Beach Vice-Mayor Angela Cruz.