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How long have you lived in Palm Beach County? Never, I live in Broward County since 2010 off and on, but became full time in 2015

JOBS

My vision is to build a solid foundation that continues to create and promote 'consistent' economic prosperity throughout SOFLO and District 23's various industries, goods, and services, including a 'Hand-Up' approach for the low-income, impoverished and homeless. I seek to bring in "Clean Energy" production such as solar, wind and aquatic energy productions in addition to pursuing innovative and creative technologies that support clean energy that provides consumers durability, reliability and return on investments. I seek earn while you learn programs for the misfortunate and I want to see that Foster Care children are given opportunities and hope for a future. I want to bring microchip manufacturing into SOFLO that supports and expands our Marine, Aerospace, Automotive and Communications systems to facilitate US independence from Asia on critical industries that support our National Defense.

TALENT

There are many misfortunate people in low income, impoverish and homeless that need a 'Hand-Up' to include children exiting the Foster Care programs. I want to create Earn While You Learn programs that will encourage the misfortunate to pursue opportunities that may facilitate fulfilling their pursuit of happiness in life than just dreaming about it and feeling they are just out of reach. I think tapping into this group of people will alleviate the vacuum of not enough personnel to fulfill the lack of workers. The disabled, retirees and the elderly can also be tapped for the work force as well, if they so desire.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

Yes, I want to encourage a climate to bring in industries that are high tech, defense and clean energy related that will promote jobs for the people of SOFLO and District 23 by using tax incentives (among other creative inducements) that will also support my Focused agenda to reducing Inflation, increasing our National Security and Economy, in addition to supporting School Safety. I want to create here in District 23 a matrix of cutting-edge connecting technologies that will make SOFLO the 'MECCA' of US National Defense and Clean Energy production.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

I believe reducing County taxes and property insurance rate hikes are the first step in affordable housing that will have a trickle down affect. The need to address key issues on why Insurance companies are fleeing the state needs to be addressed--one way attorney fees, consignment fees, flaws in the laws and regulations that allow insurers to be overrun by claims or operate with little financial responsibilities. I believe too that supply and demand play a role in

affordable housing, but not flat out being greedy. So, cap limits should be considered during times of crisis just as Florida law prohibits price gouging. No one should be forced into the streets because of sky-rocketing HOA and Maintenance Fees being inflated. First, last and Security deposit requirements need to be re-assessed for low income and the impoverished who may be devastated from coming up with three months rent to simply move in, when two months is adequate. Consumer Rights legislation needs to be pursued to protect the rights of individuals who are plagued by abusive property managers and lending institutes who pocket "mortgage insurance" and stick it to the borrower. Yes, 'Supply Chain' issues too are still a problem, so that is why I would call for Pete Buttigieg to be replaced with a recently retired Commanding General from the US Defense Logistics Agency who knows more than just fixing a "Pot Hole." It is never, just one issue to fix, but many and Devil is always in the details. that is why focus groups need to be formed to bring ideas to the table to fixing this problem.

TAXES

I believe tax reform is needed. I know corporations need to pay their fair share, but then the tax laws are written by legislatures that enable companies to write off certain expenses related to entertainment and donations to lower tax burden. I too know that companies benefit from reinvesting back into their infrastructure which creates jobs and reduces their tax burden as well. In general, the American populace does not know that 5% earning \$200,000 and above of the American population pay 60% of the total revenue here in the US and that 10% of that revenue comes from Excise taxes. This means 30% of the American population is pay 45% of the remaining balance of revenue, which means 50% of the American population do not make enough revenue to pay taxes or receive a tax refund at the end of the year. This 50% are people who are retired, disabled, homeless, working under the table, impoverished, low income or illegal aliens. My plan would suggest eliminating income taxes collected for those who are single making \$24,000 annually or married making \$30,000 or less which would lift the burden off the shoulders of the IRS. I would legislate a Federal Excise tax of no more than 5% at point of sale on all goods, food and services (excluding rent and mortgage) up to the first \$7,500 of a product that would result in all Americans and even the illegal aliens to contribute something back into the system. The homeless would be exempted who should not have income coming in from a pension or Social Security. Again, the Devil is in the details, so we begin with dreaming the dream first.

COLLABORATION

Having served in the CIA I can offer up two examples of partnering with other US and local government elements to orchestrate contingency planning, operations and exercises that ultimately led to the capture of a terrorist cell and an opportunity that dropped in my lap at the last moment. My participation in disrupting a terrorist cell in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia in the late-90s the week before former President Bill Clinton's visit marking 'Earth Day' <https://clintonwhitehouse4.archives.gov/WH/New/html/19980422-13580.html>. A deputy sheriff was left in dismay that during a 4-day holiday the local FBI agent was not interested in a case that had just unfolded in the lap of deputy by happen stance. He got a hold of me, and I got the ball rolling that forced the FBI to take action. The terrorist cell was effectively disrupted. Second, my years of experience at the joint bases of Fort Dix-McGuire, New Jersey was key in developing a national level exercise in 2005 that exposed how terrorists could infiltrate the bases to conduct mass shootings using pizza deliveries to gain access to the bases. In 2006, a plot was discovered that identified a terrorist cell attempting to use a pizza delivery service to carry out their proposed attack. See <https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/news/stories/2007/may/ftdix050807>. My counterterrorism operations overseas also saved American soldiers' lives in Afghanistan. As Deputy Chief of Base of a CIA facility at Bagram Airbase, Afghanistan my responsibility was to support CIA operations country wide.

WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

I did a tour in the CIA's Equal Employment Opportunity for Deaf and People with Disabilities Program. My take away from the program was that with equal rights came equal responsibilities and equal accountabilities. I believe equality is opportunity provided to all regardless of orientation, disabilities, ethnicities or religion. The key is to enforce the policy equally when a party's rights have been infringed upon.

WORKPLACE CULTURE

I address this with Women in the Workforce mostly. The technique used at the CIA was mentorship, but in the US Army it was called taking on the responsibility and initiative. I think giving people the opportunity to excel is important to demonstrate they can contribute to the mission. Soliciting their opinions on the best course of action to take, what the pit falls and positive outcomes as a result of their recommendation can channel that person's creativeness for analyzing, exercising and promoting their future roles in a company.

OUR COMMUNITY

I think our community is at a standstill. Our local economy is heavily dependent on tourism and retirees that is has created a seasonal economy like the waves at a beach you see wash ashore routinely coming and going. That is why, if elected, I seek to bring in new industries to promote consistent economic prosperity that is competitive and forms a collaborative brain trust of ideas that feeds into our economy and economic stability.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I devoted 20 years to the Central Intelligence Agency and 26 years to the US Army National Guard and Reserves. I bring a great deal of experience from the National level in Counterterrorism, Defense Industries Analysis, Contingency Operations and Exercises, Law Enforcement, Export Controls on Weapons of Mass Destructions, and Middle East. I hold a Master of Science degree in International Management and I also know what it is like to be chronically left homeless on the streets for five years.
