



## 2020 Board of County Commissioner Candidate Questionnaire:

### Post-Candidate Forum: The Questions that Were Not Asked

*The following questions were posed by the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee members and Chamber members but could not be asked at the recent BOCC Candidates Forum due to time limitations. As a candidate, we ask that you submit your responses and email them to [ardath@citruscountychamber.com](mailto:ardath@citruscountychamber.com) by end of business on Friday, July 17. We will post your responses on the Chamber website as you write them, with no editing:*

#### **Your Name:**

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**Candidate District #:** 5

1. What are your thoughts about the way the County is dispensing the CARES Act funds for small businesses?

*They should look at being able to address the needs of home based business that were also shut down.*

2. Are you knowledgeable about the regulations related to planning and development in Citrus County? What is your view of the way the Land Development Division is being managed at this time?

*Yes and as we saw with the Holder industrial park issue, they required things above LDC rules and didn't know basic definitions.*

*Needs improvement.*

3. Many citizens have said that one of the most pressing problems in our county is the condition of our residential roads, especially Citrus

Springs. There are homes on the golf course and new construction homes that are on roads that are crumbling. How do you plan on addressing this issue?

*Use all additional funds to expand the road repaving funds, keep milage the same to increase funding, grow the business base to develop more revenue.*

4. What proactive ideas do you have for any of the topics below:

- Affordable Housing - Low Income Housing

*Change lot line, set back and other rules like auxiliary dwellings.*

- Local Drug Addiction Resources

*Improve quality of life issues to prevent youth to turning to drugs as an alternative.*

- Homeless persons and keeping homelessness to a minimum in our county.

*Work with not for profits to access surplus lands, providing lower cost for them to provide services.*

- Using the tourism tax on something besides marketing? (Examples: Using the funds for more than an “invitation” to our waterways and activities on the water; such as infrastructure that is needed for the persons that come here, additional restrooms, parking and safety resources, or maybe a conference/community center for corporate meetings and such.

*Boat ramp parking and improvement would be a smart capital investment of tourism taxes.*

5. Under what conditions do you believe government has a right to infringe on constitutional rights? Please explain how you would apply this when considering how to restrict funds and public access to periodicals in the library (Example: New York Times subscription) ; and how you would apply it when faced with a pandemic.

*One of the basic function of government is to deal with conflicts of constitutional rights that one may feel is infringed on by another individual.*

*Access to periodicals at the library should be strongly supported, the fundamental change to digital could see government being the main provider of media and could then infringe on the rights of one over the other as to what it and is not provided.*

*Note: this is why PBS is non-partisan.*

6. Barring unforeseen family and health issues -if elected do you commit to serve your complete 4-year term?

Yes