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The United States Senate is a legislative chamber in the bicameral (two houses) legislature of the United States, and together with the House of Representatives makes up the United States Congress. Each state, regardless of population, is represented by two senators, who serve staggered six-year terms. A senator must be at least 30 years old, a U.S. citizen for at least 9 years, and a resident of the state he or she represents. The current salary (2018) for rank-and-file members of the Senate is \$174,000 per year.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

We have a global economy, we are essentially global citizens, and becoming a US citizen should not be a 12 step process. We need to streamline the process with more of an Ellis Island approach. We need to make a clear path and entry points where people can get background and wellbeing checks. One thing that people forget about immigrants is that even if they are only arriving with the clothes on their backs they are not empty handed. They have a dream of a better life and they are future doctors, entrepreneurs, teachers, and they are our neighbors who have already overcome great odds and sacrifices for the American Dream that our country was founded on.

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

I don't think climate change is a threat to the economy so much as a reality of the finite resources and lifespan of our planet. From the moment we first learned of our sun's expiration date we have had a moral obligation to our future generations to work together to find a way to escape the peril. It's bigger than one person, it's bigger than a generation, but if we all do what we can when we can, together we can save the future of humanity.

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

American tax dollars stay in America. Imagine if we spent some of that foreign war money on our aging infrastructure, we could get ahead of the next Flint, Michigan. Maybe some of that building other nations money lunch could be included with the school day so we don't have 10 year olds worrying about debt. Even more radical idea we can put some of that American tax dollars back in the pockets of Americans. Another issue I am sure to find friends on all sides of the aisle for is to give the people what they have been demanding decades, to finally federally legalize, decriminalize, de-schedule cannabis.

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

Support.

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

Support

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Support

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Support.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

I will sponsor a comprehensive immigration reform package that will immediately close the border, give immigrants currently in the United States 90 to 120 days to register they are here, and then provide them and others an earned path forward to citizenship provided they have registered and committed no crimes, either civil or criminal. Migrants attempting to enter the US illegally after that set date will not be eligible for citizenship permanently. This bill will also increase the number of border agents at all approved borders and expand the number of immigration judges who can hear cases more expeditiously. Temporary work permits and a job bank for approved entry would be available.

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

Climate change is real and it poses frequent financial threats to the American economy. Florida has been besieged by hurricanes and other weather-related events that our impacted communities still have not rebuilt and recovered from because of a lack of urgency on the part of the federal government and our elected officials. Property and infrastructure loss, outrageously high property insurance rates, missed business opportunities, displaced households, suspended jobs, and more plague our cities and towns who have been the victims of climate change. This will be a high priority for me to find public, private, and philanthropic help for those in need. Now and not later as has been the case.

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

In addition to comprehensive immigration reform mentioned above, my top two legislative priorities for this upcoming session of Congress would be The Homeowner Property Insurance Oversight Act that would strengthen the federal government's insistence on lower, more competitive property insurance rates in states like Florida, where residents are paying greedy rates for their coverage, and The Democracy Protection Act that would include restoring Roe and a woman's right to make her own medical decisions as well as congressional and Supreme Court ethics reform free of major political party shenanigans and outright corruption.

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

I support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot. Voting is one of our most sacred duties as Americans wanting to protect and nurture the United States Constitution. Access to the ballot box and ease of voting should not be difficult in today's technology-enhanced world and I will work with other members of the Senate to ensure fairness and access for all.

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

Strongly support

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Strongly support

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Access to abortion was settled law in the United States for fifty years until the Supreme Court overturned the decision on Roe v. Wade. I believe and support a woman's right to make her own medical decisions and will actively work to restore that absolute right throughout the nation.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

We have to address the crisis at our borders. That's why, in the Senate, I would have supported the bipartisan border compromise. We have to fund border security to protect our national interests and to ensure the safety of our communities. But we also need comprehensive immigration reform that preserves legal pathways to citizenship for people like me who came here under the Reagan Administration. I'd also like to see our leaders in Congress come together to fight authoritarianism and stop organized crime in Latin America. To address the crisis at the border, we have to send funding to our border while also taking action to stop people from feeling like they need to flee their home countries.

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

Absolutely. Just look at the effects the climate crisis has had on Floridians. The climate crisis has raised our property insurance rates and hurt our fisheries and our oyster harvesters. I pay attention to what I'm hearing from Florida voters, and they're talking to me about the insurance and affordability crisis our state is facing. They're talking to me about climate change and how these extreme weather events are affecting our communities and our economies. During my time serving in Congress, I received a 100% score from the League of Conservation voters. They have already endorsed me for Senate, and I am committed to taking steps to stop climate change and protect our environment and economy.

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

I am running for Senate to lower costs for Florida families, and to fight to protect our fundamental freedoms like protecting access to abortion. The government has no right to interfere and make decisions about women's health care. We have to stop Rick Scott from spearheading and voting for yet another national abortion ban in the Senate. As Senator, I would support legislation to lower prescription drug costs and cap insulin costs. I would join proposals to cut the cost of property insurance by 25%. In my affordability plan, I also talk about supporting bills like the End Hedge Fund Control of American Homes act, which would stop hedge funds from driving up the prices of homes and edging out Floridian homebuyers.

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

In Congress, I voted for advancing the Voting Rights Act by restoring preclearance requirements in areas with a history of voting rights violations. I was also proud to vote for the For the People Act in Congress which would have ended partisan gerrymandering and restored voting rights for all Americans with prior felony convictions. We need federal legislation to ensure access to polls and fair maps, and as your Senator this will be a top priority for me. In the Senate, I'll fight to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act – legislation that should have been passed long ago.

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

Strongly support

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Strongly support

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

I know that the decision to have an abortion is a decision that must be made between a woman, her family, and her

doctor — not extremist politicians who want to criminalize health care providers. As a mother to two daughters, I am committed to fighting to protect every woman's right to make the decision that is best for them, and I will proudly support passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion, including by pausing the filibuster if necessary.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

I will secure the border to eventually stop the flow of unlawful immigration. I will require illegal immigrants who currently live in the U.S. to pay income tax and penalty for having come to the U.S. illegally. This revenue stream will - Finance the building of a physical border. - Hire more Border Patrol Agents (jobs for US citizens). - Hire more Immigration Officers to process the legal immigration backlog (jobs for US citizens). - Contribute to the Social Security Fund which is depleting. In return, these illegal immigrants will get a 3-year work permit. They are allowed to stay and work in the U.S. temporarily. After three years, they can apply for permanent residency (green card). This is a winning proposal for all stakeholders.

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

Yes. Climate change which leads to more natural disasters, especially in Florida is not only a threat to the economy but also the safety of communities.

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

1. Securing the border to stop the flow of unlawful immigration while promoting legal immigration. My proposal will also secure revenue to build the border and create immigration related jobs. 2. Investing in American youth by reimbursing tuition fee to those who have successfully completed their studies in community colleges or trade school. This will help them stand on their feet and steer them away from delinquency.

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

I think we should let states have their say in defining how to conduct their election within their boundaries including voter registration. It is clear that we must ensure that only US citizens are allowed to cast their ballot.

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

Oppose

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Neither support nor oppose

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

I have remained neutral regarding codifying into law on access to abortion because I want to provide an elaborate answer as follows: I currently have no plan to propose additional laws regarding abortion. I am fine to leave it up to the states to make their own laws according to the will of their residents. However, if an abortion-related bill is to be presented to the U.S. Senate, I prefer that a female Senator will introduce such a bill. - I will surely vote against any bill forbidding abortion in case of rape, incest and when expectant mothers' life is in danger. - I also will not make abortion easier than the Supreme Court ruling in 1973 (Roe.v.Wade).

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

- candidate declined to respond -

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

- candidate declined to respond -

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

- candidate declined to respond -

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

- candidate declined to respond -

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

- candidate declined to respond -

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

- candidate declined to respond -

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

- candidate declined to respond -

US House District 13

U.S. Representatives are elected every two years (no term limits) to serve the voters of a specific Congressional District. A Representative must be at least 25 years old, a U.S. citizen for at least seven years, and a resident of the state he or she represents. Duties include passing laws, serving on committees, electing the leadership of the House of Representatives, and originating all matters of taxation. Representatives maintain offices in their home district and in Washington, D.C., where they provide extensive constituent services. The current salary (2018) for a member of the House is \$174,000 per year.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

I support securing our borders with advanced technology and increased manpower to deter illegal crossings. We must crack down on human traffickers and drug cartels exploiting our broken system. At the same time, we need comprehensive immigration reform to create a fair and efficient process for legal immigration. Addressing root causes of

migration, such as violence and poverty, and ensuring swift, fair adjudication of asylum claims are essential for maintaining order and security. Any solution will require compromise and the ability to work across the aisle.

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

Absolutely. In Florida, we're seeing more frequent hurricanes, flooding and risks to our tourism industry. But the impacts are nationwide. Extreme weather events cause billions in damage and disrupt supply chains. Farmers face unpredictable growing seasons, threatening food security and inflating the cost of groceries. Coastal cities, like ours, grapple with rising seas, endangering trillions in real estate. The insurance industry is failing, especially in Florida, leading to skyrocketing premiums. We need bold action now to protect our economy, create clean energy jobs, and secure a stable future. Smart investments today will save us enormous costs down the road and position America as a leader in the renewable energy economy.

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

My top priorities are protecting our fundamental freedoms and tackling the affordability crisis head-on. I'll fight tooth and nail to safeguard women's reproductive rights, including access to IVF and birth control. No politician should come between a woman and her doctor. And I'm committed to lowering costs for everyday Floridians. That means standing up to corporate greed, fighting inflation, and working to make housing, healthcare, and especially homeowner's insurance more affordable. The insurance crisis is crushing families - it's time for real solutions.

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

You bet I do. The right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy, but it's under attack. We've seen it right here in Florida with the Legislature's efforts to undermine the Voting Restoration Amendment in 2018. Restrictive voting laws hit Black voters, students, seniors, and people with disabilities the hardest. It's not right, and it's not fair. Voting is a cornerstone of our democracy. We need the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to ensure every eligible American can easily cast their ballot. No more games - let's make our democracy work for everyone.

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

Strongly support

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Strongly support

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

As a mother of two girls, this issue is deeply personal. It's outrageous that my daughters are growing up with fewer rights than I did. We absolutely must codify access to abortion at the federal level. Women's healthcare decisions belong to women, not politicians. I'll fight with everything I've got to protect reproductive freedom, including the right to choose. It's about privacy, it's about healthcare, and it's about trusting women to make their own decisions. This isn't just a women's issue - it's a human rights issue.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

-no response-

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

-no response-

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

-no response-

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

-no response-

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

-no response-

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

-no response-

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

-no response-

US House District 14

U.S. Representatives are elected every two years (no term limits) to serve the voters of a specific Congressional District. A Representative must be at least 25 years old, a U.S. citizen for at least seven years, and a resident of the state he or she represents. Duties include passing laws, serving on committees, electing the leadership of the House of Representatives, and originating all matters of taxation. Representatives maintain offices in their home district and in Washington, D.C., where they provide extensive constituent services. The current salary (2018) for a member of the House is \$174,000 per year.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

1) Redirect money from foreign wars to border security and processing, (2) Prioritize deportations based on background, (3) No path to citizenship for those illegally in the country, (4) Reform the immigration code to allow immigration without complex legal requirements (no 3/10 year bars)

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

Many economists and financial institutions view climate change as a major economic risk factor. However, there is ongoing debate about the precise scale and timing of these impacts. I believe that climate change is a real force and that our actions have some small part to play. However, we need to identify precisely what those are and find reasonable solutions to eliminate them. We have done this before in the 80s with aerosols from spray cans that were contributing to global warming and ozone depletion. An international treaty helped phase out the production of these harmful chemicals with little impact to our economy.

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

1) Economy (less Congressional spending) 2) Immigration

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

No, I do not support national standards. We are a nation of States, and those States for the United States of American. Each State has the right and obligation to enact State legislation on how to control the process in their respective States.

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

Neither support nor oppose

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Neither support nor oppose

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

There is a balance between the pro-life and pro-choice extreme positions. There are medical reasons that an abortion may need to be conducted at any stage of a pregnancy. However, it is the obligation of the government to represent those without voices in our system, just as it is to represent the mothers. This is not the 1970s American. We have better and more access to contraceptives and sexual education than any time in our history. We should use that access and knowledge before we require the casual termination of a potential life. I am not opposed to a debate on the access and rationale for an abortion.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

I am a staunch advocate for comprehensive immigration reform that would provide a tough but fair pathway to citizenship and increase border security. I support the tough bipartisan border bill that was developed by Senator Lankford R-OK before it was blocked by Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans for political gain. I support a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and reforms so that U.S. military service members have a streamlined pathway to citizenship.

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

As the chair of the Select Committee on the Climate crisis in the U S House, I took on tough polluters and special interests to tackle the climate crisis, with its present-day impact on insurance, the cost of running a household and to local and state governments already very real in Florida and much of the world. Much of our work product was included in the Inflation Reduction Act. However, Governor DeSantis' efforts to commercialize so many of Florida's special places illustrates that we must continue to fight and be vigilant to protect Florida's special places for environmental reasons but also for economic reasons - so much of Florida's economy is based on the environment.

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

I believe that access to high quality, affordable health care is a right in America and not a privilege to be enjoyed by a limited few. I fought for and passed the ACA, the IRA - which lowered the cost of prescription drugs- and championed the Women's Health Protection Act - which would codify Roe v. Wade. I lead the Children's Health Care and Childhood Cancer Caucus in Congress and work to ensure that mothers, babies and families stay healthy and well. There is more work to do to ensure all have access and can afford the healthcare that they need.

Families need more relief from the high cost of living and I have successfully supported cost-saving initiatives to lower the costs of prescription drugs, health coverage, lower electric bills

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

Yes, I support it. And have been a leader for passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and a strong supporter of the National Voter Registration Act and President Biden's attempts to ensure its impact.

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

Strongly support

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Strongly support

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Yes. I am a staunch supporter of reproductive freedom. Donald Trump's and Ron DeSantis' abortion bans have brought nothing but chaos and pain to women across the country- with Florida as ground zero for much of the misery. Through leadership on the Women's Health Protection Act and other attempts to codify Roe v. Wade, I have always fought to have those decisions be between a patient and their doctor. I strongly support Amendment 4 for Reproductive Freedom. Personal health decisions should be made between a patient and doctor, not politicians. I also advocated for no cost contraceptives to be included in Affordable Care Act health plans.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

A comprehensive Immigration Bill of this magnitude must be bipartisan. It requires a coalition from both sides. I intend to lean on veterans in Congress (focused on the job at hand, willing to negotiate and compromise when necessary). Most Americans want a comprehensive Immigration Bill. Regardless of how we arrived at the current state of immigration, first, we deport those who committed crimes (severity TBD). Then establish a path to legalizing those who are here with a Green Card (they must work & pay taxes; no welfare programs for a given period of time; if you break the law you get deported (severity TBD)). We must require a properly manned arm of enforcement and mandate State and Local cooperation or lose federal funding.

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

Yes, the climate changes. Most recent glacial period of the current ice age ended about 11,000 years ago. We should be talking about how to mitigate the impact of climate change. Instead, we're presented choices that are expensive, threaten our economy, and may pose risks we don't fully understand, all hidden in the extreme Green agenda. In Florida, we should adapt solutions to limit damage due to tropical weather systems and flooding (limit coastal development, make those who build along the coast self-insured, buy for public use undeveloped coastline to create a buffer, and restrict development in river flood plains and bottomlands. Adapting to climate change should be done methodically as an evolution not an "end of the world" revolution

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

National Security comes first! We must end illegal immigration! Our national debt is rapidly approaching \$35 TRILLION! We must not only balance the budget but also undo much of the extreme regulation that has caused the size of the Government to grow exponentially. We can start by dissolving the Department of Education (this should be left in the capable hands of the States. The IRS. The tax codes are a joke and speak to decades of mismanagement. An overhaul is a priority. The economy. So many Americans are struggling to care for their families. They are making very difficult decisions about food, medicine, gas for the car, etc. We must return to energy independence. We need real leadership to fight for all and dismiss the radical left!

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

I stand for laws that support allowing every registered citizen of the United States the right to vote. As we have seen in the past, there are those that will cheat. Why would we ALL not want laws that limit voting for Federal Elections to only US Citizens. With the requirement to show ID for almost everything today, why not ensure that those that are participating in our election process are truly US Citizens. I am a firm believer that if you do not support voter IDs verifying citizenship, then you are advocating for cheating. Period.

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

Oppose

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Oppose

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down *Rowe vs Wade*, not because it was unlawful, but because the laws that govern abortion belong to the States. I am personally Pro-Life. The States will each pass laws associated with abortion and in Washington I will work to provide women with options and increased support. First, I believe the adoption process is completely broken, and I am working with several local groups on introducing common-sense legislation to help families and eliminate fraud and wasteful fees and rules. The foster care system is also in need of repair along with Child Protective Services. I intend to present my first piece of legislation called Protect our Children that will address adoption and a CPS overhaul.

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What reforms to the US immigration system do you support? Why?

My approach to immigration reform would be one that respects the rule of law, enhances national security, supports economic growth through skilled immigration, and does so in a way that's politically feasible, reflecting a balance between security, economic needs, and humanitarian considerations. This stance aims to move away from divisive politics towards practical solutions that work for Americans and those looking to join us legally.

Do you believe climate change is a financial threat to the economy of the nation? Why or why not?

Climate change? Sure, it's real, but it's not the financial apocalypse some claim. The real threat? Government overreach. Price controls, carbon taxes, these aren't solutions; they're economic suicide. We need innovation, not regulation. Let's not turn our economy into a socialist experiment. The market, not mandates, will lead us to sustainable solutions.

Name your top two legislative priorities for this upcoming term.

Drive down the cost of living Protect safety net for seniors and families

Do you support passage of federal voting rights legislation to provide national standards for voter registration and access to the ballot? Why or why not?

Federal voting rights legislation? No. Here's why: - States' Rights: Voting should be state-managed, not federally controlled. One-size-fits-all doesn't work for our diverse nation. - Potential for Abuse: Such laws could be used to push partisan agendas, not protect rights. We've seen this with other federal overreaches. - Efficiency: States innovate. Look at Florida's voter registration system. Why fix what isn't broken? - Accountability: Address them at the state level. Federal legislation just layers bureaucracy. Voting rights? Absolutely crucial. But federal standardization? A step towards centralizing power, not enhancing democracy.

Do you support passage of a federal law codifying access to contraception?

Strongly support

Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Neither support nor oppose

EXPLAIN: Do you support or oppose passage of a federal law codifying access to abortion?

Neither, I believe in personal choice not government permission, women do not need government permission to decide what's best for their bodies or financial future.

State Senator 21

Serves staggered 4-year terms with a limit of 2 consecutive terms. There are 40 Senators. The 2023 salary was \$29,697 (plus travel and subsistence). Only requirement is to pass a balanced state budget.

Doris H. Carroll



Party: Democratic

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County Pasco

What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office?

Reproductive healthcare access for women and housing/ insurance crisis: If amendment #4 is passed, I will work with my colleagues in the legislature to avoid any restrictions of the amendment, in which others may attempt to introduce new legislation to overturn it. If it doesn't pass, then we have a long road ahead of educating the public. We need to explore nationwide best practices for housing and insurance, and declare a climate emergency since it is a multifactorial problem. Consider upzoning and increasing accessory dwelling units. Pass campaign reform legislation and develop smart growth and clean transportation.

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

Some of the major challenges to solving Florida's affordable housing crisis include: Increased migration and rising home costs; climate change and property insurance challenges. No single solution will solve these issues. But across the state there are promising efforts to address the affordable housing shortage, including the recently passed Live Local Act, public-private developments, adaptive reuse projects, such as adapting hotels, schools and community centers into affordable homes is key to combating the country's housing crisis.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

Expand language assistance for voters with limited English proficiency; implement a central public repository for election demographic data with the goal of fostering transparent, evidence-based practices in election administration; combat voter intimidation, deception, and obstruction with new tools to empower voters to protect their rights; establishing a paid holiday for Election Day, same-day voter registration, automatic voter registration through the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; protecting returning citizens from unfair prosecutions by creating a centralized database

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

HB1645 passed last session, a pro-fossil fuel & climate denial bill. Removing references to climate change puts a majority of legislators on the wrong side of history, ignores science, & clings to an industry-funded anti-renewable energy campaign that puts our state, its people at risk of great harm from the impacts of climate change. Here are ideas we can work on: Demand Campaign Finance Reform Fight for Environmental Justice Declare a Climate Emergency in Florida Conserve & Maintain Ecosystems Push for Affordable Energy for All Green Workforce Development Smart Growth & Clean Transportation

What is your stance on access to abortion?

My career as an RN involved caring for women and children. I directly provided care for women with spontaneous abortions as a L&D RN. When SCOTUS overturned Roe vs Wade, it was a direct punch to the gut for women, and men. Removing rights of citizens is fascism and misogyny. We must vote YES on the ballot re: amendment #4, to codify abortion access to the FL Constitution.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

It is the #1 killer of children. We are the ONLY country that allows this massive gun violence. What can we do? Pass legislation to: require background checks, waiting periods to purchase, registration, insurance, training, increase age to 21 again, limit public carry, require safe gun storage, reverse law to allow teachers to carry firearms, strict enforcement of gun laws, more funds for mental health services, allow CDC to collect gun violence data, deem gun violence a public health hazard, background checks for gun shows, ban assault rifles, bumpstocks, and 3D guns.

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

I will ensure to speak to constituents about Article IX, & how Florida is failing to meet this standard by: defunding public education for school vouchers; not protecting children and young adults from gun violence in the school but passing legislation to arm teachers instead; hiring religious counselors rather than social workers or mental health aides; & continuing to fight culture wars (book banning, rainbow banning- causing great mental & physical harm) rather than the following the constitution. I will fight to oppose such legislation.

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What is your stance on access to abortion?

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What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

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What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office?

We've had an unbalanced legislature for over 20 years. Many of the policies that land on the desks of our representatives do not even get looked at because there are no checks/balances in place. I will push for parties to be represented more fairly in the legislature (incl. 3rd parties) & would stand behind continuing to limit campaign finances, especially from large corporations, and back term limits. The 2nd challenge - insurance crisis. We have the highest inflationary rate in the country for insurance premiums. this would fall on limiting their power in state office by limiting their money they can use to influence. And stop overdevelopment which has huge consequences on all our rates

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

I am a Habitat for Humanity homeowner. 15 years ago. I was blessed with an interest free mortgage and being in this home was as a way for me to afford homeownership as a single mother. one of the largest issues in my area is that we cannot afford any more buildings we are overdeveloped out of green space and flooding when rains come. We can do some amazing things with housing that limits the damage to the environment. Young adults continue to utilize pod living would love to help fund that for areas with grants and allow ADU for families to house loved ones statewide.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

We need to allow rehabbed felons to vote. And we need to have a statewide campaign to reach all citizens and give them the tools they need to register to vote and to vote. Counties should operate these campaigns and be accountable to constantly updating voter records so that we can improve accuracy.

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

I have signed on to the Florida Green New Deal. As candidates we have a unique opportunity to address all aspects of our environment with this plan. It helps to prepare our state for environmental stewardship and economic resilience. i am committed to providing a sustainable future for our children and benefit every community. The Florida Green New Deal

lays out a clear strategy of small, reasonable goals, and seeks to empower scientists, engineers, and other advancers of our communities to lead the way on managing our goal-oriented strategy of carbon neutrality by 2050.

What is your stance on access to abortion?

As a mother of 8 children, I've had quite an amazing life choosing life. However with that, as a mother of a sick adult child fighting brain cancer, I have seen the dangers posed when government interferes with health care decisions. And yes this happens. Through denying care. Abortion access is one of those things. Although I want everyone to choose life it's not my decision to make. We need to allow access beyond the current 6 weeks. The age of viability is around 22 weeks. Which in itself is a miracle. Let's extend cut off and give Dr authority to change if needed for saving life.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

At the core of every single shooting we uncover a mental illness that was there that people knew was there and that nothing was done about. Mental health funding is key. We need to put counselors back in schools as kids need someone to talk to. We also need to increase funding so that once a year every single person can receive a free evaluation whether it be in person or through zoom. This should be a benefit to all & hopefully most will use it. We need to look at requiring liability insurance on guns so that we can not only track ownership but that owners take their responsibility seriously

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

Our schools currently only serve 80% of the students. One out of every five are what is considered Neurodiverse And are being missed. We need to choose curriculum and programs that reach all students. All high schools need to offer trades. And offer ability to finish the programs in school. We need to solidify the partnership between home and school. Not just have schools as a day care center/hospital for failing homes. And again increase Mental health services for students.

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County Pinellas

What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office?

Unopposed candidates are automatically chosen - all candidates must be on the ballot and voter approved amendments must not be overruled. I will fight for these and other disjointed actions. I will fight for the people's rights.

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

I feel that FL is taking the wrong approach in that development is focused on high end properties to attract the rich. We need incentive programs to focus on development of affordable housing but first, define what that means. Not just the building but insurance, etc.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

Voter access is not the elimination of vote by mail, but increased options allowing Floridians to vote. Vote by mail is one option, there are also ways to leverage technology and vote online, using biometric security for validation.

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

No drilling. No disposal of toxic/radioactive waste under the aquifer. (Piney Point) Increased support and implementation of water, wind, and nuclear power.

What is your stance on access to abortion?

It is not for government to tell women, or anyone, what they can or cannot do with their bodies. Womens' rights are being taken away. Abortion is a decision only the woman can make along with her doctor's guidance. From a religious perspective, if this is believed to be wrong, that is between the woman and God. I find it concerning and hypocritical when a person tells me they are pro-life when it comes to abortion, yet they are 100% in favor of the death penalty. You are not pro-life; you are pro-birth. I also find it concerning there are no real solutions on care for the mother and child born.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

Hold gun owners fully responsible for actions taken by a youth using a gun. The gun owner is endangering the youth and public when the gun is not fully secure. Automatic and semi-automatic weapons belong in the military only, not with the general public. The same goes for large ammunition magazines, they should not be available to the public.

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

We need to invest in our public education system, not defund and divert the funds to private schools using vouchers. Competitive teacher pays and continuing education must be at levels allowing teachers to afford homes without having to work multiple jobs, and learn new techniques, technologies, and topics that enrich their knowledge and enhance their skills.

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What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office?

Women's reproductive freedoms are being taken away by my opponent. Florida now has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation. If / when Amendment 4 is passed, I will work to enshrine women's reproductive rights, immediately. Insurance, housing, and electricity costs have skyrocketed. I am committed to reforming the property insurance system to protect homeowners from skyrocketing premiums and ensure timely claims processing. I will work to hold insurance companies accountable and provide relief to families struggling with insurance costs. My opponent has accepted huge sums of money from insurance lobbyists and Duke, which interfere with lowering costs for everyone.

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

For well over a decade, the super majority in Tallahassee has repeatedly diverted huge amounts of money from the housing (Sadowski) fund which has fueled our housing crisis. I helped establish the Clearwater Housing Alliance that champions housing funding and solutions for our community. A top priority for me will be to restore housing funding to previously approved levels that can be used immediately to create more housing, help with rent and help more first time home buyers.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

Recently, the super majority in Tallahassee created unnecessary barriers for voting by mail, requiring re-enrollment every 2 years. We do not require re-registration in order to continue voting. I would push for law changes that keep vote

by mail registration intact, instead of having to sign up every two years. I would also push to require the state to provide full accounting of any ex-felon liabilities that prevent them from voting. The state provides essentially no help today, but largely prevents ex-felons from voting.

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

I lead a Sierra group for Pinellas County that focuses every day on protecting our parks, green spaces, and our waterways. I have worked with many municipalities in Pinellas to establish goals and take action to reduce emissions and other pollution that is harmful to our health and our economy. I will apply my deep experience to establish similar state goals and incentives that will help residents save money, reduce pollution, and save our green spaces and natural parks. Our parks are precious resources that we must protect through laws that prevent elected officials from harming them.

What is your stance on access to abortion?

My opponent voted for an extreme 6 week abortion ban. I stand firmly with women in Florida, advocating for their right to make personal healthcare decisions. Reproductive rights are fundamental to women's health and equality. I have fought and will continue to fight to ensure that every woman has access to the healthcare services she needs, without government interference, including abortion. As a result, I have been endorsed by Florida Planned Parenthood and Florida National Organization for Women PAC.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

Growing up in Michigan, I have been a hunter my whole life. Having a firearm carries tremendous responsibility for the safety of others. I am passionately committed to common-sense public safety policies to reduce gun violence and save lives. There should be background checks on all gun sales. We should set strong minimum standards for carrying concealed guns in public to ensure that people who are too dangerous to carry guns are blocked from doing so.

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

We must ensure that students receive a comprehensive, rigorous education preparing them for success in their classroom, careers, and ultimately in their enriched lives and communities. We must eliminate the educator shortage by funding competitive pay for educators. Today, Florida is near the bottom for teacher pay. Investments in early childhood learning, in students' mental health and in multifaceted support for families. Also, ensure students have a path to postsecondary education and training, including college and career pathways that integrate high schools, colleges, and employers.

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What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office?

My overarching priorities are ensuring that Floridians are safe, have access to resources and are prioritized as we make further progress. In specific terms, this means: Creating an affordable environment by leaving hard-earned dollars in residents' pockets; Encouraging predictive instead of reactionary action for improving transportation and infrastructure; Requiring fiscal transparency for Medicaid programs to ensure patients are truly receiving the support for which they are eligible.

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

If affordable housing is not prioritized, Florida's economy will feel the severity of the impact. Our economy is largely reliant on the hospitality industry, which in turn relies on a large volume of entry-level workers. If these workers cannot find adequate housing, there is a reduced incentive for them to be here, resulting in substandard experiences and a likely

reduction in tourism and the associated use tax revenues. Additionally, we must better leverage the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund and offer tax credits and inclusionary zoning for affordable housing projects.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

Voter access to the ballot has been continually improved since the early 2000s. Vote-by-mail ballots are available to all voters upon request. In-person, early voting is open nearly 2 weeks prior to Election Day, including Saturday hours at multiple locations. Securing our elections from outside interference and ensuring accurate results may encourage voters to participate, as they may feel that their vote does matter. Instilling patriotism in school children and promoting the right to vote as an exciting milestone to 18-year-olds may also lead to higher future voter participation.

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

I was one of the bi-partisan sponsors for the Shoreline House Memorial because we must protect Florida's beaches, both to preserve our natural resources and to protect our waterfront tourism drivers. We are blessed to live in a place teeming with natural beauty. Living in this environment requires that we actively protect our delicate ecosystem and make proper use of our water. Maintaining our public spaces and ensuring that everyone is able to access and enjoy them is necessary to preserving our natural resources for future generations.

What is your stance on access to abortion?

This is a sensitive personal issue involving numerous emotions, beliefs, situations and evolving science to create families. This November, each voter will have the opportunity to make their voice heard on this issue. I would encourage everyone to vote. As State Representative, I am tasked with representing the will of my constituents.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

Education is our greatest weapon against violence. It is imperative that we educate the general public about mental and behavioral health issues and predictive signs of distress, so that intervention becomes more probable. As unfortunate as it is, we must also educate children and the public on how to maximize their safety during an active shooter situation. Adults who wish to exercise their Constitutional rights to possess firearms must educate everyone in their homes on safe gun handling for adults and avoidance and reporting for children. Additionally, secure storage must exist.

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

Education is the foundation to a life full of opportunities for Florida's youth. Incentivizing experienced educators to remain in the system and continue positively impacting our students is a priority. We must remove the ability for students to game the system and hold schools to higher standards in grading and rigor, not simply pass students to inflate graduation ratios. Not only must we ensure high quality education systems, we must also encourage and protect alternative Vocational Tech programs for students more inclined to pursue a career in the trades instead of further academic study

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What is your stance on access to abortion?

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What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

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What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

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What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office?

The affordability crisis, particularly related to home insurance, & reproductive rights. I voted against the Republican-led, billion-dollar insurance bailouts from Tallahassee and have co-sponsored policies that require accountability, lower rates, and the ability for homeowners to recover the true costs of damages from insurance companies. With Pinellas at risk from storm surge and flooding, I sponsored a bill to provide grants to homeowners to reduce flooding and opposed efforts to allow more development in hazardous, flood-prone areas. And I have fought vehemently against attacks on reproductive freedom and will always fight for a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions.

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

As home prices and rent costs skyrocket, it is nearly impossible for working families to find affordable housing. I'm proud to have passed an affordable housing policy my first year in the Legislature that would incentivize more affordable housing here in Pinellas. In 2024 I sponsored an expansion of that related to accessory dwelling units to help local residents that are part of the solution. I will always vote against raiding the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund - so our tax dollars go towards housing for our critical workers like teachers, nurses, and first responders.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

Voting should be easy and accessible for all Floridians. Floridians that have received their mail in ballots for decades shouldn't be required to re-enroll every four years. And instead of an environment that looks to criminalize registering to vote, Florida's legislature should promote voter registration.

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

A healthy environment is the backbone of a strong economy and our quality of life. As an environmental scientist, I have dedicated more than 20 years to cleaning up Tampa Bay and conserving natural areas around the state. In Tallahassee, I am a leader on water quality, conservation, and resiliency. This year, I worked across the aisle to pass a bill requiring local governments to notify the public when beaches are contaminated and not safe for swimming. I'll fight to hold corporate polluters accountable, pass more effective pollution-prevention laws, and protect the Florida that we love.

What is your stance on access to abortion?

Like the majority of Floridians, I believe that family medical decisions should be made by families and doctors; not politicians! The rollback of abortion rights under Roe has been catastrophic for the women of Florida and the people that love them. I'm a fierce advocate for women's reproductive rights and the only candidate in the race that proudly supports the passage of Amendment 4, which would forever enshrine the reproductive rights of women in the Florida Constitution. I will fight to restore reproductive rights and protect access to birth control and IVF.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

The increase in gun violence in recent years is unacceptable. I support common-sense gun reform, including uniform

background checks and keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and those with mental illnesses. I stand with the majority of Floridians that want sensible gun reform that will keep our schools, families and communities safe.

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

As a product of the public school system, and the daughter of two public school educators, I understand the irreplaceable value of a great education. Our teachers should be able to teach - not worry about book bans, gun violence, or diverting money from our public schools. With teachers in Florida ranking #50 nationwide in teacher pay, it's critical that we invest in our teachers and staff, and improve conditions in our public schools.

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What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office?

Property insurance costs and inflation, from the grocery store to the gas pump, have led to an affordability crisis that must be addressed. As a member of the Florida House, the first bill I will file will demand accountability from Big Insurance by creating an Insurance Fraud Task Force to lower rates. We must hold them accountable. It's time they provide the real data so that we can truly make the needed reforms.

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

Homeownership is a quintessential part of the American dream that is increasingly out of reach for many Floridians. When it comes to affordable housing, we need to increase the supply quickly. We can do this by removing the red tape that slows these projects and increases prices for renters and home buyers. We should also look at changes to zoning regulations to allow for more auxiliary dwelling units and increased density to increase supply. I have experience with the issue of housing shortages on the City Council; there is a lot more work to do, but we are moving in the right direction.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

Florida is already the "Gold Standard" regarding election integrity and ballot access. It has strong voter participation, reasonable voter identification requirements and strong cybersecurity measures. In addition, Florida provides multiple methods for people to vote and a strong post-election audit procedure. We should continue to look for ways to improve our system to ensure every legal vote is properly counted.

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

In Pinellas County, our environment and waterways are intricately tied to our economy and way of life. We need leaders to develop a common-sense consensus to protect our environment and make our coastal communities more resilient against sea level rise and hurricanes. We should also enact legislative protections similar to what we have in St. Petersburg to protect our state parks from a push to develop them. Any proposal to change the nature of our state parks should require a vote of the legislature.

What is your stance on access to abortion?

I don't support extreme political positions on either side, and I don't support the six-week abortion law. I would not have voted for it. I believe that a woman should be able to choose what's best for her up to the 15th week of the pregnancy, and in the case of rape, incest, and if the life of the mother is in danger.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

We need to focus on the root of the problem, which is a mental health crisis exacerbated by predatory social media

platforms. I would support programs that seek to strengthen the family, educate children about the dangers of social media and expand mentorship programs. I also support bolstering the school security programs by working with local law enforcement.

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

The key to ensuring high-quality education for all people is understanding that no singular formula works for all people. We must continue to provide choices in education so that parents and students can find schools and programs that fit their specific needs. In the State House, I would support continued school choice programs while ensuring our teachers receive the pay they deserve so that we can attract the best and brightest teachers to Florida.

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Two challenges include our storms and our insurance market. I will work to address economic and environmental impacts to homeowners and businesses from increasingly intense storms and climate change as well as the rising cost of insurance. Addressing the impacts of storm damage should include engineering solutions, policy and planning, risk reduction, resiliency efforts, and incentives for sustainable practices. These approaches will assist in addressing the rising cost of insurance. We must address the insurance market itself, improve the existing programs supporting the market, and address the non-property costs of storms further complicating the affordability crisis facing Floridians.

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

State measures to address affordable housing must address issues for renters and homeowners. Solutions should include preserving our existing inventory, assistance programs, financial incentives, community initiatives, and public-private partnerships. Approaches involving any density increases (upzoning, ADUs, light touch density, reducing lot sizes, etc.) must prioritize preserving our natural resources. In addition, addressing the challenges of climate change, hurricanes, and our insurance market is inextricably linked to any approach to address our housing crisis.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

As a former consumer advocate for the State of Florida, I support initiatives to protect and improve the consumer experience and engagement in the election process. Improving access and participation should include efforts to increase accessibility to polling places, expand early voting, improve mail-in voting, strengthen voter education, and enhance voter registration. However, we must also address, and perhaps prioritize, protecting Floridians against voter suppression, respond to the purging of voter rolls, and address voter disenfranchisement.

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

We need to address climate change, rising sea levels, water management, red tide and harmful algal blooms, the loss of habitat and biodiversity, the health of coral reefs, the health of the Everglades, and pollution. What makes Florida unique and our leading economic drivers – tourism and agriculture – are all at risk. To address this, we will need a multifaceted

approach to include investments in environmental protections and conservation, in infrastructure, in engineering solutions (beach nourishment), in planning approaches, and incentives for sustainable practices.

What is your stance on access to abortion?

One of our roles as legislators is to implement policies and legislation that ensure access to quality healthcare. The government should not interfere in personal medical decisions between Floridians and their doctors. I support access to quality healthcare. I support access to abortion. I support Amendment 4.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

Addressing gun violence must be a priority for our state legislature. Solutions should include enhanced background checks, stopping permitless carry, enforcement of existing laws, red flag laws, funding violence intervention programs, gun safety education, community outreach and education. In addition, we must take proactive measures to address the underlying issues contributing to gun violence including improving access to mental health resources, addressing substance abuse, interventions when exposed to violence, and more.

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

As a former teacher, a high-quality education to ensure students are prepared to launch into adulthood successfully is a top priority for me. Solutions must address funding shortfalls, professional development, access to early childhood education, access to critical support services, outreach to increase family and community involvement, and the barriers to equity in education. We must work to repeal recent laws passed that encourage censorship and restrict curriculum. We must now also address the additional harms caused by these laws including the negative impacts on students' well-being.

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State Representative 62

Serves 2-year terms with a limit of 4 consecutive terms. There are 120 House members. The 2023 salary is \$29,697 plus (travel and subsistence). Only requirement is to pass a balanced state budget.

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What are the two most important challenges facing Florida and, if elected, what actions will you take to address them within your first six months in office?

The two most critical challenges facing Florida are defending election integrity and unleashing economic growth. First, within my first 60 days, I will introduce legislation to make any attempt to sabotage a Republican primary by manipulating voter registration a third-degree felony. We will not allow Democrats to undermine our elections with dishonest tactics. Second, I will cut burdensome regulations and slash taxes to ensure that Florida remains the top destination for businesses, creating jobs and opportunities for all our citizens. Florida will stay strong, prosperous, and free under my leadership.

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

Florida's affordable housing crisis stems from failed left-wing policies. To fix this, we need market-driven solutions that get government out of the way. First, I will cut the red tape that prevents developers from building affordable homes quickly. Second, I will implement tax incentives for developers who prioritize affordable housing projects. These steps will boost the economy and ensure that hardworking Florida families have access to the homes they need, without relying on big government.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

To strengthen our electoral process and prevent sabotage, I advocate for legislative measures to crack down on party switching with malicious intent. I propose a law requiring a one-year waiting period before new party members can vote in primaries. This will deter individuals from switching parties solely to influence the outcome of primary elections adversely. By implementing this rule, we ensure that only committed members of a party can have a say in choosing their candidates, thus preserving the integrity of our elections and promoting fair political competition.

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

Florida's environment and natural resources are well-managed under the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis and our Republican legislature. As your State Representative, I would not propose new legislative actions but instead support and uphold the excellent policies already in place that have made Florida a top destination for tourism with its pristine waters and world-class aquatic sports. Our current environmental strategies effectively balance growth and conservation, ensuring Florida remains a beautiful and vibrant place for residents and visitors alike.

What is your stance on access to abortion?

Abortion is unequivocally murder, as Scripture confirms in Psalm 139:13-16. Rooted in eugenic ideologies, the abortion industry targets the most vulnerable, especially in minority communities, not as healthcare but as genocide. My opponent supports these radical, destructive policies aligned with Kamala Harris, whose actions have devastated families. I vow to protect every life, fight the culture of death, and ensure real healthcare for mothers and unborn children.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed... Non negotiable.

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

I support expanding school choice, providing parents the freedom to select the best educational paths for their children, whether it's public, private, charter, or home schooling. Additionally, I'll push for increased funding for STEM programs and vocational training to prepare students for future careers. By empowering parents and investing in diverse educational opportunities, we can ensure that every Florida student receives a high-quality education tailored to their unique needs and potential.

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Housing and Food Insecurity

Insufficient affordable housing is hurting Florida families and limiting Florida's economy. What state measures do you support to address the affordable housing crisis?

There needs to be comprehensive overhaul regarding housing affordability. This starts with giving local rule back to cities and counties to solve the problem, specifically with zoning, a bill I have filed. Additionally, not raiding the trust funds.

What legislative actions are necessary to improve voter access to the ballot and promote voter participation in elections?

The Florida Legislature needs to repeal SB 90.

What legislative action would you propose to protect Florida's environment and natural resources?

I would support legislation that would not allow our state parks to be vulnerable to development and to keep our waters and shores pristine.

What is your stance on access to abortion?

I support amendment 4 and I believe this is a decision that is firmly for a birthing person, their doctor and their faith to decide. The government HAS no place to intervene in an incredibly private decision.

What legislation would you support to better protect our youth and the public at large from gun violence?

I have consistently filed legislation targeted to curtail gun violence. I support safe storage and not allowing guns in sensitive places.

What is your plan to ensure that all Florida students have access to a high-quality education?

I have consistently supported fully funding public schools.