Tampa Bay Chamber Releases Candidate Videos for Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties

Tampa, Fla. – In alignment with the Tampa Bay Chamber’s Vision 2026 plan, local candidate interviews were conducted and filmed to inform voters on where candidates stand on issues important to the Tampa Bay business community. Each candidate who qualified with one of the Hillsborough, Pasco or Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Candidate Interviews.

The Tampa Bay Chamber started the Candidate Interviews in 2018 with candidates in Hillsborough County. This year, in alignment with the Chamber’s new regional outlook, they opened the Candidate Interviews for the primary election to all three counties.

Candidates in the following races participated:

- Candidates for Hillsborough County Clerk of Circuit Court:
  - Kevin Beckner
  - Cindy Stuart
  - Moderated by Matt Blair, Corcoran Partners and Tampa Bay Chamber Policy Council Member

- Candidates for Hillsborough County Sheriff:
  - Charles Boswell
  - Ron McMullen
  - Moderated by Former Rep. Ed Narain, AT&T and Tampa Bay Chamber Board Member

- Candidates for Hillsborough County Property Appraiser:
  - D.C. Goutoufas
  - Bob Henriquez
  - Moderated by Former Rep. Ed Narain, AT&T and Tampa Bay Chamber Board Member

- Candidates for Hillsborough County Tax Collector:
  - April Griffin
  - Nancy Millan
  - Moderated by Former Rep. Ed Narain, AT&T and Tampa Bay Chamber Board Member

- Candidates for Hillsborough County Commission District 1:
  - Harry Cohen
  - Jen McDonald
  - Tony Morejon

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• Candidates for Hillsborough County Commission District 3:
  Rick Fernandez
  Gwen Myers
  Thomas Scott
  Sky White
  
  *Moderated by C.T. Bowen of the Tampa Bay Times*

• Candidates for Hillsborough County School Board District 1:
  Nadia Combs
  Steve Cona
  
  *Moderated by Marlene Sokol, Education Reporter for the Tampa Bay Times*

• Candidates for Hillsborough County School Board District 3:
  Alexandra Gilmore
  Leo Haggerty
  Jennifer Hill
  Mitch Thrower
  Jessica Vaughn
  Rick Warrener
  
  *Moderated by Marlene Sokol, Education Reporter for the Tampa Bay Times*

• Candidates for Hillsborough County School Board District 5:
  Elvis Piggott
  Tammy Shamburger
  Selena Ward
  
  *Moderated by Marlene Sokol, Education Reporter for the Tampa Bay Times*

• Candidates for Hillsborough County School Board District 7:
  Lynn Gray
  Sally Harris
  Dr. Jeffery Johnson
  Dr. Angela Schroden
  
  *Moderated by Marlene Sokol, Education Reporter for the Tampa Bay Times*

• Candidates for Pasco County Superintendent of Schools:
  Kurt Browning
  Dr. David LaRoche
  
  *Moderated by Kim DeBosier, WGI and Tampa Bay Chamber’s Policy Council Co-Chair*

• Candidates for Pasco County Commission District 4:
  Gary Bradford
  Christina Fitzpatrick
  Russell Miller
  
  *Moderated by Kim DeBosier, WGI and Tampa Bay Chamber’s Policy Council Co-Chair*

• Candidates for Pasco County Commission District 5:
  Brandi Geoit
  Victor Rodriguez
  
  *Moderated by Kim DeBosier, WGI and Tampa Bay Chamber’s Policy Council Co-Chair*

• Candidates for Pinellas County Sheriff:
  James McLynas
  Eliseo Santana
  
  *Moderated by Mitch Perry, Political Reporter for Spectrum Bay News 9*
• Candidates for Pinellas County Property Appraiser:
  Trevor Mallory
  Mike Twitty
  *Moderated by Mitch Perry, Political Reporter for Spectrum Bay News 9*

• Candidates for Pinellas County Commission District 7:
  Rene Flowers
  Wengay “Newt” Newton
  Frank Peterman, Jr.
  Maria Scruggs
  *Moderated by Janelle Irwin, Associate Editor and Politics Reporter for Florida Politics*

The candidate interviews covered jobs, home rule, transportation, equity, housing, economic development, the budget, healthcare, technology, and other critical issues for each of the specific races.

The Chamber will hold General Election forums for the following races in the fall: Hillsborough County Commission District 6, Pasco County Commission District 3, Pinellas County Tax Collector, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas County Commission District 1, Pinellas County Commission District 3.

The Tampa Bay Chamber is non-partisan and does not endorse candidates. The videos were edited for production quality only and candidates’ responses were not altered. To view the videos, please visit: [https://www.tampabaychamber.com/Business-Advocacy/Election-Candidate-interviews.aspx](https://www.tampabaychamber.com/Business-Advocacy/Election-Candidate-interviews.aspx)

Additionally, on Wednesday, August 5th voters will have the opportunity to meet nearly 50 candidates from Tampa Bay – from candidates for Congress to Soil & Water Supervisor – at this year’s Political Hob Nob. Hob Nob will look a little different as the Chamber has moved the format to a virtual event. Candidates and attendees will interact at their “table” through the innovative platform Lunchpool. Registration is now open: [https://web.tampachamber.com/events/2020Political%20Hob%20Nob-3943/details](https://web.tampachamber.com/events/2020Political%20Hob%20Nob-3943/details)

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