



2026 Candidate Questionnaire

The Greater Naples Chamber is committed to fostering a strong local economy and enhancing the quality of life for all who live and work in Collier County.

As part of our commitment to civic engagement and informed decision-making, the Chamber invites candidates seeking public office to complete this questionnaire. Candidate responses will be shared on the Chamber's website, providing members and the broader community with the opportunity to learn more about each candidate's priorities, leadership philosophy and approach to issues impacting our local economy and community. The Chamber does not support or endorse candidates.

Questions are based on the Greater Naples Chamber's public policy priorities, which were developed through member engagement and approved by the Chamber's Board of Directors. **Please limit responses to 250 words per question.**

Please return the completed questionnaire to Stephanie Dixon at stephanie@napleschamber.org by 5 p.m. on June 30, 2026, for inclusion.

Candidate Information

Name:

Office Sought:

Occupation:

Website:

Biographical

1. Please provide a brief overview of your background, qualifications and reasons for seeking office?

2. What experiences have best prepared you to serve in this role, and how will they influence and inform your approach to leadership and decision-making?

3. What do you believe should be Collier County's top priorities over the next decade and how would you work to advance them?

Economic Opportunity

4. A strong local economy depends on the success of businesses of all sizes. What policies, investments or strategies would you support to encourage job creation, entrepreneurship and long-term economic opportunity in Collier County?

Education & Workforce Development

5. Employers throughout our region continue to report challenges attracting and retaining qualified workers. What do you see as the biggest workforce challenge facing Collier County and what strategies would you support to strengthen the talent pipeline and prepare residents for future career opportunities?

Workforce Housing

6. Access to affordable housing remains a top concern for employers throughout our community. What policies or strategies would you support to housing options for working families, essential workers and seniors in Collier County?

Infrastructure & Resiliency

7. As Collier County continues to grow, what infrastructure investments and planning strategies are needed to support economic growth, maintain quality of life and strengthen resilience before and after natural disasters?

Environmental Stewardship

9. Collier County’s natural resources are central to our economy and quality of life. How should local leaders balance environmental stewardship, future growth and economic opportunity when making policy decisions?

Healthcare

10. Access to affordable, high-quality healthcare is important to residents, employers and the local workforce. What do you see as the most pressing healthcare challenges facing Collier County and what strategies would you support to address them?

Tourism

11. Tourism remains a key driver in Collier County's local economy and supports businesses throughout the community. How should the community strengthen this industry while also preserving the quality of life and community character that make Collier County unique?

Leadership & Governance

12. Public officials are often asked to balance competing economic, environmental and community priorities. How do you approach these decisions and what principles guide your decision-making?

13. What role would should collaboration between business leaders, educators, nonprofit organizations and government agencies play in addressing community challenges and how would you foster those partnerships if elected?

14. County residents often support lower taxes, but local government must also fund infrastructure, public facilities, environmental initiatives and essential services. If revenues fall short of community needs, what spending reductions, efficiencies or new revenue sources would you support to close the funding gap while preserving essential services and long-term investments?

15. In November, Florida voters will be asked to consider a constitutional amendment that would substantially expand Florida's homestead exemption and reduce property tax revenue available to local governments. Do you support the amendment? Please explain your position and how the benefits and potential impacts should be balanced against local government's ability to fund infrastructure, public safety and other essential services?