

Florida State Representative (District 75)

Candidate Question- 2024

Name: _____TONY DUNBAR_____ Date: __June 26, 2024__

Why are you the right choice to be the State Representative for Charlotte County?

I will work to Make Insurance Affordable Again, Bring Affordable Housing to Young and Working People, Restore Local Decision Making and Stop Tallahassee's Meddling in Our Local Issues, and Prioritize Our Community Over Out-of-control Development.

What initiatives do you propose to improve access to affordable homeowners insurance for the residents within our district?

I think the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation needs citizen representation, such as a consumer advocate or small business owner, on its Board of Governors. I think Citizens should be strengthened, not "depopulated" of its best policies. It is the insurer with the widest scope, the best able to spread the risk of major losses, and therefore the insurer that can keep rates affordable. One way to strengthen Citizens is greater support for the Reinsurance to Assist Policyholders (RAP) Program. While the current management of Citizens needs an overhaul, it is the only carrier likely to remain standing if catastrophe strikes.

How do you intend to support small businesses and foster economic growth within our community?

The best future for Charlotte County's small businesses is to focus on our clean industries like Tourism, Hospitality, Water Activities, a Clean Environment, Conservation Land, and Leisure Sports and Activities. We need housing for workers and programs to encourage our young graduates to remain and work in the area. I support existing Affordable Housing projects and would work to expand them through programs like Accessory Dwelling Units which create living space and financially benefit homeowners. I would work to restore local control in numerous areas. For instance, I think Charlotte County voters should be able to make their

own Airbnb regulations and set their own impact fees to help pay for a sustainable future.

Please answer each question in 300 words or less and email back to bwhite@charlottecountychamber.org on or before July 12, 2024.



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