

Florida State Representative (District 76)

Candidate Question- 2024

Name: Vanessa Oliver Date: June 27,2024

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

As someone who has spent nearly her entire life growing up in this district, raising a family here, and managing a business, I know how important it is we have leaders who believe in the conservative principles that make Florida the envy of the nation.

I am CEO of Ambitrans Ambulance, which employs over 250 Southwest Florida residents, and also the elected District 1 Commissioner of the Charlotte County Airport Authority.

I'm running for the State House because I know we must be vigilant in keeping Florida a beacon of freedom and opportunity for all, while addressing the challenges before us. We need courageous, conservative leaders who will stand up for our strong borders, parents rights, and economic opportunity in the face of continued rising inflation, all while investing in our waterways and water quality to keep our environment pristine.

As a businesswoman, I know what it takes to address these challenges and I look forward to sharing with all of District 76 my platform.

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

While Florida's property insurance market remains challenging, I would much rather be in Florida than California. The legislature's legal reforms have helped stabilize our market, and stop the mass exodus of insurers from our state. As a matter of fact, new insurers have begun to enter our market. While I understand that many want an immediate solution, some matters remain outside government's control. What we can do is target low-hanging fruit, such as rooting out corruption. If I am elected, I would like to establish an insurance fraud task force to target bad actors who are committing insurance fraud, which leads to higher prices for all of us.

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

As the CEO of Ambitrans Ambulance, Airport Commissioner from District 1, and a longtime member of the Charlotte County Chamber, Economic Development Partnership, and past Board Member of the United Way of Charlotte County, I have a track record of commitment to economic development in Charlotte County.

As a community, we have made great progress over recent years to supporting workforce development, but we must continue to invest in student achievement, workforce housing, and our technical college programs so that our local businesses can grow and flourish.

As a member of the Charlotte County Airport Authority, I have worked closely with the Charlotte County School Board and stakeholders to support the CTC's Aviation Airframe Mechanics program, which is training our future airplane technicians. I have also worked to develop a climate at the airport that supports the development and expansion of businesses. In Tallahassee, I will continue to champion a business-friendly climate so that our entire state can enjoy a diverse and flourishing economy.

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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