

## **Greater Pensacola Chamber 2020 Candidate Questionnaire**

### **ECUA**

1. How would you rate the water quality in Escambia County?

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor

I am uncertain of the water quality in Escambia County; therefore, I am unable to give a rating. I am aware there are 46 potential sources of contamination identified for our water system and DEP rates each. I also understand according to EPA regulations the water quality test reflects we are within regulations. Not one report I have read thus far has sufficiently given me enough information. I have an appointment next week with the new executive director who may be able to clarify this for me. Once I become a board member I plan to have town hall meetings to enlighten myself and ratepayers on how to decipher water quality reports as well as obtain a better understanding of EPA standards.

2. What can be done to improve the water quality in Escambia County?

To obtain excellent water quality (if needed) first we need to address the entities and/or source causing the contaminants to leak into our Aquifer. For example if it's known that Radium levels are high at well 5 and 11 then we need to discover the source causing the leak. Our sand and gravel aquifer doesn't have a top layer of protection therefore the potential risk always exists so more frequent testing is possibly needed.

3. What is your vision for recycling?

Ideally, I would love to see us move towards recycling everything similar to the European system, more specifically Germany. What's in reason is to mirror recycling programs found in New York and Vermont. Cities like San Diego with goals of recycling 75% despite the ever changing recycling infrastructure and the

fluctuating market is the type mindset needed in Pensacola. Understanding our current issues we still shouldn't lose sight of the bigger picture and should strive for increasing our recycling capabilities.

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