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June 16, 2022

David Edward Kalin, Jr.
6125 Alan Blvd
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Dear David:

The Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its **Candidates' Forum** for those running for key local, state and federal offices. The Forum will be at our Third Wednesday Coffee on July 20, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center located at 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda.

To ensure the greatest exchange of information, each candidate will have his or her own table where information and promotional pieces may be displayed and distributed. This will allow our members the opportunity to visit and converse with each candidate. There will be no time allotted for speaking to the group, but we will visit each table and ask for a brief introduction.

Additionally, we are providing you with question(s) submitted by the chamber's Government Affairs Committee. Candidates are asked to **answer each question in 300 words or less** and return the questionnaire to the chamber office by noon on July 11. You are more than welcome to e-mail the answers if you prefer.

All candidates will have an opportunity to respond to the questions. Your answers will be posted for review on our website at charlottecountychamber.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob White, Executive Director at 941.627.2222 or at bwhite@charlottecountychamber.org.

Sincerely,

Steve Lineberry
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Encl: 2022 Candidate Questions

County Commissioner
Candidate Questions - 2022

Name: _____ Date: _____

What role should the County play in economic development?

Do you support the extension of the penny sales tax?

Why or why not?

Why are you the right choice for County Commissioner?

Yes I will attend.

Please answer each question in 300 words or fewer and return to
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2702 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952, or
bwhite@charlottecountycommerce.org
By July 11, 2022



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David E. Kalin

07/06/2022

Charlotte County government can play a crucial role in economic development by creating opportunity zones where there is infrastructure already in existence that will support commercial growth. There are a number of areas throughout the county that this would make sense. This approach coupled with some tax deferrals can help our business community grow and prosper.

I support the extension of the “penny tax” as long as it is used properly. We have great needs for infrastructure growth and maintenance that this tax could help. However I do not support it for “feel good” items. We have seen a influx of residents over the past two years and our infrastructure has been pushed in some areas to its limits.

As a blue collar worker and farmer I am in touch with what our average citizens are experiencing. Many of our seniors are on fixed income and the cost of housing keeps skyrocketing along with the cost of good and services reaching all time highs the bulk of residents are feeling the pinch. I look at the County budget as something that should be gone over line by line and focus on economic development as businesses represent our true tax base and if they do not grow our county will see high tax rates with little to no services.