

County Commissioner Candidate Questions - 2022

Name: Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

Date: 7/11/22

What role should the County play in economic development?

I believe the county should be proactive in working with the existing businesses in our community to help secure positive environmentally friendly businesses that provide good wages. I believe my past years on the Commission have demonstrated my probusiness commitment to economic development. I have been an active member of the Chamber, I attend most ribbon cuttings, EDP Meetings, and have been the County's liaison to the Industrial Development Authority ever since being elected to the Commission.

Do you support the extension of the penny sales tax?

Absolutely I support the penny tax. It has greatly benefitted our community and helped enhance our quality of life. Over 25% of the total dollars collected come from non-residents. We get more than \$1 worth of benefits for every \$0.75 cents we pay. I have supported and worked for the penny tax in the past and will continue to do so.

Why are you the right choice for County Commissioner?

My unique combination of academic (two master's degrees) and my lifetime experience has been a unique asset to our county. My work ethic and commitment to the people of Charlotte County are unmatched and well known.

Please answer each question in 300 words or fewer and return to
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