

Austin Lanteigne

1. What are your qualifications for this elected position? After graduating from the United States Naval Academy, I spent nearly eight years as a Naval Flight Officer and totaled over 1000 flight hours on the P-3C Orion. After transferring out of active duty I began a career as a product manager in property and casualty insurance focused on developing better insurance products for homes and other buildings in locations that commonly deal with hurricane threats. Today I serve my community as a youth sports coach and event coordinator who pushes to bring out-of-town guests to Northeast Florida which is an easy sell in our beautiful area and could be even easier if our airport had more commercial options. My background in aviation, management, property insurance, and event promotion uniquely qualify me to serve on the Airport Authority Board.

2. If elected, what are your goals for this office and what would you like to achieve in this position? If elected, I desire an airport that truly serves its community. Today there are no commercial airlines to boast of at our airport and our passenger terminal has sat empty for years. We must find innovative ways to serve our community with tangible benefits like airline service, a neighborhood park, community events, and increased privatization opportunities. We must bring these benefits to our county taxpayers by never taxing our citizens and never executing eminent domain on our neighbors.

3. What is your vision for the County? My vision for the county is simple. I want to offer limited government solutions that keep the government out of the daily lives of St. Johns County residents. We can accomplish this by keeping taxes minimal, eliminating growth of governmental property, promoting community-based solutions, and by looking after our environment with private and market-based solutions.

4. What is your educational background? I graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. After graduating from Flight School, I later earned an MBA from the University of Mississippi from my days as an Assistant Professor within the school's Naval Science Department. I am currently working on an MA in Organizational Leadership from Waldorf University.

