

What are your qualifications for this elected position?

I am currently serving as a City of St Augustine Beach Commissioner, seat #1 and as Vice Mayor. I have been a resident of St. Augustine for 29 years, have worked in both the public and private sectors, was a classroom teacher for 12 years, am a successful local business owner, creating jobs at the beach and have provided employee scholarship funds to my employees for the past 8 years, I created a bike safety program with local law enforcement, have grant writing experience, served on the 2020 County Census Committee, and served on the St Johns County COVID Economic Recovery Team.

If elected, what are your goals for this office and what would you like to achieve in this position?

My goals are to keep honesty and civility in local government and to improve fiscal responsibility. Decisions made by local Commissions impact local quality of life today and for generations to come. These decisions require knowledge and understanding of our city's current policies, codes, ordinances and how they are applied to and affect the city's long term goals. Now more than ever, our city needs continued proven leadership working together with all government agencies AND the citizens to bring ideas forward that can help our city thrive instead of merely survive. I bring those qualities. I am committed to supporting and preserving what makes our community unique and precious; continued beach re-nourishment, maintaining building height restrictions, creating a sustainable plan for our infrastructure, and exploring ideas for reorganization as we prepare a plan for our city to thrive in the future. As Ronald Reagan said, "There isn't any problem we can't solve if government will give us the facts. Tell us what needs to be done. Then, get out of the way and let us have at it."

What is your vision for the County?

As a city commissioner, there is very limited ability to impact the county. I would like to see our city working more closely with the county since there are so many county entities within our city. Our city is therefore affected by decisions the county makes regarding these entities (roads, beach access, parks)

What is your educational background?

I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Management with a minor in Science and a Masters Degree in Elementary Education.