

BEACHES WATCH

2019 Duval Candidate Questions

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1. a. I believe it is a good thing. b. Jacksonville should pitch in more money for infrastructure against flooding and defenses against sea level rise, before it happens.
2. a. Keep the old village feel. Limited construction. Single story only near the water to not obstruct the views. b. See if the community agrees, get their input and make plans for funding. c. Yes.
3. I would expand it to two lanes in either direction. If possible, make each lane smaller than the ones there presently, so to use less land. Eliminate left turn lanes and add smart traffic lights at all intersections, to move traffic more efficiently. I would also recommend heightening it to prevent possible flooding. We cannot eliminate the drain ditches, but we could build a walking/biking elevated trail over the ditch on one side of the road, then other than crossing side roads, pedestrians and people on bikes would not be exposed to cars.
4. I would like to bring Dutch engineers to Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beaches to find permanent long term solutions to all flooding, including the dredging of the St. Johns river. Who better than people who live below sea level? I believe we should make all inlets to St. Johns river, in our area, solid structures, that we may be able to add flood gates. Like Miami, we should start raising land where possible. I have felt for many years that an artificial barrier reef should be built off the coast, to build up sand and extend the beach so that low tide will be the high tide mark, then extend the dunes out further, creating a better defense.
5. a. Every way. Jacksonville Beaches need to be protected and prepared now, not after a disaster. If for no other reason, it's cheaper. b. Yes and Yes. I would also like to find ways to prevent dune wash outs.
6. Always strive to make it better. Jacksonville Beaches residents are Jacksonville residents.
7. Supply extra personnel, such as Police, ambulances and buses. Free secured parking and round trip bus ride to the beaches, to reduce traffic during holidays.
8. Yes.
9. I would like the three beaches municipalities to work together to come up with a vision for all the beaches. A cohesive style that makes Jacksonville Beaches stand out, specifically the A1A strip. I also have a citywide high speed monorail as part of my platform. If the beaches communities wanted to be part of the monorail system, that would reduce traffic congestion extensively.