

Beaches Watch 2019 Duval Candidate Questions

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1. Interlocal Agreement:

- a. What is your opinion of the interlocal agreements between Jacksonville and the three beaches municipalities? I am in full support of the agreement.
- b. Are there any changes to the agreements you would suggest? As always just to continue to improve our communication with the three beaches and help assist when needed.

2. Mayport Village:

- a. What is your vision for the future of Mayport Village? Infrastructure and development while also maintaining the integrity of that local community
- b. What is your plan for bringing your vision to reality? Comprehensive budgets and economic incentives.
- c. Are you willing to vote for additional funding for dock construction and/or development costs at the Village of Mayport? Yes

3. Penman Road: Penman Road is a heavily utilized roadway by all the beaches communities and has a myriad of problems from traffic flow to pedestrian and bicycle safety. What is your plan to ensure that adequate planning and resources are dedicated to Penman Road? I would work with the city Planners to figure out the best way of going about this to help with a speedy and practical solution that would be long term.

4. Dredging the St. Johns River: Both the St. Johns Riverkeeper and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have stated that dredging the St. Johns River will increase storm surge and flooding at the beaches and Jacksonville without a mitigation plan in place. What mitigation plan, if any, would you support to protect the beaches communities and Jacksonville? I would support a mitigation plan as long as it was a lasting solution that would be in the best interest of the citizens of the beaches and Jacksonville.

5. Resiliency:

- a. How would you support the beaches communities in their efforts to address resiliency and sea level rise? I'm a strong supporter of any preemptive measures we can take so that when disasters do strike we are the most prepared and would vote for things that align with that.
- b. Would you support City of Jacksonville continued funding of beach renourishment and, as a result of a disaster, City of Jacksonville funding of dune restoration? Yes

6. Communication: What, if anything, would you do to improve the City of Jacksonville's communication and relationship with the beaches municipalities? I would continue on the course we are on now and have our city resources ready and available for the beaches while also always having availability for the beach citizens and government to reach out to me with their concerns.

7. **Beach Visitors:** Spring and Summer holidays, especially July 4th, bring a great number of people to the Beaches, straining the resources of all three communities. What suggestions do you have for Jacksonville to assist the communities in shouldering that burden? I am committed to helping the beaches and would have some of Jacksonville's resources available for use to help mitigate the strain on the three beaches.
8. **July 4th Fireworks:** Will you support continued funding assistance of \$25,000. By the City of Jacksonville for the July 4th fireworks at Jacksonville Beach? Yes
9. **Other issues:** What other specific issues that affect the beach communities top your priority list? Crime and Safety are always our top priority's but also maintain the integrity of the beaches shore lines and dunes.