

Candidate Questionnaire - Joe McAnarney

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1. What are your qualifications for this elected position?

My name is Joe McAnarney, and I am running for St. Johns County Commissioner District 1.

I am a retired architect with over 40 years' experience working with codes and standards. Those are all key elements that require thorough understanding by a County Commissioner. I will be a FULL-TIME County Commissioner, not part-time. Having received zero dollars from developer networks, I will make fair and impartial decisions based on facts, community input, and the spirit and intent of our codes and standards.

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

- Enact new procedures that encourage and require greater community participation.
- Bring School District representatives to the development table from Day 1.
- Make conservation and preservation of open space a priority and a requirement.
- Attract new businesses with high-wage jobs to St. Johns County.

3. What is your vision for the County?

- Becoming the “model” County for the entire State of Florida by:
 - Preserving our natural beauty and history;
 - Integrating new development with that natural beauty and history;
 - Offering a diverse base of housing and employment opportunities that showcase that St. Johns is a caring and welcoming County;
 - By becoming a County that values and understands “smart growth”, and develops policies and procedures to ensure that smart growth decisions find ways to avoid overcrowded roads and schools;
 - That the County achieves all of the above while making sound financial decisions and remaining financially secure.

4. What is your educational background?

I have a **Bachelor of Architecture degree** from Miami University, successfully passed the professional examination - involving knowledge of design, codes, and contract law - to become a **licensed practicing architect**, and enjoyed a 40-year career working on a variety of project types - health care, education, and State public works - and in a variety of responsible positions - designer, manager, and owner.