

## Issues

**Limited Government-** the more power the government takes upon itself, the less effective it becomes, and the less free its citizens become. Floridians are creative and industrious and we must embrace **market-based solutions** for the issues facing our state instead of looking to the government to meet all our needs. Individual responsibility is the key.

**Low Taxes-** Floridians work hard for the money they earn and the government should not be in the business of taking more and more out of the people's paychecks in order to fund unnecessary special interest programs and pet projects. For the economy to truly thrive, *citizens must be allowed to keep the money they earn and use it as they see fit*. Small businesses should NOT be regulated or taxed to the point where people cannot be employed. We must be **pro-business**.

**The best any government can ever do to "create jobs" is to minimize the burden of taxes and regulations.**

**Less Spending-** Government must spend wisely and efficiently if we are going to get Florida's economy back on track and help make Florida affordable again.

**Education-** This should be conducted at the **local** level and allow the individual to excel not just work to pass a standardized test. And, teachers should be amply rewarded for the exemplary job that they do.

**Healthcare-**We must **protect our elderly and our children**. We must make **health care affordable and accessible** for all Floridians. We do this by-

- By allowing Doctors and patients to make their health care decisions without third party interference;
- Identifying health risks in individual communities (i.e., like the Chinese Dry Wall in Sun City Center);
- Maintaining a safe and healthful environment (i.e., this includes reducing accidents and trauma by proper speed limits or rerouting truck traffic around place like Sun City Center);
- Detecting, investigating, and preventing the spread of disease. Education, prevention, healthy lifestyle, individual responsibility and choice are what will decrease the total costs of health care. It is so much better to prevent than treat end stage disease (Preventative medicine and continuity of care are essential to lower health care costs for all ages, and to avoid the necessity of catastrophic care.) ;
- Promoting healthy lifestyles (Five chronic diseases – heart disease, cancer, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (such as bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma), and diabetes – account for more than two-thirds of all deaths in the United States); these are preventable and controllable.
- Providing primary care for individuals with limited access to such care from the private sector in a proper forum (we must develop more community health centers and residency programs to care for the indigent);
- Ensuring that health care practitioners meet the requirements for providing adequate care;
- Informing the public on health issues;
- Collaborating with state and local officials in Disaster (Man-Made or Natural) Planning and Response;
- We need sovereign immunity for emergency care; and a decrease in malpractice premiums.

**Secure Borders-** The first and primary role of government is to protect its citizens, and that means the border must be secured. In a day and age when many around the world seek to destroy America, we must have the ability to know who is coming into the United States. Our inability to secure the borders has allowed millions of people to cross unlawfully, contributing to crime and increasing the demand for and cost of social service programs. We must end illegal immigration.

**Gun Rights-** The right to bear arms is central to truly being a free people. The Second Amendment not only guards the right to bear arms as a means of protection, but also extends to those who use firearms recreationally and for hunting. You won't get gun control by disarming law-abiding citizens. To get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals then lock them up. People kill people; not guns.

**Affordable and Renewable Energy-** We need to reduce energy usage, associated utility costs, and overall environmental impact. So long as Florida benefits in the process, we should begin offshore drilling and explore all forms of renewable energy.