



AMERICAN PATRIOT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (APEC) Candidate Questionnaire 2026

Candidate Name: Eddie Speir _____

Seat Running for: US Congress _____

District: Florida's 16th _____

1. Campaign Viability

- Why are you running for office? List three of your key issues:

Anti-corruption. We need to bring integrity back into government and restore the trust with the public that has reached unprecedented levels.

Curb out of control spending and make unelected bureaucracies accountable to We the People.

Restore justice by ensuring that Epstein list members are prosecuted. Then prosecute Fauci and all those associated with the unparalleled assault on our constitution.

- What is your path to victory and key voter demographics?
After winning 40% of the vote as an unknown against a long-time incumbent. We need to continue reaching out to all voters. We have the name recognition this time and have always had the favorability. I plan on spending more time with veterans and elderly population this time.
- How much money will you need to raise?
I think we will need to raise \$150K
- Name your 3 top donors: Sandra Keegan, Mike Keegan and Chris Alvarado
- What endorsements do you consider meaningful for your campaign? America First Party of Florida, Gun Owners of America, The Observer and this one.
- How will you differentiate yourself from other conservative candidates? By my actions. I am the largest grassroots candidate in Manatee County and Hillsborough County history as measured by petitions collected.
- Are there any issues you consider "Bipartisan?" Yes. Eliminating corporate welfare for companies like Mosaic and/or Monsanto's current liability shield for Pesticides.
- What is your plan for fundraising, digital outreach, and grassroots mobilization? Calling and networking

for fundraising. Continuing to enhance and spend money on social media and texting. Continuing meet-greets throughout the district only this time with a slate of America First Candidates.

2. Core Ideology & Principles

- Do you believe the 2020 election was stolen? Why? Yes. I saw it in Georgia on the cameras with suitcases. Through dominion voting and other easily hacked voting machines. In Michigan, Arizona and Pennsylvania.
- What is your interpretation of what happened on Jan 6? Did the J6ers deserve the punishment they got? No. This was a false flag operation intended to cause a rift and strike fear in freedom loving patriots who would dare to protest the stolen election

- Would you consider yourself America First, MAGA, Establishment Republican? Why? America First, I was MAGA but some of Trump's promises have fallen flat and MAGA became fractured. I am the anti-thesis of Establishment Republican.
- How do you define "America-first"? MAGA? Establishment? America First is anti-globalist. Putting the American voter first in priorities when making decisions. It most closely aligns with what I consider myself—a constitutional conservative. MAGA is a term that I try to avoid, because it becomes to Trump centric. Establishment is the good-ol-boy network of career politicians who make decisions based on their career path. They promote party over principles.
- Name the "non-negotiable" conservative principles you could never compromise? Pro-life. Cut spending. Limit government as much as practically possible.

How do you balance limited government with the need for effective public services? I am always trying to convince people that effective public services should really just be: the common defense, promote the general welfare, establish post offices and post roads, administer justice through federal courts and due process, promote science and useful arts by securing patents and copyrights, coin money and set uniform standards of weights and measures, and establish uniform rules for naturalization and bankruptcy. Since the government has set precedent and made promises like social security those should be honored. Everything else is on the table to be rolled back and we certainly shouldn't be creating new services based on some perceived need.

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- What is your view on the proper role of the federal government versus states and localities? I believe in the doctrine of the lesser magistrate. Push things down as local as possible.
- Do you believe the RPOF (Republican Party of Florida) is conducting itself in a way that promotes conservative ideals and supports conservative candidates? Explain. Heck no. I could write a book about the abuses that have been perpetrated on freedom loving patriots in order to silence their voice and force patronage to corrupt candidate of the RPOF's choosing.
- Do you believe in 1st and 10th Amendment? Please explain your answer. Yes whole heartedly. I believe in the First Amendment because it protects our most fundamental freedoms — speech, religion, press, assembly, and petition — which are essential to a free society. Without it, the government could silence dissent, control what we say, and dictate what we believe. I believe in the Tenth Amendment because it clearly states that any power not specifically given to the federal government belongs to the states or to the people. It is the ultimate safeguard against federal overreach and reminds us that the Constitution created a limited government, not an all-powerful one.
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3. Due Diligence Questions

- Have you ever been the subject of a criminal investigation or ethics complaint? No.
- Are there past public statements or social-media posts you believe need clarification? No.
- Do you have any potential conflicts of interest? No.
- Have you ever been arrested? Explain Yes. Disorderly conduct in College 35 years ago.
- Have you ever failed to file taxes, debts, or public disclosure forms? No.
- Are there policy positions you held previously that differ from your positions today? What changed? Not that I can think of.

4. Constitutional Interpretation

- How do you interpret the Constitution—originalism, textualism, or another approach? Originalist.
- Should the Constitution be a living breathing document open to interpretation? No. We need original intent.
- Can you explain the idea of separation of powers? Do you believe we have instances where the separation of powers is violated? If so, please explain. Yes. The president can't declare war. That is congress's authority. Also judges should not legislate from the bench.
- What limits (if any) should exist on executive power? Everything outlined in the constitution. Namely, Executive power should be strictly limited to what is explicitly granted in Article II of the Constitution: faithfully executing the laws passed by Congress and exercising only those authorities clearly given to the President. Any action beyond that — including using executive orders to create new law, spend unappropriated money, or override statutes — violates the separation of powers and the Tenth Amendment, which reserves all non-delegated powers to the states or the people.
- What is your view on the 2nd Amendment and gun-rights policy? It shall not be infringed upon.
- Are you for or against Florida's Red Flag Laws? Explain why. Against. See above.
- What reforms, if any, do you support in the judicial system?

I strongly support restoring the judicial system to its constitutional role. The weaponization of justice is primarily an executive branch failure led by politicized leadership at the DOJ and FBI. However, it cannot succeed without complicit or passive elements within the judiciary. As a Congressman, I will aggressively use oversight powers, the power of the purse, and legislation to expose and defund abuses across the DOJ and FBI.

I would speak against politically motivated prosecutions.

Push for reforms such as stronger FISA oversight, mandatory recusal standards in politically sensitive cases, and legislation requiring transparency in charging decisions involving political figures or controversial issues.

5. Fiscal & Economic Policy

- How do you feel about changing zoning bypassing local governments for more development?

I believe in the doctrine of the lesser magistrate. Decisions need to be driven to the most local level possible generally speaking. This lurch to centralize government is dangerous.

- What specific policies would you support to reduce government spending?

Single item bills. I would be in the minority to be sure, but I can't support omnibus bills that hide pet pork projects. We need accountability and transparency so that We the People can hold our elected officials responsible for their votes and not provide cover with massive bills that hold the entire government hostage if the massive spending isn't approved.

- What is your stance on state debt and deficits? What concrete steps would you take?

I will support a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring Congress to balance the budget every year except in true national emergencies (approved only by supermajority vote), aggressively use the power of the purse to cut waste, fraud, and abuse by defunding ineffective programs, redundant agencies, and corporate welfare while protecting core constitutional functions like national defense and border security, and implement sunset clauses with zero-based budgeting so every federal program must justify its existence and funding from scratch on a regular basis instead of receiving automatic increases. Fiscal sanity is a constitutional duty.

- Should entitlement programs (DCF, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid) be reformed? If so, how?

The elimination of fraud and abuse is the first priority. Billions of dollars are lost every year to fraud, improper payments, and waste in these programs, and rooting that out is essential before any other changes. As your Congressman, I will aggressively pursue stronger oversight, tougher penalties for fraudsters, advanced data analytics to detect suspicious claims, and full accountability from administrators and providers. I will protect benefits for current seniors and those nearing retirement who have paid into the system their entire lives, while enacting common-sense reforms for younger workers: gradually raising the retirement age to reflect longer lifespans, offering voluntary personal retirement accounts as an option in Social Security, converting Medicaid to block grants with stronger work requirements, and tightening eligibility to ensure aid goes only to those truly in need. These steps will emphasize personal responsibility, economic growth, and fiscal discipline — not tax increases on working Americans

6. Social & Cultural Issues

- What is your position on parental rights in education?

Parental rights are fundamental and predate government — parents, not bureaucrats or teachers' unions, have the primary authority over their children's upbringing and education. As your Congressman, I will fight to enshrine parental rights in federal policy, require full transparency on curriculum and classroom materials, and support legislation that gives parents the right to opt out of

controversial topics, review all instructional content, and sue districts that withhold information about their child's gender identity or mental health. Schools exist to educate, not to replace parents.

- What values should schools be required—or prohibited—from teaching?

Public schools should be required to teach foundational American values: patriotism, the Constitution, civics, honest American history (including both triumphs and failures), phonics-based reading, math, and science — nothing more, nothing less. They must be prohibited from pushing divisive ideologies such as critical race theory, gender ideology, or any form of race- or sex-based indoctrination that pits children against each other or confuses biological reality. No sexual content or social-emotional learning programs that undermine parental authority. Education should unite, not divide.

- How do you view religious liberty protections in the public sphere?

Religious liberty is the first freedom protected by the First Amendment and must be vigorously defended in every public sphere, including schools, government buildings, and the military. I reject any attempt to treat faith as a second-class right or to force religious Americans to choose between their beliefs and public participation. As Congressman, I will support legislation and judges who protect students' and teachers' rights to pray, express their faith, and assemble without government hostility or "separation of church and state" being twisted into separation of God from the public square.

- What are your thoughts about Sharia Law? What would you do to prevent/advance it?

Sharia Law is completely incompatible with the U.S. Constitution, individual liberty, and equal protection under the law. I will never support or tolerate any form of it in American courts, schools, or public policy. As your Congressman, I will advance legislation to prohibit the use of foreign or religious law in federal or state courts, strengthen vetting for immigrants and refugees to prevent parallel legal systems, and ensure that all persons on U.S. soil are subject only to the Constitution and American law — period.

- What is your position on abortion at state levels?

With the Supreme Court correctly returning the issue to the states in Dobbs, I support the constitutional principle of federalism: each state, including Florida, must decide this issue for itself according to the will of its people and its own constitution. I am proudly pro-life and will defend Florida's pro-life laws while opposing any federal attempt to impose abortion on demand nationwide or to use taxpayer dollars for abortions. The federal role is limited to protecting unborn children where constitutionally appropriate and preventing the abortion industry from evading state laws.

Foreign influence in Florida schools — especially from the Chinese Communist Party through Confucius Institutes, curriculum infiltration, or funding — is a direct threat to our children and national security. I will work to ban all adversarial foreign governments from any role in American K-12 or higher education, require full disclosure of all foreign funding to schools and universities, and support legislation that protects curricula from ideological manipulation by Beijing or any other hostile regime. Florida students must be taught American values, not foreign propaganda.

- How should immigration policy reflect conservative principles (border security, legal pathways, enforcement)?

Immigration policy must first and foremost secure our sovereign border, enforce existing laws, and put

American citizens first. I support finishing the border wall, mandatory E-Verify, ending catch-and-release and parole abuse, and deporting criminal illegal aliens immediately. Legal immigration should be merit-based, limited, and controlled — prioritizing skilled workers, those who assimilate, and those who will not burden taxpayers. No amnesty, no sanctuary policies, and no foreign aid to countries that refuse to take back their citizens. Conservative immigration is secure, legal, and orderly — not open borders.

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7. Energy, Environment & Infrastructure

- How do you feel about energy relying solely on green energy?

I strongly oppose relying solely on green energy sources such as wind and solar. They are intermittent, unreliable, expensive, and currently incapable of meeting America's baseload energy needs. I will champion an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that includes American oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear power, and yes, renewables where they make economic sense — but never through government mandates or subsidies that distort the market. Energy independence strengthens our national security, lowers costs for Florida families, and keeps energy prices affordable instead of pushing radical green new deal policies that cause blackouts and economic pain.

- Should NGO's and non-profits be subject to oversight by the public?

Yes. Any non-profit or NGO that receives taxpayer dollars, government grants, or enjoys tax-exempt status must be fully transparent and accountable to the American public. Far too many NGOs today act as shadow government entities pushing political agendas with little oversight. As your Congressman, I will support legislation requiring full disclosure of funding sources, detailed annual audits, and public reporting on how every taxpayer dollar is spent. No more unaccountable dark money funneled through nonprofits to influence policy or elections while shielding donors from scrutiny.

- How do you feel about foreign interest buying Florida land?

I am deeply concerned about foreign adversaries — particularly the Chinese Communist Party and entities linked to hostile governments — purchasing large amounts of Florida land, farmland, and property near critical infrastructure. This poses a serious national security risk. I will support federal legislation prohibiting the sale of U.S. land and real estate to citizens or entities from adversarial nations (China, Russia, Iran, North Korea), require full disclosure of all foreign ownership, and work with Florida's delegation to protect our state's strategic assets, agricultural land, and military installations from foreign control.

- How should environmental regulation balance economic growth and conservation?

Environmental policy must strike a practical balance between responsible conservation and economic growth — not

through radical regulations that kill jobs and raise costs. That regulation is not currently balanced with the Phosphate industry mining. I would support a repeal of the Bevel Amendment, which treats phosphate mining differently than any other mining in the country—allowing for enhanced levels of radioactive toxic-waste in an industry that is primarily based here in Florida and specific to CD #16. I support protecting Florida’s beautiful environment and water resources using sound science and common sense. Clean water and protection of Florida’s aquifers should be transparent to the public at large and not shielded through overlapping and blame shifting bureaucracies. Instead, we should prioritize targeted, cost-effective measures that preserve our natural beauty while allowing responsible development, job creation, and affordable energy for families.

- What infrastructure investments should Florida government prioritize?

Florida should prioritize practical, high-impact infrastructure: roads, bridges, ports, airports, water management systems, and hurricane resilience projects that directly serve our growing population and economy. I will work to ensure federal transportation and infrastructure dollars are allocated efficiently and without wasteful and politically motivated green mandates or social engineering. We must focus on fixing existing infrastructure, modernize our ports for increased trade and national security, and invest in flood control and water storage solutions that protect both our environment and our communities. Infrastructure spending should deliver real results for taxpayers, not serve as another vehicle for government expansion.

- What is your stance on climate-related policy and climate agreements?

I reject the climate alarmist agenda and will never support international climate agreements like the Paris Accord that surrender American sovereignty and cost U.S. jobs while China and India continue polluting. Climate policy should be based on sound science, not political hysteria or wealth redistribution. I will oppose any federal carbon taxes, or Green New Deal mandates.. Instead, I support practical environmental stewardship through innovation, conservation, and responsible development — not economy-destroying globalist schemes.

- What is your approach to U.S. energy policy (oil, gas, nuclear, renewables)?

I support an “all-of-the-above” energy policy that prioritizes American energy dominance. We must unleash domestic oil, natural gas, clean coal, and nuclear power while allowing renewables to compete without massive subsidies or mandates. Energy policy must focus on affordability, reliability, and national security — not radical net-zero timelines. I will approve new drilling and pipelines, streamline nuclear permitting, and ensure Florida families and businesses have cheap, reliable power.

8. Local Issues (if relevant)

(Customize based on office: city council, state legislature, governor, Congress)

- Does every county have the right to determine its own comprehensive plan? Or should it be left to developers?

Local governments and counties know their communities best and should retain primary control over their comprehensive plans. I strongly oppose handing planning authority to developers through state or federal mandates. I will fight to expose the dark money networks that fund developers through PACs run by my opponent’s husband Joe Gruters who is head of the RNC and continues to support and foster more dark money lobbyist and special interests. I will support legislation that protects local control, prevents top-down development overrides, and ensures growth decisions remain with elected local officials and citizens — not special interests in Tallahassee or Washington.

- Would you consider repeal of sections of the Live Local Act giving authority to developers? How? Yes if I could directly. But I can indirectly by supporting other candidates that would seek to take back control of planning from developers.

- Do you support giving the management of water to the state and not local communities (HB479)? Will you help to repeal that bill?

See above.

- What local problems are you most qualified to solve?

Exposing the dark money networks and political consultants that have corrupted our local BoCCs.

- Do you support the idea of 15 Minute/Smart cities? How about Smart Meters?

I strongly oppose 15-Minute/Smart Cities concepts, which are often vehicles for government control, surveillance, and

reduced personal freedom. I am also very skeptical of widespread Smart Meters due to privacy concerns and potential health and security risks. I will fight against federal funding or mandates that push these programs and support protections for individual privacy and local control over infrastructure decisions.

- **What are your thoughts about Chemtrails? Would you take action to stop them?**

The government must be fully transparent with the American people. Any large-scale atmospheric programs or weather modification activities should require complete congressional oversight, public disclosure, and scientific accountability. I will support investigations into any aerial spraying programs, demand full transparency from federal agencies, and work to ensure no unauthorized geoengineering occurs over American skies without the consent of the people.

- **How will you support small businesses and local job creation?**

Small businesses are the backbone of Florida's economy. I will fight to reduce federal regulations, taxes, and mandates that crush small employers. I will support tax cuts, deregulation, energy affordability, and policies that prioritize American workers. I will work to end unfair competition from cheap foreign labor and overreaching federal bureaucracy so local businesses can thrive and create high-quality jobs.

- **What reforms would you prioritize in policing, public safety, or local governance?**

I strongly support our law enforcement and back the rule of law. I will oppose defunding the police and support qualified immunity protections while demanding accountability for misconduct. Prior reforms include ending cashless bail for serious crimes, increasing penalties for attacks on officers, and restoring parental and local control over public safety decisions rather than allowing federal or activist interference. I would further investigate the dangerous control the FBI has over local Sheriffs through funding. This places our local governments into a dangerous position of submitting to Federal Rule in an event of a crisis.

- **How do you plan to improve local schools or reduce property taxes?**

I will fight federal education mandates and funding strings that push progressive indoctrination. I support returning control to parents and local school boards, expanding school choice, and eliminating wasteful Department of Education bureaucracy. On property taxes, I will work to restrain federal spending and regulations that drive up local costs, support economic growth to broaden the tax base, and back legislation that provides tax relief for Florida homeowners.

9. National Security & Foreign Policy (for candidates running for Fed offices.)

- What should America's role be on the global stage?

America should be a strong, sovereign republic that puts American interests first. We should maintain the world's strongest military, engage in strategic diplomacy, while avoiding becoming the world's policeman or banker. Our foreign policy must focus on peace through strength, not endless wars or globalist institutions that undermine U.S. sovereignty.

- How do you view U.S. support for allies (e.g., NATO, Israel, Taiwan, Ukraine)?

I support strong alliances with reliable partners who share our values, particularly Israel and Taiwan. However, NATO and other alliances must require burden-sharing — our allies should meet their defense spending commitments. Support for Ukraine should be strictly conditioned on clear U.S. strategic interests and accountability for American taxpayer dollars. This has not been the case with a corrupt regime in Ukraine allied with globalist causes that undermine American values. America should never fight other nations' wars with blank checks.

- What is your stance on military spending and modernization?

I support robust military spending focused on readiness, modernization, and technological superiority — especially in hypersonics, cyber, space, and naval power. However, I will aggressively cut waste, pork, and inefficient programs within the Pentagon. Our military must be lethal and focused on deterring major powers like China, not nation-building or social experiments. We also must audit bio-weapons manufacturing and gain-of-function research. We must learn from the horrific crimes against humanity perpetrated through Fauci and willing accomplices still in positions of power within many taxpayer funded bureaucracies.

- How should the U.S. approach threats from China, Russia, Iran, and non-state actors?

These are serious threats that require clear-eyed realism. China is our greatest long-term strategic competitor. We must decouple from CCP supply chains, strengthen our military, and restrict Chinese influence operations. Russia, Iran, and terrorist groups must be deterred through strength, smart sanctions, and energy dominance that denies them revenue. America must lead from a position of power, not weakness or appeasement.

- What is your view on trade policy - free trade vs. protective tariffs?

I support fair trade, not blind free trade. We must protect American industries, workers, and national security from unfair practices, especially from China. Strategic tariffs and "Buy American" policies are appropriate tools when used to counter dumping, intellectual property theft, and adversarial economic warfare. Trade deals should always put American manufacturing and workers first.

- What is your view on Greenland, Panama Canal?

The United States must protect its strategic interests. Chinese influence near the Panama Canal is unacceptable and threatens vital trade routes. Regarding Greenland, we should maintain strong strategic awareness of Arctic resources and shipping lanes. I will support policies that secure America's economic and military advantages in these critical areas

without unnecessary entanglement.

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