



AMERICAN PATRIOT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (APEC) Candidate Questionnaire 2026

Candidate Name: Teresa DeWitt
Seat Running for: School Board - Sarasota County
District: 1

1. Campaign Viability

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

① To increase literacy rates. ② To increase teacher pay.
③ To put guardrails against the misuse of taxpayer funds.

- What is your path to victory and key voter demographics?

My voter approach is supervisors, NPA's, and new voters
Digital footprint, canvassing, door knocking.

- How much money will you need to raise?

My donations are a combination of families, small businesses, and
many businesses are stepping up to provide services: in-kind donations.

- Name your 3 top donors:

Community businesses, families, and conservative voters

- What endorsements do you consider meaningful for your campaign?

Endorsements from Patriotic, America first org., also small
businesses

- How will you differentiate yourself from other conservative candidates?

I feel duty bound being a Veteran to serve and hold the line
against radical ideology getting to our children.

- Are there any issues you consider "Bipartisan?"

With school board seats, Florida has voted down partisan elections
but many issues such as curriculum, sports, and literacy has become

- What is your plan for fundraising, digital outreach, and grassroots mobilization?

Donors Digital Outreach is 2 American 1st. Pers. Sec.
Businesses FB & iMessage w/ Selfw texting grassroots clubs/door knocking

2. Core Ideology & Principles

- Do you believe the 2020 election was stolen? Why?

Absolutely, the work was done and the numbers don't lie.

- What is your interpretation of what happened on Jan 6? Did the J6ers deserve the punishment they got?

I believe J6 was a combination of set-up & mass confusion.
Due process was ignored & violated our Constitution.

4. Constitutional Interpretation

- How do you interpret the Constitution—originalism, textualism, or another approach?
Textualism holds that the meaning remains fixed unless properly amended.
 - Should the Constitution be a living breathing document open to interpretation?
No, I believe our founders established a standard to protect us from
 - Can you explain the idea of separation of powers? Do you believe we have instances where the interpretation of separation of powers is violated? If so, please explain.
3 branches of power were established to avoid tyranny.
 - What limits (if any) should exist on executive power?
Executive Power has to acknowledge Congress & their role which represents the will of the voter.
 - What is your view on the 2nd Amendment and gun-rights policy?
I support the 2nd Amendment Period.
 - Are you for or against Florida's Red Flag Laws? Explain why.
Yes, Florida's Red Flag Laws are mostly used to promote an agenda.
 - What reforms, if any, do you support in the judicial system?
none
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5. Fiscal & Economic Policy My position is school board candidate.

- How do you feel about changing zoning bypassing local governments for more development?
N/A
- What specific policies would you support to reduce government spending?
N/A
- What is your stance on state debt and deficits? What concrete steps would you take?
N/A
- Should entitlement programs (DCF, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid) be reformed? If so, how?
N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

8. Local Issues (if relevant) N/A My seat is school board.
(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?
- Would you consider repeal of sections of the Live Local Act giving authority to developers? How?
- Do you support giving the management of water to the state and not local communities (HB479)? Will you help to repeal that bill?
- What local problems are you most qualified to solve?
- Do you support the idea of 15 Minute/Smart cities? How about Smart Meters?
- What are your thoughts about Chemtrails? Would you take action to stop them?
- How will you support small businesses and local job creation?
- What reforms would you prioritize in policing, public safety, or local governance?
- How do you plan to improve local schools or reduce property taxes?

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

- What should America's role be on the global stage?
- How do you view U.S. support for allies (e.g., NATO, Israel, Taiwan, Ukraine)?
- What is your stance on military spending and modernization?
- How should the U.S. approach threats from China, Russia, Iran, and non-state actors?
- What is your view on trade policy - free trade vs. protective tariffs?
- What is your view on Greenland, Panama Canal?

(Only Interviewer Notes below this line)

6. Social & Cultural Issues

- What is your position on parental rights in education?

Parental rights are protected in the state of Florida to place parents in

- What values should schools be required—or prohibited—from teaching? the dividers sect.

Schools should follow state law in a public institution.

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

American values, American history, and strong values.
Students have a right to pray w/ a moment of silence. They can pray in a group on campus. We protect these rights at all costs.

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

Sharia law is not compatible to the U.S.A. which is built on Christian principles. Clear language in local policy to provide guardrails.

- What is your position on abortion at state levels?

N/A - I am running for school board.

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

N/A - I am running for school board.

- How do you feel about foreign influence in Florida schools?

The state legislature sets the policy for admitting students. However, the Supreme Court has ruled student demographics can not be asked at the local level.

7. Energy, Environment & Infrastructure

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

N/A

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

~~N/A~~ Yes, schools give contracts to NGO's and non-profits and their agency agreements are signed.

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

N/A

- How should environmental regulation balance economic growth and conservation?

N/A

- What infrastructure investments should Florida government prioritize?

N/A

- Would you consider yourself America First, MAGA, Establishment Republican? Why?
America First & MAGA As a Veteran, I have always put my country first.
- How do you define "America-first"? MAGA? Establishment?
America-first means all policies and decisions should be based on America's needs. MAGA is reestablishing our great principles (American).
- Name the "non-negotiable" conservative principles you could never compromise?
Religion, gun rights, rights to conservative education.
- How do you balance limited government with the need for effective public services?
Limited government allows the focus to be placed at the local level in terms of resources.
- What is your view on the proper role of the federal government versus states and localities?
Federal government sets laws as an overall standard while state & local become population specific.
- Do you believe the RPOF (Republican Party of Florida) is conducting itself in a way that promotes conservative ideals and supports conservative candidates? Explain.
No, I believe the RPOF has weaponized conservative values and has negotiated across party lines.
- Do you believe in 1st and 10th Amendment? Please explain your answer.
1st Amendment: Religion, Assembly, Speech, Petition the Gov.
Without these, we are not free. 10th Amend. Limited Federal Gov. protects our state rights & local governance.

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
NO
- 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?
NO