



AMERICAN PATRIOT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (APEC) Candidate Questionnaire 2026

Candidate Name: Tom Vail _____

Seat Running for: State House _____

District: 25 (South half of Lake County) _____

1. Campaign Viability

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

1. My opponent needs to be replaced because he is a puppet of Big Money Special Interests in Tallahassee
2. Sharia Law (the Islam Invasion) needs to be stopped or we will become a Muslim nation in 20 years
3. Stop Waste, Fraud, Abuse

What is your path to victory and key voter demographics?

I have better name recognition. My opponent has more negatives. In my last campaign for this seat, I was outspent 20 to 1, and lost by 400 votes - when I was almost totally unknown. Mail will win this for me.

How much money will you need to raise?

\$30,000

Name your 3 top donors:

I expect \$5,000 to \$10,000 from Republican Liberty Caucus.

Several donors have given max \$1,000 donation

One individual donor has given \$3,000

What endorsements do you consider meaningful for your campaign?

I will be seeking President Trump endorsement

I have Republican Liberty Caucus endorsement

How will you differentiate yourself from other conservative candidates?

Only two candidates. On general Republican principles we are very similar.

The BIG difference is my opponent represents Big Money Special Interests in Tallahassee

Are there any issues you consider "Bipartisan?"

Saving our country should be bipartisan, but Democrats don't see things that way

Mostly, the issues I support are opposite from Democrats

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

Several people are soliciting individual donors for contributions

Republican Liberty Caucus will be sending out a letter soliciting contributions for me and 2 others

I have a team of volunteers helping with doors and phone calls

2. Core Ideology & Principles

Do you believe the 2020 election was stolen? Why?

STOLEN!!!

MASSIVE numbers of mailed ballots, weeks of counting (FAKE) ballots.

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

J6 was orchestrated by Democrats, Globalists, and Never Trumpers.

J6 Defendants were denied fair trials, and mistreated while incarcerated.

I organized a fundraiser for J6 defendants in Florida

Would you consider yourself America First, MAGA, Establishment Republican? Why?

I consider myself MAGA and America First

How do you define "America-first"? MAGA? Establishment?

America First = defending American Interests - political, social, economic

MAGA = restoring the GREATNESS of our Nation, after the attempted destruction by Hussein and Autopen

Name the "non-negotiable" conservative principles you could never compromise?

Constitution, 1A, 2A, Christianity, Free Markets

How do you balance limited government with the need for effective public services?

Government is NEVER efficient. Cut unnecessary expenditures (and staff). DEMAND results.

What is your view on the proper role of the federal government versus states and localities?

The best government is that which is closest to the citizens

Federal government must handle National and International issues

Localities should handle local issues like zoning, education, libraries, parks

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. RPOF, under current leadership, has become an authoritarian organization which restricts differing opinions

Do you believe in 1st and 10th Amendment? Please explain your answer

Our Bill of Rights is NOT a granting of Rights, but a limitation on Government infringement.

First Amendment is Freedom of Thought and the Right to express that in word and action.

The Tenth Amendment is a SPECIFIC restriction on the CREATED Federal Government NOT to usurp the power of the States, or the Rights of individual citizens.

3. Due Diligence Questions

Have you ever been the subject of a criminal investigation or ethics complaint?

I was reported to a State Prosecutor for filing a false Campaign Finance Report - due to software issue.

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?

I previously supported Convention of States - until I realized that their intent opens the US Constitution to replacement.

4. Constitutional Interpretation

How do you interpret the Constitution—originalism, textualism, or another approach?

The US Constitution should be interpreted by its actual words, with their original meaning.

Should the Constitution be a living breathing document open to interpretation?

The original intent should ALWAYS prevail - individual liberty and restrictions on government.

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.

Legislative Branch creates law, Judicial Branch enforces law, Executive Branch executes law.

When judges extend the reach of law, or deny the execution of law, this is an unacceptable usurpation.

What limits (if any) should exist on executive power?

Legislative power is limited by legislation and impeachment. Without judicial enforcement, legislative power has no effect. The bigger problem lies in the permanent, unaccountable, bureaucracy.

What is your view on the 2nd Amendment and gun-rights policy?

Shall not be infringed.

Are you for or against Florida's Red Flag Laws? Explain why.

Red Flag Laws are an infringement on both the Second and Fourth Amendments. As currently written, are ripe for dangerous and expensive abuse.

What reforms, if any, do you support in the judicial system?

We need judges who apply law objectively, not with a prior bias. Impeachment should be used more often.

5. Fiscal & Economic Policy

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

ALL zoning decisions should be locally managed.

What specific policies would you support to reduce government spending?

Reduce waste, fraud, and abuse. Reduce "study" and consulting contracts. DEMAND accountability for all government expenditures - including staffing.

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

Governments should avoid debt and deficit spending. (See answer above).

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

First, all "entitlement" programs should be audited carefully for waste, fraud, and abuse. As to reform, incentives for long term dependency should be reduced, and incentives for self sufficiency should be created.

6. Social & Cultural Issues

What is your position on parental rights in education?
In general, parents should have full authority over their children.

What values should schools be required—or prohibited—from teaching?
Required: Basic skills like reading and mathematics. Life skills like banking and civics should be taught.
Teaching of alternative versions of history, biology, and psychology should be prohibited.

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

I believe all should be permitted to worship who and how they please. However, forcing religious practices on others infringes on the First Amendment.

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

Sharia Law = Islam. Islam is an authoritarian, political ideology, aimed at global conquest and domination. It must be defined as a competing ruling philosophy, rather than as a religion given equal protection.

What is your position on abortion at state levels?

Regulating abortion is NOT a Federal power. It is a state power. Abortion is murder in every case. Abortion is premeditated, paid murder. Abortion is in no way health care.

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

Every person on earth has a Right to request immigration. It is NEVER a Right to be given.

Illegal presence is a crime, and should be treated as such in every case.

The US should have clear immigration policy which is enforced equally.

How do you feel about foreign influence in Florida schools?

US schools should be teaching US values: our Constitution and culture. Foreign influence is generally aimed at destruction of US culture and government and should be severely limited.

7. Energy, Environment & Infrastructure

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

So called "Green Energy" is currently expensive and unreliable. However, due to the probability of limited reserves of crude oil and coal, at some point it will be necessary to develop alternatives.

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

Yes

How do you feel about foreign interest buying Florida land?

Our Freedom is used against us. We need to be cautiously defensive, but not xenophobic.

How should environmental regulation balance economic growth and conservation?

This is a tough question to give a simple answer to. Personal Property Rights generally have to be superior to collective societal needs. We need economic growth, but we also need to preserve our environment for future generations.

What infrastructure investments should Florida government prioritize?

The biggest infrastructure needs in Florida are providing domestic water, sewage treatment, and affordable electricity. Current massive growth makes these needs critical.

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

I reject ALL Climate policy and agreements because they are based on incorrect premises, are built on faulty logic, and presume that human impact is significant.

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

1. Use oil now.
2. Research and develop alternatives - with very limited subsidies.

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?

Citizens should elect representatives to their local government who will promote the will of the majority of their citizens.

Would you consider repeal of sections of the Live Local Act giving authority to developers? How?

Zoning should ALWAYS be controlled locally. Citizens MUST take responsibility for their communities.

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

I have heard for decades that Florida has a water shortage problem. If that is true, it needs state level management. However, this should NOT take away local control.

What local problems are you most qualified to solve?

To me, "local" means Lake County. The main reason I am running is because there is a political cabal in my county which thinks it has the Right to select elected officials. I cannot accept the concept of living under an oligarchy.

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

I grew up near one of the first large "planned" communities, Reston, Virginia. I have ALWAYS hated it. I feel imprisoned when somebody else is planning or controlling my life. Smart Meters that measure electricity, fine. But, remote monitoring and control reeks of evil authoritarianism.

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

I'm not convinced this is a significant problem. I am VERY concerned about the general decline of health. I will support any measure that promotes health, or removes a hazard.

How will you support small businesses and local job creation?

Small businesses are VERY important to a thriving community. As a business becomes larger, it typically loses touch with both its employees and its front line staff.

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

Lake County is a relatively safe county. In general, I support law enforcement, both at the policing level, and at the judicial level. Leniency leads to more crime and less safety.

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

One of the simplest ways to reduce property taxes and improve schools is to remove illegal aliens.

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

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

Nobody likes the US being the World's policeman. But, what is the alternative? Communists in Russia China? Islamists have control of many countries in the US. I think we need to maintain a leadership role, militarily, politically, socially.

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

I would not consider Ukraine an ally. NATO would be better classified as our Protectorate. I cautiously support Israel, our only traditional ally in the Middle East - until President Trump. Unsure about any US interest in Taiwan.

What is your stance on military spending and modernization?

US needs to remain the #1 military force in the world. Spending needs to be controlled. Modernization is always necessary.

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

First, threats should be approached with social and economic policy. DEMAND results.

Second, Diplomacy. DAMAND results.

Third, military force, as needed. Non-state actors need special attention.

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

I am all for FAIR trade. "Free Trade" in the past has allowed US manufactures to be subordinated to foreign (Chinese) producers. Other nations have imported to US, but have blocked US imports with tariffs and regulation.

What is your view on Greenland, Panama Canal?

We built the Panama Canal. Sesisble for us to maintain influence - ESPECIALLY for National Security reasons. Having control of Greenland would probably be a net benefit for all. However, the wishes of inhabitants should be a major factor.

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