



Meet the Candidates Forum 2024

 <p>Rep. Karen Gonzalez Pittman</p>	<p>City of Residence: Tampa Occupation: Business Owner, Educator Spouse: C. Christopher "Chris" Pittman Child(ren): Isabella, Alexandra, Jonathan, Matthew Grandchild(ren): Brielle, Valerie Education: University of South Florida, Elementary Education, 1980-1984; University of South Florida, Measurement, Evaluation and Testing, 1989-1991 Born: Tampa, FL Religious Affiliation: Catholic Recreational Interest: boating, fishing</p>
 <p>Rep. Adam Anderson</p>	<p>City of Residence: Palm Harbor Occupation: Financial Planner, Real Estate Investor Education: Florida State University, BS, Real Estate, BS, Finance, 2001-2005 Moved to Florida: 1998 Religious Affiliation: Christian Recreational Interest: boating, fishing, hunting, outdoors, sailing</p>
 <p>Rep. Danny Alvarez</p>	<p>City of Residence: Hillsborough County Occupation: Lawyer Child(ren): Tony, Emery, Lincoln, Elle Education: University of Florida, BS, Communications; Troy State University, MS, Education; Stetson College of Law, JD; University of Miami, School of Law, LLM Born: Miami, FL Military: United States Army, Retired Religious Affiliation: Christian Recreational Interest: exercise, family, hunting, reading</p>

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	<p>City of Residence: Spring Hill Occupation: Realtor, US Navy Reserve Intelligence Officer Spouse: Stacey Child(ren): 2 Daughters Education: University of Maryland, Baltimore County, BA, Economics; American Military University, MA, with honors in Intelligence Studies Military: Lieutenant, US Navy Reserve, 2006-Present; Deployed to Operation Inherent Resolve; supported Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Resolute Support, Area of Operation - US CENTCOM and US AFRICOM Moved to Florida: 2002 Religious Affiliation: Christian Recreational Interest: football, history, military, politics</p>
	<p>City of Residence: Clearwater Occupation: Business Executive Education: University of Central Florida, BA; Northeastern University, MBA Born: Houston, TX History: Jim Berfield, Clearwater City Commissioner; Sue Berfield, Clearwater City Commissioner Moved to Florida: 1972 Religious Affiliation: Baptist Recreational Interest: arts, reading, spending time with family, Tampa Bay Buccaneers football, traveling, University of Central Florida football</p>

Rep. Jeff Holcomb

Rep. Kim Berfield

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	<p>City of Residence: Palm Harbor Occupation: Retired Firefighter; Consus Group, LLC, Partner Spouse: Lee Hooper of Queens, NY Children: Brian, Ann Grandchildren: Amanda, Arin, John, Brianna, Brad Education: Saint Petersburg College Born: in Statesville, North Carolina. Moved to Florida in 1972. Recreation: Golf</p>
	<p>City of Residence: Tampa Occupation: Practice Administrator Spouse: Gerardo "Gerry" Valdés, Jr. of New York City, NY Child(ren): Mallory, Alexander, Jean-Luc Valdés Grandchild(ren): Julisa, Alexander "AJ," Jr., Lucinda, Madison, Aveline Born: November 3, 1964, New York City, NY Moved to Florida: 1972 Religious Affiliation: Catholic Recreational Interest: dance, music, reading, theater</p>
	<p>City of Residence: St. Petersburg Occupation: Environmental Scientist Education: Colorado State University, BS, Environmental Health, Spanish Minor; University of South Florida, MS, Environmental Science and Policy Born: November 21 Moved to Florida: 2001 Religious Affiliation: Methodist Recreational Interest: downhill skiing, hiking and backpacking with her dog, outrigger canoe paddling, singing and playing the piano, traveling, yoga</p>

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 <p>Rep. Berny Jacques</p>	<p>City of Residence: Seminole Occupation: Attorney, Nonprofit Director Education: Washington Adventist University, History, Political Studies, 2005-2009, Mock Trial, Student Government, track and field; Stetson University College of Law, JD, 2009-2012, Trial Team Born: Port-au-Prince, Haiti Moved to Florida: 1994 Religious Affiliation: Christian Recreational Interest: golf, reading</p>
 <p>Candidate Michael Owen</p>	<p>City of Residence: Valrico Occupation: Attorney; Founding Partner, Owen & Dunivan, PLLC Education: Saint Leo College, BA; Western Michigan University, JD Associations: Florida Bar; Hillsborough County Bar; American Bar</p>
 <p>Rep. Traci Koster</p>	<p>City of Residence: Tampa Occupation: Marital and Family Law Attorney Child(ren): Colton, Sadie Education: University of Central Florida, BS, Legal Studies, Criminal Justice minor; Stetson University of Law, JD, 2007-2009 Born: June 15, 1985, Greensboro, NC Moved to Florida: 1988 Religious Affiliation: Christian Recreational Interest: beach, boating, reading, spending time with family</p>

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Sen. Jay Collins

Occupation: Chief Programs Officer of a national 501(c)(3) with a focus on food needs in and out of disaster zones

Spouse: Layla Sangid Collins of Princeton, WV

Children: Gabe, Colt

Education: Norwich University, 2012, with Honors
American Military University, B.S.,
Health Sciences, 2010, Summa Cum
Laude

Special Forces Qualification Course,
2005

Leadership Award as chosen by peers
and cadre

Born: in Scobey, Montana. Moved to Florida in 2019.

Military Service: Retired 23-year Army Green Beret

Religious Affiliation: Christian

Recreation: Family time, running, cycling,
reading