

I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING AS YOUR MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSIONER.

Why am I running for Anastasia Mosquito Control District (AMCD) Commissioner?

You, the taxpayer, deserve a mosquito control board who utilizes taxpayer dollars in a prudent and fiscally responsible manner. In utilizing your taxpayer dollars, you should expect these dollars to be focused on monitoring and controlling the mosquito population by the safest methods Possible.

As a businesswoman, I understand fiscal responsibility. As a former healthcare researcher, I understand science and the importance of mosquito control and monitoring. I am here to serve the community that I, myself reside in and I am here to help hold board members who fail to act in the best interest of the St. Johns' county citizens accountable.




When You Elect Me


I will ensure that AMCD is focused on why it was chartered in the first place – to control and monitor for the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. I want to ensure proper funding for the district, while ensuring no wasteful spending or expansion beyond the district's charter. By focusing on exploring new funding models, AMCD can help to offset capital outlay costs, and operational costs that will help to meet the needs to provide additional services to residents as the county grows, while also keeping the taxes low.

Upon being elected, I plan to work with my colleagues, St. Johns County citizens, the AMCD Administration, County Government Officials, and the State to ensure that the district's 5-year Strategic Growth Plan anticipates services needed to meet the County's growing population and community/business development needs.

I will also propose a citizen advisory committee to ensure that citizens have a seat at the table when key funding decisions are being made as no government agency should be utilizing taxpayer dollars without transparency and the consent of its citizens.

In short, as your AMCD commissioner, the following will be my priorities:

 **Ensure Fiscally Responsibility:** As a special district, AMCD's Board of Commissioners is to be fiscally responsible and committed to being good stewards of taxpayer dollars through responsible and lean budget decision-marking. AMCD should be spending less on general and administrative expenses than do their counterparts, cities and counties.

 **Ensure Accountability:** The AMCD Board of Commissioners are elected by voters in St. Johns County. Therefore, I will fight to ensure that the best interests of St. Johns citizens are served by the district.



Ensure Transparency: The AMCD is limited in how they can spend taxpayer dollars and are required to be transparent in their financial processes. AMCD is also subject to Florida's Sunshine, public records, financial disclosure, and ethics laws. I will ensure that citizens receive proper notice about the proposed annual budget meetings, mileage increases, and all projects involving significant expenditures by the district.

Projects such as the “Mosquito Museum” should have received sufficient public notice and debate. Consideration should have been given to making this a referendum item, instead of leaving it only to Board approval.

Why is Mosquito Control Essential?

Mosquito-borne diseases and illnesses are caused by bacteria, viruses, or parasites transmitted by mosquitoes. They can transmit diseases without being affected themselves and are responsible for over 1 million deaths each year. Nearly 700 million people get a mosquito-borne illness each year. The most prominent mosquito-borne diseases include malaria, West Nile virus, yellow fever, dengue, chikungunya, and Zika virus.

Over 200 types of mosquitoes live in the continental United States and US territories; of these 200, about 12 types spread germs that can make people sick. Other mosquitoes bother people and are considered nuisance mosquitoes. In general, nuisance mosquitoes do not spread germs.

In 2021, while no human infections were reported, St. Johns County identified sentinel infections of Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus.

The key to limiting the spread of mosquito-borne diseases is monitoring and prevention. Mosquito abatement districts, such as the Anastasia Mosquito Control District, were chartered by the State to control and monitor the spread of mosquito-borne diseases through the execution of Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) programs to help protect citizens against the spread of mosquito-borne disease.

The most common mosquito-borne diseases found in Florida include West Nile virus disease, Eastern equine encephalitis, and St. Louis encephalitis. However, there are many other mosquito-borne diseases that are found in different parts of the world, that can be brought back to Florida if infected people or animals are bitten by mosquitoes while in Florida. Some examples of these diseases include chikungunya fever, dengue fever, malaria, yellow fever, and Rift Valley fever.

ABOUT ME

I have lived in Ponte Vedra Beach for 28 years. I am recognized as a person of principle, with a strong moral and ethical compass. I live my life in the service of others. I am not an activist, instead I am an advocate! I am a person who acts in the best interest of those whom I serve and with those whom I collaborate with.

Education

- BA in Finance
- MBA with concentration in accounting
- Certified Competitive Intelligence Professional

Business Background

- 30+ years of healthcare research and strategy experience within the health insurance, workers compensation insurance, and pharmaceutical industries.
- Owner of a research and diligence firm serving the needs of private equity clients that are buying/selling companies.
- I am experienced in healthcare research, marketing, accounting, and market research

Organization & Community Involvement

- Current State Treasurer for the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Florida (RNHAFL)
- St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee
- St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce member
- Former President and Vice President of the Board of the Strategic and Competitive Intelligence Professionals (SCIP) a 3,000+ global member organization serving strategy and competitive intelligence professionals.
- Former Chair of the Competitive Intelligence Foundation Board of Trustees
- Former member of the Conference Board's Council on Competitive Intelligence.
- Former member of the Jacksonville Women's Business Center Advisory Board.
- Former Trustee of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

Key Resources:

<https://amcdsjc.org/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/index.html>

https://wwwn.cdc.gov/arboNET/Maps/ADB_Diseases_Map/index.html

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/%5C/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/surveillance.html>