



Candidate Profile - Florida Senate/House

Form must be completed in full prior to candidate interviews.

Name *

Ben Albritton

First Name

Last Name

Office Seeking *

State Senate District 27

Do you currently reside in the district? *

Yes

Years lived in Polk County? *

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Campaign Address *

P.O. Box 266

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Wauchula

Postal / Zip Code

Campaign Phone Number *

863-781-1104

Please enter a valid phone number.

Campaign Email *

Forthcoming

example@example.com

Campaign Website *

Forthcoming

Party Affiliation *

Republican

Education *

BS - Citrus/Business (Florida Southern College - 1990). GO MOCS!!

Occupation *

Businessman

Employer *

Self

Have you attended a Public Leadership Institute/Political Leadership Institute (hosted by a Chamber of Commerce or Economic Development Council)? *

Yes

No

If yes, who hosted the institute?

Have you ever run for office before? *

a. If yes, what office?

b. Did you win?

Yes

Describe your civic involvement: *

My wife and I have been blessed to have been able to invest a great deal of time and energy into civic service in our life. Honestly, there is a lot to unpack here. I'm happy to discuss this further. Child welfare (foster/adoption support/education) would top the list (1-1-1 Project and Care Portal).

List any Boards on which you serve, including positions of leadership *

Past Chair - East Charlotte Drainage District, Past President - Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association, Past Chair - Florida Citrus Commission (Florida Dept. of Citrus), Board of Elders (First Christian Church - Wauchula, FL), Prime Meridian Bank Advisory Board (Lakeland)

Describe your political involvement: *

Florida House of Representatives (Committee Chair for 6 of 8 years), Florida Senate (Committee Chair for 4 of 4 years), Elected to be President of the Florida Senate (2024-26)

Why are you running for office? *

I have signed the front of paychecks for 30 years. We need business owners leading in Tallahassee, especially considering the lack of common sense, business focused leadership coming out of Washington DC right now. Florida needs to continue to provide strong business sector leadership for Floridians.

What do you consider to be the top three (3) issues facing the district you are running for. (listing in order of importance)? If elected, when would you plan to address these issues and hope to see them accomplished?

I. *

The defense and protection of Faith, Family, Freedom, Opportunity and Life.

II. *

See above

III. *

See above

a. Other:

During an economic downturn, how should the State of Florida handle decreasing tax revenues caused by the normal economic cycle? You may check more than one choice. Depending on your choice/choices, please state what you would cut and what you would increase. *

- Cut Spending
- Increase state taxes
- Other

Depending on your choice/choices above, please state what you would cut and what you would increase.

Spending at the state level is calculus, not simple math as some people think. To be clear, I am opposed to increasing taxes and fees. Each cylo of spending (ex: Education, Healthcare, Transportation, ect.) has a character of its own. Most times, when you pull a lever in one corner of the budget, it can and usually causes a reaction in more than just one place elsewhere in the budget. FL, due to its Constitution, must balance our budget every year. So, as a business owner, this question must always be answered, "how do we balance the budget, without increasing taxes or fees, and deliver the most efficient government to the citizens of Florida.

What do you believe are the main issues facing the State of Florida? *

The defense and protection of Faith, Family, Freedom, Opportunity and Life. The reason that these issues are so important is that they form the foundation of how Florida society should operate for the best long-term results. When situational emotion drives the agenda, instead of concrete principles, we can easily veer off course for the long haul. Look around the country at how places like Portland and San Francisco have made these types of mistakes and the terrible consequences they are suffering, even today. We need steady, principled hands on the wheel.

What is your opinion on government providing incentives to businesses? *

I am certainly supportive of business incentives as long as they are accountable, transparent and do not evolve into long-term business welfare or subsidies. The free market should be allowed to influence our economy as much as possible, but this doesn't always work; at that point we should begin the discussion about incentives to support job creation and economic growth.

How can the City of Lakeland help attract and retain a vibrant and talented workforce? *

I would suggest this specific answer should be left up to the elected leadership for the City of Lakeland in partnership with Lakeland businesses. I'm always interested in listening/talking about these issues to see where the intersection of State and Local can produce better results. Keep in mind that there are hundreds of municipalities in FL who have varying perspectives of how to solve the problem. The common sense basics of training and education seem to always rise to the top of the list though.

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How are some ways government can encourage and support entrepreneurship? *

My default would be to let the free market and innovation provide the answers. Please let me know what your ideas are.

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