

## City Council Candidate Responses

**Question 1:** Park Shore is a very safe neighborhood. However, in the past 6 months there has been a shooting at the Seagate beach access and a rash of burglaries stealing electronics from boats docked on Venetian Bay. We are also concerned about speeding on Crayton Road, Gulf Shore Boulevard North, and Park Shore Drive, in particular. What specific strategies will you advocate as a City Council member to ensure public safety and maintain the quality of life for Park Shore residents and visitors?

DAN BARONE

I would lean on the expertise of the chief of police and help make sure that we prioritize public safety. That involves making sure the department is not only fully staffed but also that it is proactively staffed to handle the true needs of our community. Our police force is built to handle the population of the city, which is around 20,000, but how many people are actually in the city on any given day during season? When the police department comes to council looking for resources, we need to make sure the response is not why, but how can we make this happen.

TED BLANKENSHIP

Back when I was on Council in 2024 I led the effort to improve salaries for our police force. I understand that the current Council has continued this approach so we now have a more fully staffed police force. We should next re-assess the department's performance together with the police chief and see if additional funding or staffing is needed to increase police presence and patrolling in Park Shore and other areas of the City.

The MPOA recently funded and donated license plate readers that are currently being installed which should help. We already had LPRs leading into GSBN that were funded by GSAC. We should evaluate how these are working to see if we need more LPRs and other cameras that would benefit Park Shore as well.

## RAY CHRISTMAN

As a city councilman, I always will do what is needed to protect and enhance Naples' Quality of Life. And quality of life begins with public safety. It is a cornerstone responsibility for local government.

Shortly after I was first elected in 2019, I learned that our First Responders – our police, fire, and EMS workers – were badly underpaid relative to their peers in other neighboring counties and communities. This was a legacy of the 2008-09 financial crisis when Naples reduced salaries and benefits for its workforce in order to balance our budget. But this was never reversed as the economy improved, especially for our First Responders.

As a result, Naples was handicapped in its ability to retain and recruit talented First Responders. We had a 25% vacancy rate among our uniformed police officers alone.

Beginning with the 2021 city labor contract negotiations and continuing with the subsequent negotiations in 2024, I was a leading advocate on Council that we take the actions necessary to again put public safety first in Naples:

- Naples is now a leader not a follower in provided competitive pay and benefits for our First Responders. Our police compensation now stands at the 84th percentile level among comparable counties and communities with which we compete for talent.

- Our police, fire and EMS functions are now fully staffed with no vacancies.

- Naples also needed fresh leadership in our police department. We recruited in 2023 Police Chief Ciro Dominguez, who has brought relevant professional experience and new ideas to the Department, which has also contributed to our ability to retain and attract officers and staff.

I am proud to have been a strong, consistent voice during my time on Council to have achieved this progress. As a result, I am the only candidate in this election to have earned the endorsement of the Naples Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) union.

Naples is a very safe city by national standards. But the job of providing public safety is never done and new challenges continually emerge. Maintaining traffic safety as ever greater numbers of people visit Naples.....youth violence with firearms.....scams targeted older residents....and the complexities of maintaining security at large public events which the City of Naples often hosts. These are the daily realities for our police, fire, and EMS teams.

Looking forward, I will continue to advocate for fair and competitive compensation for our First Responders and to make sure they have the equipment and materials to effectively do their jobs.

I also will continue to make sure that discussions regularly occur at Council with our police leadership on public safety concerns as they arise. While it is the job of our police department leadership team to address these issues, it is the job of Council to ensure that public concerns voiced by individual residents or through HOAs are heard by the police. I have done and will continue to do this.

Happily, our police department has demonstrated in recent years that it is taking a proactive position as new challenges emerge. They listen to the residents and develop new strategies to meet the moment. For example, Chief Dominguez and his team instituted “Operation Safe Streets” more than a year ago as a way to crack down on speeders and other traffic violators, resulting in more warnings and tickets and a perceptible improvement in traffic safety.

Similarly, the Department instituted “Operation Beach Blanket” after the shooting at Seagate Beach Park, aimed at tamping down youth gang presence on our beaches and beach access points. This type of incident has not been repeated since then.

The Department has also established a special investigation team aimed at internet-based scamming of older or unsuspecting residents.

The common element with each of these strategies is to identify the problem to be addressed and concentrate resources to mitigate it.

City Council’s job with respect to public safety is to make sure we have the leadership and talent in place and that we provide them with the resources they

need to do their jobs at a high level. Our responsibility is also to be a conduit to the police from the community to voice key concerns and issues.

These have been my priorities in the past and will continue to be in the future.

JOHN KROL

Public safety is one of my top priorities, and Park Shore's quality of life must be protected. I strongly support expanding a community-policing model that increases visible patrols, builds relationships between officers and residents, and focuses on prevention rather than reaction. This approach helps deter crime and improves response times in neighborhoods like Park Shore.

Technology should complement that effort. Strategically placed street and bay cameras, license plate readers, and modern monitoring tools—supported by AI to flag suspicious patterns—can help identify issues early, deter criminal activity, and assist law enforcement in investigations, particularly with boat burglaries and track violations.

Community involvement is equally important. Educating residents on reporting suspicious activity, boat security, and partnering with neighborhood groups strengthen overall safety. By combining high-tech tools with high-touch community policing and targeted traffic enforcement on roads like Crayton Road, Gulf Shore Boulevard North, and Park Shore Drive, we can protect residents, visitors, and the character of Park Shore.

JOHN LANGLEY

I have lived in the Seagate neighborhood since 2003, and my wife moved with her family into Park Shore in 1971 and grew up on Bellair Lane. We both travel through your neighborhood daily and have noticed a marked increase in construction traffic. I'm not sure what can be done about the amount of this type of traffic other than limit the hours they can do this. I notice the "no trucks" signs but are largely ignored by everyone including the police. We can do something about the commercial vehicles parking on the street, sometimes

blocking both lanes. The city council passed an ordinance for the Port Royal neighborhood that eliminated commercial vehicles from parking on the street, and this would be a possibility. In my opinion, the lawncare companies are the worst offenders blocking the roads. This presents a hazard to all drivers moving through the neighborhood. I could request increased police presence in the area to monitor traffic conditions, violations, and hazards but they need to be given directions by city council for this to happen.

SALLY PETERSEN

I am committed to proactive public safety. Naples has changed dramatically over the past decade with busier streets, larger crowds, and growing demands on public safety. Yet only recently has City Council approved an increase of 72 to 76 officers by the end of 2026.

We see the need for more police and patrolling not just on the highly populated areas of 5th Avenue S and 3rd St South where the city now manages more than 100 special events each year but also in the neighborhoods, particularly to the north. I consider Venetian Village as one of Naples “downtowns” and this area too needs the benefit of visible police protection. When I go door to door on Crayton, or meet individually with residents who live on Gulf Shore Boulevard N, I hear repeated concerns about motorists speeding and blowing through stop signs.

Adding four new police officers is a start. The benefits include expanded patrolling for speeding and noise violations. It would also enhance public confidence that safety is being handled with foresight, not afterthought. In addition to increased patrolling, Gulf Shore Boulevard N, Park Shore Drive, and Crayton may benefit from temporary traffic calming measures such as speed indicator devices that display “Your Speed Is..”. Speed humps are a more permanent solution as would be the installation of more speed limit signs. It troubles me how few speed limit signs there are not just on Crayton but throughout the City of Naples.

Finally, Park Shore and Gulf Shore Boulevard N may also benefit from a neighborhood ambassador program. These programs exist throughout the US and are effective as a crime deterrent because they use highly visible uniformed agents to patrol areas like parking lots, shopping concourses, boat docks, and high pedestrian traffic areas. And they are less expensive to deploy.

## SCOTT SCHULTZ

As a City Council member, I would advocate for a targeted, data-driven public safety approach, including:

- ▣ Increased police presence and focused patrols near Seagate beach access, Venetian Bay docks, and during peak hours.
- ▣ Enhanced marine patrol coordination to address thefts from boats and waterfront properties.
- ▣ Traffic calming and enforcement along Crayton Road, Gulf Shore Boulevard North, and Park Shore Drive, including speed enforcement, signage review, and design adjustments where appropriate.
- ▣ Improved lighting and surveillance at public access points and high-traffic areas.

Public safety is fundamental to quality of life. Residents deserve to feel secure in their homes, on their streets, and along our waterfront.

PENNY TAYLOR

Our community's safety is a top priority. Protecting our neighborhoods requires both immediate response and long-term planning.

Immediate Action: I will work directly with the Naples Police Department to increase patrols in vulnerable areas, particularly at Seagate beach access and marina districts. A visible law enforcement presence serves as an effective deterrent and reassures residents.

Collaborative Solutions: Public safety requires partnership. I'll bring together marina operators, property owners, and our police department to develop comprehensive security strategies. This may include coordinated private security during peak seasons at beach access points and enhanced surveillance at marina facilities.

Traffic Safety: Speeding threatens pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike. I'll advocate for proven traffic calming measures tailored to each location. This includes exploring options like roundabouts where feasible, redesigning roadways to naturally slow traffic, and strategic enforcement. As noted in my platform, I'm committed to ensuring Naples has a strong voice on the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization to secure funding for safer streets and walkways.

As your City Council member, I pledge to work side-by-side with first responders to ensure they have the resources needed to keep Park Shore safe and secure.

Question 2: Residents of Park Shore are concerned about a proposed water park at the Naples Grande Hotel that will be open to the public. What specifically would you do as a City Council member to respond to this project?

DAN BARONE

The water park at the Naples Grande Hotel brings up similar shortfalls from around the city, like the Davis triangle and a proposed community on Golden Gate parkway right by Naples High. The common thread here is that the county is pushing ahead on projects without so much of a word to city council. The relationship between the county and the city needs to be one of collaboration not isolation, and we need to work on building that trust back. I would immediately try to facilitate a better working relationship between the county and city, and not just from the leadership level, but also from staff. We should know about projects like this before they go for approval so we can make sure that residents that are affected by them have a chance to give input.

TED BLANKENSHIP

I would meet with the County Commissioners (who I already know and have relationships with) and ask and encourage them to deny this request as being incompatible with the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

RAY CHRISTMAN

As we all know, the Naples Grande Hotel is not located within the City of Naples, so City Council has no direct authority regarding the approval of this proposed project.

That said, this would be another example of what might be called “Doorstep Development”, a project that sits right on the border of the city and have as much impact on Naples as it would on similar adjacent areas of Collier County (other examples of such development include the Bayshore CRA area on the East Trail and the Pine Ridge Road/Rt 41 area). It is clear this development would impact a number of city neighborhoods including Seagate, Naples Cay, Gulf Shore Boulevard North, as well as Park Shore. Of course, it would directly impact residents of Pelican Bay as well

City Council has already discussed the Naples Grande Hotel Water Park on several occasions and has stated its unanimous opposition to this proposal in a letter to the Collier County Commissioners and county management. It is difficult for me to imagine how a water park/amusement park facility can operate in that



location without significant quality of life impacts on neighboring residential areas, both within and outside the city.

At this time, it is unclear how the Naples Grande Hotel intends to proceed on this matter. Will they continue to pursue the project as proposed by seeking county and Pelican Bay Foundations approvals, modify the proposal in certain ways, or simply decide not to pursue it? City Council needs to monitor this closely and be prepared to respond depending on what course of action is taken.

Assuming the project is pursued in some form, I would advocate that Council take four specific actions:

- First, direct city management to meet with their counterparts at Collier County and the Pelican Bay Foundation to understand the details of the final proposal.
- Second, hold a public hearing where Council can be briefed on the specifics of the proposal and where representatives of our community could also attend and make public comment.
- Third, based on this and other one-on-one meetings with community members and leaders, Council should develop an updated position on this proposal.
- Fourth, The City should explore legal action it might take, in concert with community organizations representing impacted neighborhoods, if necessary to oppose implementation of this project.

This project in its current or any likely modified form would have enormous quality of life impacts on a significant number of our residents (noise, increased traffic, odors and fumes, among them). Resident opposition is clear given how quickly a petition has gathered thousands of signatures in just a few weeks. Naples Grande Hotel is not an appropriate location for a large, publicly accessible entertainment facility in a densely developed residential area

JOHN KROL

As a City Council member, my priority would be ensuring that any decision reflects what is best for the Park Shore community. Because Collier County will be voting on this project, stronger coordination between City Council and the Collier County Commission is essential. I would work directly with our District 4 Commissioner, Dan Kowal, to ensure the residents' concerns are clearly heard and understood, and I would seek a joint meeting with residents, City Council, and County leadership.

I do not support over-commercialization of residential areas. Issues such as increased traffic, overcrowding, noise, and potential negative impacts on quality of life must be fully addressed. This project should not move forward without a comprehensive impact study provided by the resort that evaluates traffic, noise, public safety, infrastructure, and economic effects.

City Council also has a responsibility to review the use of city resources, such as water and utilities, and consider whether those impacts justify approval. The right decision for the community must come first.

#### JOHN LANGLEY

Living in Seagate, I would do everything in my power to block this project. There is a lot of opposition to this water park in the community, however, the City of Naples leadership needs to be running interference for the residents in this regard and work with the county to stop this project from ever getting off the ground. I will do this if elected to City Council.

#### SALLY PETERSEN

I stand by the residents of Seagate, Park Shore, Naples Cay and Pelican Bay and all those among the 1800 who have signed the petition against the "Clam Pass Cove" waterpark. This is more than just a resort amenity, if open to the public it really is more like an amusement park. And I question the prudence of designing such a park in a flood zone.

As a City Council Member, I would press for more data about the environmental risk associated with this water park; including noise, light pollution and increased flooding resulting from the replacement of the permeable green clay tennis court surfaces with 36000 square feet of decking and 6900 square feet of buildings.

I am cautiously optimistic that because this park needs to be approved by both Collier County and the Pelican Bay Foundation that reasonable minds will prevail. The Pelican Bay Foundation oversees a host of amenities the majority of which are exclusive to Pelican Bay homeowners. I don't see how this water park fits with their vision if open to the public.

Naples City Council publicly opposed the water park at their December 3rd meeting and vowed to send a letter of opposition to Collier County. As a City Council Member I would take this a step further and request a meeting for all local entities opposing the water park with Henderson Park and South Street Partners; the owners of the Naples Grand and the developers behind the water park. It is notable that these are not local owners; Henderson Park is based on London and South Street Partners in Charlotte. We cannot allow these non-local owners to be completely tone-deaf to the mounting local opposition and the environmental risks.

SCOTT SCHULTZ

As a City Council member, I would:

- ☐ Require a full and transparent review of traffic, noise, safety, and neighborhood impacts.
- ☐ Push for significant modifications or denial if the project fails to meet residential compatibility standards.

- ❑ Ensure residents—not developers—drive the decision-making process.

This proposal, as submitted, threatens Park Shore's traffic flow, safety, and neighborhood character, and I will continue to oppose it.

#### PENNY TAYLOR

The proposed water park at Naples Grande Hotel is a significant concern for Park Shore residents, and I share those concerns. This project has the potential to fundamentally alter the character of your neighborhood through increased traffic, noise, and congestion.

As your City Council member, I would take the following actions:

First, I will ensure the City of Naples speaks with one unified, strong voice. While individual residents' concerns are vital, our City Council must leverage its collective authority as a neighboring government to exert maximum influence on this project.

Second, I will direct our City Attorney to thoroughly research similar situations across Florida to identify every available legal tool and precedent we can use. Understanding how other communities have successfully addressed inappropriate commercial development in residential areas will strengthen our position.

Third, I will work to amplify residents' voices. The petitions being circulated are crucial as they demonstrate the community's opposition and provide documentation of resident concerns. I'll ensure these voices are heard loudly and clearly throughout the decision-making process.

Finally, I'll coordinate with county officials and other stakeholders to address the broader impacts—including traffic congestion on already busy roads and the strain on public resources.

Preserving Naples' character requires both strategic action and unwavering advocacy. I'm committed to fighting alongside Park Shore residents to protect your neighborhood's quality of life and ensure development respects the values that make Naples special.

**Question 3:** The City of Naples has been battered by three recent hurricanes, Hurricane Ian in 2022 and Hurricanes Helene and Milton in 2024. The entire city was under water during Hurricane Ian and massive damage was present throughout the city. Parts of the Park Shore neighborhood are still recovering three years later. Moving forward, how do we make our city more resilient to future storms and how do we pay for it?

DAN BARONE

I think the most important challenge facing Naples is upgrading the city's entire stormwater system. For too long, prior councils were complacent regarding stormwater management but following the devastation of recent storms, we can no longer rely on luck. We cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good. We do not have the luxury of time to politicize engineering decisions or delay this overhaul by second-guessing the data or experts. My approach to address this issue is to move forward immediately with expert recommendations and to plan for long term financial sustainability by leveraging a diverse financial toolkit of dedicated revenue streams like stormwater fees, with external funding like grants, long-term debt financing like bonds, and preventative spending. The question isn't whether we can afford it; it's whether we can afford the inevitable billions in damages from

future storm surges, chronic flooding, and infrastructure failure if we do nothing. The cost of inaction is too high at this point to ignore the issue.

TED BLANKENSHIP

We now have a fairly good list of potential projects to reduce flooding in the City. However it is incomplete as it does not address every neighborhood. We need to complete the inventory of needed projects, prioritize them and start implementing them. Funding will come from a variety of sources (including storm water fees, property taxes, gas taxes, utility taxes, impact fees and grants from our state, federal and county counterparts) and will take several years to complete them.

Additionally, we need to install back flow preventers on all the 80-plus outfall pipes leading into Moorings and Venetian Bays from Park Shore and the Moorings. Only a few have been installed that were budgeted back when I was on Council before. I would make completion of this initiative a priority. I would also like to see Park Shore, GSAC and the Moorings collaborate with City staff on evaluating sea wall height in the bays and along the coast. We may be able to undertake an effort to raise the sea walls with the City fronting the cost through a bond issue that is repaid by residents over time similar to how the current Moorings Bay Tax District works (and other projects like undergrounding utilities in Seagate). A unified project would ensure that the sea walls are of consistent height and quality so that no property owners are disadvantaged.

Devils Lake and the other lakes in Park Shore may also need to be dredged (or treated like we have done for Swan Lake) to increase their capacity to hold storm water temporarily during heavy rains.

RAY CHRISTMAN

Reducing flood risk and providing more flood protection for our neighborhoods and businesses must be Priority #1 now and for the foreseeable future. Beyond the recent spate of hurricanes, it is clear from available data that our Gulf waters

are growing steadily warmer, our sea level is rising (8 inches in the last 25 years), and regular rainfall events are becoming much more intensive

This means more risk for all of us, as well as rising property insurance rates, condo assessment fees, and more.

What should we do? First, it is important that City Council and city management have been proactive, dating to the time prior to Hurricane Ian in recognizing the “new normal” we were now living in.

We recognized that the most practical and important step Naples could take was to upgrade the city stormwater systems to better drain our city during storm events. The first major investment in this regard was the Gulf Shore Boulevard Beach Outfalls project, now under construction which will upgrade stormwater systems, improve water quality, and protect our beaches in a 265-acre area of the city.

I have been a champion and advocate for moving this long-delayed project forward since I first joined City Council. When fully completed in 2027, it will bring enormous benefits to our city.

At the same time, as Chair of the City’s Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), I have advocated for moving forward on key stormwater system upgrades in the CRA area, including River Park West, River Park East, and 5th Avenue South. These projects are now under design to be paid for with CRA funds.

Looking to the future, we all know that much more needs to be done to better protect all neighborhoods of the city. In this regard, city management recently completed work on a new Resilience Plan and Vision that lays out a roadmap for continuing this work. The Plan outlines an initial 20-year, \$280 million investment in stormwater system upgrades. This plan was adopted by City Council several months ago.

Just as important, City Council identified a way to pay for these investments. Council adopted a phased four-year increase in the city’s stormwater utility rates that would generate an estimated \$165 million over 20 years to pay for these

improvements. The remaining amount of required funds would come from anticipated county, state, and federal grants and CRA dollars.

Beyond these major stormwater system upgrades, the city has been taking other important steps as well to deal with flood risk. This includes restoration of our stormwater retention lakes, installation of hundreds of backflow preventers, and working with residents to approve code-compliant flood panels.

Finally, the City worked closely with Collier County after Hurricanes Helene and Milton to renourish our beaches and upgrade our dune systems with native vegetation. This investment will hopefully help our beaches better withstand the next hurricanes when they occur.

#### JOHN KROL

This issue is deeply personal to me. Hurricane Ian caused me to lose my downtown office and suffer damage to my home and an investment property, so resiliency and storm water infrastructure is my number one priority. We must modernize stormwater infrastructure and harden the city to withstand stronger storms and flooding. I have spent significant time speaking with experts, and my goal is to make Naples the most resilient city in Florida. We should use recent studies as guides, apply common sense to project scope and costs, aggressively pursue state and federal grants, coordinate with the County on shared watershed drainage, and consider a bond issue to responsibly spread costs over time. By working smart, we can protect paradise and strengthen property values.

#### JOHN LANGLEY

This issue has been around for decades, but it has taken the recent hurricanes to bring it to the public's attention. Nothing has been done to the existing stormwater system since it was installed, and the city should have been making upgrades to it for years. I have been fighting with the city for several years now



as my street, Sand Dollar Lane, does not have any stormwater drainage. We will flood with a normal summer afternoon rainstorm. I will make this issue a priority and will find a way to make it happen sooner than later, even if we must mortgage the airport or issue municipal bonds to pay for this project. Doing so now would save the city hundreds of millions of dollars more by waiting. By the way. My house on Sand Dollar flooded and it cost me more than \$750,000 after flood insurance. So, I am truly motivated to solve this problem.

SALLY PETERSEN

I endorse the City's 2025 Draft Resilience Plan and would like to see it adopted and expanded to address all neighborhoods. It is necessarily ambitious and innovative and could make Naples the national model for storm resiliency. City Council prudently approved a gradual increase in water rates over the next four years to help fund it. Other resources include the Resilient Florida program which provides grants for communities seeking to evaluate vulnerabilities and implementation projects for adaptation and mitigation, as well as the EPA and NOAA should their funding be restored.

Other resources that should be considered in the near term include IHP; a federal program providing direct financial aid for families dislocated by severe weather events, and in the State of Florida there is SHIP - The State Housing Initiative Partnership which offers recovery assistance for temporary relocation, help with rent, and debris removal. City Council and City Staff should leave no stone unturned in the pursuit of federal, state and county funding.

Additionally, if elected, I would like to create a Resident-City Resiliency Task Force. Such a Task Force would ensure resident voices and local knowledge are central to how Naples sets long-term flood mitigation priorities. Some of our best ideas for resiliency come from our residents who know our community best; from sharing best practices in landscaping, to establishing neighborhood drain clearing protocols, to collective advocacy for a more efficient flood panel

permitting process. The benefit is the creation of a consistent set of priorities that are customized by and for each neighborhood.

## SCOTT SCHULTZ

Having served as Chair of the Collier County Coastal Storm Risk Management Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and currently serving on the Planning Advisory Board, I bring direct experience in resiliency planning.

To strengthen Naples, we must:

- ☐ Accelerate stormwater and drainage improvements, especially in flood-prone neighborhoods like Park Shore.
- ☐ Expand nature-based solutions such as dune restoration, mangroves, and improved outfalls.
- ☐ Modernize aging infrastructure based on risk and need—not politics.

Funding must be fair and responsible:

- ☐ Developers must pay their fair share.
- ☐ Resources should be prioritized for the most vulnerable neighborhoods.
- ☐ Naples must aggressively pursue state and federal resiliency funding through strong intergovernmental partnerships.

Residents have paid enough. Our responsibility is to protect them, their homes, and the future of our city.

PENNY TAYLOR

Hurricane Ian, Helene, and Milton have shown us just how vulnerable our beloved City is to flooding and storm surge. The fact that parts of Park Shore are still recovering three years later underscores the urgent need for action.

As I stated in my platform, we must focus on resilience.

Building Resilience:

Making Naples more resilient requires a commitment to climate-resilient infrastructure, upgraded stormwater

systems, and modernized building codes. We need to prioritize projects that protect our neighborhoods from future flooding and accelerate recovery when storms do hit. Nothing is more important than the health, safety, and welfare of our residents.

Funding These Critical Improvements:

The financial challenge is significant, but not insurmountable. The City has taken important first steps by raising stormwater rates—40% last year. This was to help pay for the Beach Outfall Stormwater Project that is an environment project at the outset and critical to maintain State participation in beach renourishment projects going forward. And this year, the City Council agreed to raise the stormwater rates again that will, over a four year period increase stormwater fees by 144% . While this increase is substantial, the increase only covers about 25% of the projected \$500-600 million infrastructure costs. It simply won't be enough.

We must pursue every available funding source: federal grants, state assistance, and strategic bonding. But here's what's crucial—we cannot go it

alone, and the City Council must stop alienating potential partners. Building strong relationships with local, state, and federal officials is essential to securing the resources we need. Collaboration and partnership are key to solving our biggest challenges.

As your City Council member, I will work tirelessly to bring funding to Naples while ensuring these resilience improvements remain our top priority. Our City's future depends on it.