

## **City of Cape Coral Mayor Candidate Derrick Donnell**

### **What in your education and experience qualifies you to run for this office?**

- 1) Cape Coral City Councilman for 8 years (2007-2015)
- 2) Commissioned officer, United States Marine Corps.
- 3) Director of Professional Standards and Equity
- 4) Doctorate from the University of Central Florida

### **Why are you running for this office?**

I love Cape Coral. We will work together to improve everyone's quality of life with a renewed sense of unity.

### **What do you hope to accomplish?**

- 1) Confidence in the City Council
- 2) Public Safety
- 3) Maintaining a Fiscally Responsible Budget

### **What issues do you think are of greatest Importance to Cape Coral?**

- 1) Infrastructure
  - a. City water and Sewer
  - b. Road paving and maintenance

#### **A) Children's Services Council.**

I will support efforts that will enhance the lives of the children of our community.

#### **B) Water quality and resources**

I will support the efforts that our state and federal legislators are currently pursuing to end the East and West releases of Lake Okeechobee.

#### **C) Sea level rising**

I will continue the efforts that our state and federal legislators are currently pursuing to end the accelerated impact of climate change.

#### **D) Land use in Cape Coral**

I will support the comprehensive plan and the LUDR which provides a predictable, practical and smart-growth plan for the city,

**E) Access to mental health services**

I will support the efforts that state and federal legislators are currently pursuing to increase funding for this critical component of our community.

**F) Minority representation**

Being a minority myself, I think it is vitally important that we have minority representation at all levels of leadership.

**G) How would you address the escalation of human trafficking in your city?**

We must work with law enforcement agencies to develop specific and zero-tolerance policies that address this issue with severe consequences attached.

**H) What use would you propose for the abandoned golf course in the City?**

The time has come for us to approve the land use change and work through the planned development project (PDP) process to ensure a development that enhances the quality of life for all cape coral residents.