

**City of Cape Coral Municipal Candidates
Council and Mayoral Questionnaire
By: John Karcher for Cape Coral City Council District 6**

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

Two years of college, and 34 years of management experience working with some of the America's largest retailers.

Why are you running for this office?

We lack leadership

I am an experienced leader, retired after 34 years, plus 3 more years of experience in the Northwest Neighborhood Association as an advocate for the residents in the City.

What do you hope to accomplish?

Leadership on the council

Finance – make every dollar count

Negotiation – great leaders persuade with knowledge of the issues

Team Building – we are at odds and lack leadership on the Council

Delivering results based on relationships and trust

Listening to our Residents

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

We must have commercial development that brings jobs earning livable wages.

Focus on infrastructure and changing the tax base to 30% commercial.

Sell non-essential city owned properties to fund necessities.

How do you propose to address the following?

Children's Services Council

Align with resources and assist them in their mission.

Water quality and resources

Take a leadership role with the area groups and the legislature. Stay the course with runoff from Lake O.

Sea level rising

Complicated topic without an easy answer. It's essential that we confer to state and federal experts.

Land use in Cape Coral

The key is smart growth that mixes with the current neighborhoods.

Access to mental health services

The City should take the lead by making it available to employees.

Minority representation

All citizens should have equal rights. This must be a long term goal, with State Legislature taking the lead.

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

We must remain vigilant, knowing that this atrocity does happen in our City, supporting the efforts of law enforcement.

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

Tax dollars shouldn't be the only thing Council considers. Quality of life and public safety come first. Develop public/private partnerships.