



Candidate Forum

January 29, 2024

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church
(500 Park Shore Dr, Naples, FL 34103)

This candidate forum is designed to engage community members in assessing the thoughts, priorities, and competency of Naples' future leaders. Candidates will be interviewed individually about their views and plans to address relevant issues affecting the residents of the GSBN/Park Shore/Moorings area and the entire city of Naples.

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Questions for the Mayor

It would seem that all three candidates are highlighting the same or very similar priorities. What would you describe as the most important differences between your vision and the other candidates for Mayor?

The City is facing very large and rapidly escalating costs for necessary resiliency infrastructure in the years ahead. How should the City prioritize and fund these projects?

Many residents believe Council meetings have gone on interminably long in recent years, at 3mes 10 or more hours. As the presiding officer over those meetings, what concrete measures would you take to reverse this trend?

It would appear that it is taking an excessively long time for major projects within the City to reach the finish line, e.g., the NCH Heart Institute, the Naples Beach Club, and the stormwater beach outfall project. If elected, what specific steps would you take to improve the process?

What does the City, working in conjunction with the County, need to do, both short-term and long-term, to ensure that our shoreline is more resilient when the next big storm hits our area?

Our residents are aware that the water quality in Vene3an/ Moorings Bay has markedly deteriorated. What steps would you take to reverse this trend?

The 42-foot height restriction in the City Charter was adopted by voters nearly a quarter century ago. Do you believe it continues to serve the community well? Why or why not? What about the building codes?

The Venetian Bay Seawall has been in poor condition for at least a decade. To date, only 700 feet have been rebuilt by the City. What will you do to make sure the remaining seawall is funded and repaired in an expedited manner?

With the rapid growth in the County, how will you work with the County Commission to minimize the negative impacts on the City?

**“WHAT WE HAVE CAN TOO
EASILY BE LOST”**

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take us backwards**

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***Mayor Teresa Heitmann Responded to the
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- Proven Leader, Truthful, Independent, Solidly Pro-Resident.
- Corrected practice of deviating from our commercial building codes up to 99% of the time. Deviations allow more intense, dense commercial development than our laws allow.
- Advanced environmental initiatives ignored for too long.
- Improved transparency and citizen engagement.
- Corrected a decade of deficient investment in safety. The City of Naples is now the “Safest in the Country”.*
- Restored the Critical Balance of Commercial and Residential Interests that preserves a vibrant economy, excellent quality of life, and healthy environment.

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*US News and World Report

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GARY PRICE

FOR
NAPLES MAYOR

Putting Residents First

As a longtime resident, business owner, and former city councilman, Gary has the experience and know-how to get to work for you. His deep commitment to our community and collaborative approach will help us achieve the best results for Naples and our residents.

Gary has a proven record of success. He improved our water quality, enhanced the city's storm resilience, demonstrated sound fiscal management, and led the creation of Baker Park.

And, when the current mayor and city council attacked our property rights, Gary knew he had to throw his hat into the ring for mayor. Gary will fight for us and our rights.

VOTE

EARLY VOTE:

Saturday, March 9th –
Saturday, March 16th

ELECTION DAY:

Tuesday, March 19th



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GARY PRICE

RESIDENTS FIRST

PRESERVE OUR PROPERTY RIGHTS

Our individual rights are sacred – but the current mayor and council repeatedly attack them. Gary Price will stop the assault on our property rights. He'll treat us and our businesses fairly. Gary is a two-time Home Rule Hero Award winner.

INVEST IN POLICE AND FIRE SAFETY

Gary will make sure Naples has the highest-quality, top-of-the-line public service operations to keep you safe. This means investing in our first responders, and making sure they have every resource they need. Gary will secure officers their own vehicles to decrease response times and streamline logistics.

RESTORE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The current mayor and city council voted to increase our property taxes, creating an additional financial burden on our families. Gary believes it's time to restore fiscal sanity to our government.

PROVIDE THE BEST HEALTHCARE

Gary supports the creation of the NCH Heart Institute. Our residents deserve world class health care options, and our city council has kicked the can down the road for too long. If the time comes that you need these services, having them here in Naples could be lifesaving.

VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH



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Questions for Council Candidates

The Charter defines the roles of the Council and the City Manager. What do you see as the dividing line between Council and Staff in running the City? How will you avoid micromanaging?

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Coach **BILL** **KRAMER**

FOR NAPLES CITY COUNCIL

Honest Leadership, Proven Results



For Our Health

Championing the addition of the NCH Heart Institute, Bill believes in ensuring access to quality healthcare for every member of our community. Naples deserves state-of-the-art medical facilities.



For Our Homes

Committed to defending residents from government overreach that restricts property rights. Bill is a champion for freedoms and believes in prioritizing the rights of Naples homeowners.



For Our City

Bill knows that a united city is a strong city. He will inspire a culture where people work together, mending relationships with community leaders and investment partners to restore a neighborly culture in Naples.



For Our Resources

As a steward of resources, Bill is committed to proper management, ensuring nothing goes to waste on his watch. His vision is to preserve and enhance Naples' natural beauty for future generations.

Early Voting: March 9th – 16th, 2024

Election Day: March 19th, 2024

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Coach **BILL** **KRAMER**

FOR NAPLES CITY COUNCIL

Honest Leadership, Proven Results

As a servant leader, *Bill Kramer has worked diligently for Naples for over 25 years.* His deep-rooted relationships and commitment to our community will allow him to hit the ground running as a member of our City Council.

The experience of being a leader in education and sports helped form Bill's leadership style. *Bill believes in making a difference, which is why he dedicated himself to community service and bettering our community and its youth.*

Bill's legendary community service has earned him local and national recognition. His passion for making a difference is unmatched. A loving husband to Susan, a proud father of four daughters, and a star coach to athletes, Bill understands the importance of family and community bonds.

- ✓ Former Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Football Coach at Naples High School
- ✓ Collier County Area Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- ✓ President of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association

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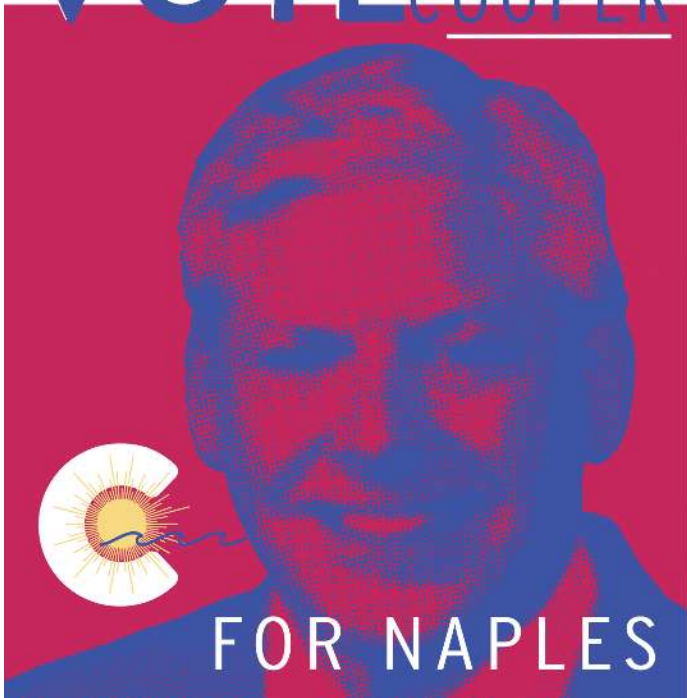


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VOTE GAREY
COOPER



FOR NAPLES CITY COUNCIL

Gary Cooper understands that Naples is a special, beautiful place to live, work, and play. Because of our year-round sunny climate and the fact we have always been a safe, secure community, many have chosen to retire here.

ON OUR CITY COUNCIL,
GAREY COOPER WILL WORK TIRELESSLY TO:

- DEMAND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TOTAL INTEGRITY IN CITY AFFAIRS
- MAINTAIN A FOCUS ON QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SENIORS AND RETIREES
- PROTECT OUR HOMES AND BUSINESSES FROM CRIME
- PROMOTE POLICIES THAT ENSURE THAT OUR PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS AND PERSONAL FREEDOMS ARE UPHOLD

In 2024, it's High Noon in Naples when you cast your vote for:

GAREY COOPER

I'M **GAREY**
COOPER

IT'S HIGH NOON IN NAPLES

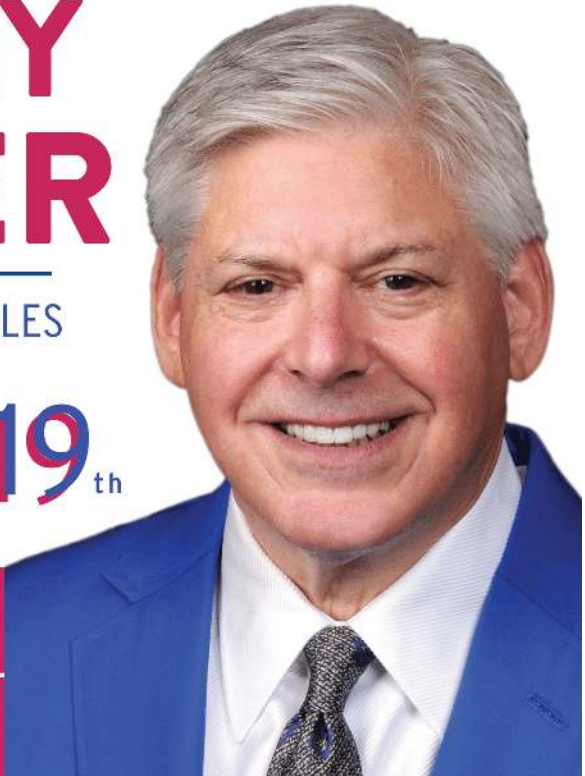
and it's time to make an impact

BEFORE SUNDOWN **MARCH 19th**

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FOR NAPLES CITY COUNCIL

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BERNE BARTON

Focused on Naples

Deep Roots in Naples

Berne Barton is a true son of Naples. Born in Naples Community Hospital, Berne is committed to protecting and preserving Naples' unique charm. His educational journey began in Naples Public Schools, and after college, Berne co-founded his own business and started his family.

Family Man

Berne is happily married to his wife, Audra, who has taught in Collier County Public Schools for 28 years. He is the father of two adult children, Jackson and Rebecca. Berne wants to help keep Naples a great place to raise a family while embracing controlled and planned growth.

Community Minded

Berne is deeply involved in the Naples community. He's spent nearly 30 years working in the insurance industry. From helping people prepare for life's changes during his workday to volunteering after hours, Berne is dedicated to helping his neighbors.

VOTE
BERNE
BARTON
FOR NAPLES CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 19TH, 2024
OR VOTE EARLY
MARCH 9TH - 16TH



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BERNE BARTON

Focused on Our Future

Public Safety

Berne will attract and retain the best talent in law enforcement and medical services. He knows the strength of our community relies on the people who protect it and will make sure our first responders have what they need to do their jobs.

Strategic Development

Berne believes long-term city planning is the best way to create successful growth. He will work with residents, businesses, and experts to develop a plan that works for Naples now and in the future. He hopes to create a vibrant, walkable downtown that helps local businesses thrive.

Preserve Naples' Charm

Berne believes that we don't have to give up Naples' charm for the city to grow. He is dedicated to protecting our waterways, green spaces, and property rights. He will make sure development aligns with community needs and doesn't affect the things that make Naples so special.



LINDA PENNIMAN

for Naples City Council

"An Independent Trusted Leader"

Dear Residents, Friends and Neighbors,

In mid-December, I filed for a seat on City Council.

I feel that I am eminently well qualified for this job because I served on the Naples City Council from 2014 to 2019, two years of which I served as Vice Mayor.



I know Naples well. I started coming here with our family in 1976 when my sister moved here. We purchased a home in the Moorings in 2000.

Shortly after moving here, I got involved in the Moorings Property Owners Association and subsequently served as its chair. I ran for the first time for City Council-unopposed; ran again in 2018 and served until 2019 when I made the choice of resigning in order to address some complicated health concerns of my husband's. Those were resolved in due time; he is very healthy and I am ready to serve again.

Other than City Council, I have also served on the Planning Advisory Board for the City and the Coastal Advisory Board for the County ... 1 year as chair. While on Council, I also served on the Metropolitan Planning Organization - for a period as its Vice Chair.

Why am I running now? For a number of reasons: When on City Council there were a number of items in which I was deeply interested; many have not been completed: My second meeting on Council, there was a proposal to take dirty storm water and dump it into the Gulf ... not until it is cleaned up was my admonition to the City. 5 years almost to the day, they are about to flip the switch on that project. Storm water treatments ponds still need attention. Let's finish the few that are left but be sure we are cleaning several at a time in order to cut back on costs. Currently, the city is working its way through the proposal presented by NCH for a heart institute. This will go to City Council at some point soon. I agree with the outcome of the vote of the Planning Board ... get the shovels in the ground to begin to build the Institute but resolve the parking so as not to place a burden in anyway on the contiguous neighbors. The lack of workforce housing could begin to have a strangle hold on this area if not addressed. Plans are in place to address this issue as a community; let's support that effort in every way possible.

The airport is looking at the possibility of finding another location. Should that fail, let's all sit down like the reasonable people we are and try to solve this problem of jet noise ... as a community.

The city, in my opinion, could use an Urban Design Specialist. Let's find one; a good one.

I am anxious to serve the people of Naples again and hope that my experience in the City as a public servant will encourage you to vote for Linda Penniman on March 19, 2024 for Naples City Council.

I am anxious to serve this community again.

Linda

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VOTE FOR LINDA PENNIMAN FOR CITY COUNCIL

★ WELL QUALIFIED - SERVED ON CITY COUNCIL FROM 2014-2019
 • TWO YEARS AS VICE MAYOR.

★ CITY RESIDENT SINCE 2000 - KNOW THE CITY WELL
 ★ A TRUSTED PUBLIC SERVANT AND INDEPENDENT THINKER.

SERVED ON VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS:

- ★ City of Naples Planning Advisory Board
- ★ County Coastal Advisory Committee (former chair)
- ★ Metropolitan Planning Organization (former vice chair)

OUR ISSUES AS I SEE THEM:

- Prioritize resiliency of our shores to mitigate power of storms.
- Work with FDOT to redirect Highway 41 traffic to alternate routes to 41 East.
- Finish dredging stormwater treatment ponds-evaluate efficacy of chemical treatments.
- All new parking lots should be pervious-explore seriously making new pool decks pervious.
- Downtown parking-free for residents-charge for visitors.
- Consult with the City of Miami on underground parking.
- Identify land in the City that could be used for Workforce Housing-take a serious look at numerous studies having to do with the conversion of strip malls.
- Explore the possibility of greater density in the George Washington Carver/Jasmine Cay apartment area.
- Explore pocket parks for storm water attenuation.
- Continue to work closely with the airport on noise issues and curfew violations and moving the flight school to Immokalee.



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Foster a Culture of
Fiscal Responsibility.



Protect Home Rule.



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TONY PEREZ-BENITOA

An Independent Leader Who Wants to Help

Tony's story begins with a passion for serving others.

He's a successful Board Certified Marital and Family Law attorney and Supreme Court Certified Mediator.

Helping others is what Tony does. That's why he's running for city council.

Tony serves as a member of the District 8 Human Rights Advocacy Committee, on the Board of Directors for Safe Children-Strong Families, and as a beloved head coach for Naples High's boys' varsity soccer team.

Bringing out the best in himself and others is one of the foundational drivers in Tony's life.

Tony knows there's always room to grow, and he'll bring that principled vision to city hall.

Tony and his wife Chelon are proud parents of two wonderful children. As our city councilman, he'll find common ground with everyone and **build the Naples we deserve.**

TONY
PEREZ * BENITOA
FOR NAPLES CITY COUNCIL

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TONY PEREZ-BENITOA

For the Naples We Deserve

He's running to listen. He's ready to help.



Keeping Neighborhoods Safe

As an attorney with a deep respect for the written law, Tony understands our safety begins by supporting our police and firefighters.



Protecting Homeowners

From holding the line on property taxes to defending our individual property rights, Tony will be a champion for homeowners and is committed to defending individual liberty.



Improving Public Health

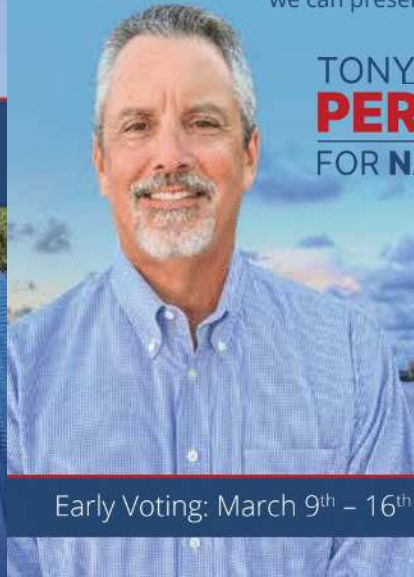
Tony passionately believes quality healthcare should be accessible to every member of our community. That's why he supports the creation of the NCH Heart Institute.



Preserving Local Resources

Building Naples into the city we deserve requires common-sense management of our resources. With Tony's leadership and vision, we can preserve our city's beauty.

TONY
PEREZ * BENITOA
FOR NAPLES CITY COUNCIL



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ELECTION DAY
**MARCH
19TH**

TIPS TO PREPARE FOR THE 2024 NAPLES ELECTIONS



Check Your Voter Registration Status

Make sure you are registered to vote. You can check your [voter registration status at https://registertovoteflorida.gov/home](https://registertovoteflorida.gov/home)



Request a Vote by Mail Ballot

Voting by mail is an easy and convenient way to vote. Voters do not need an excuse to cast their ballot by mail. ALL Vote-by-Mail requests from 2022 have expired. You must register for 2024 to receive a ballot. [Request a vote by mail ballot at https://www.colliervotes.gov/Voters/Vote-by-Mail](https://www.colliervotes.gov/Voters/Vote-by-Mail)



Get to Know Your Candidates

Research the candidates running for office. Look at their platforms, voting records, and endorsements to help you make your decision. Attend the [February 8th Naples Candidates Forum](#) to hear from the Mayoral and City Council Candidates in person.



Voting Locations & Hours for City of Naples Residents

Find your polling location ahead of time. You can find the nearest [early voting locations at https://www.colliervotes.gov/Election-Info/Vote-Early](https://www.colliervotes.gov/Election-Info/Vote-Early) and [Election Day locations at https://www.colliervotes.gov/Voters/Find-My-Precinct](https://www.colliervotes.gov/Voters/Find-My-Precinct)



Bring Your Voter ID

Make sure you bring a valid form of identification with you to the polls. This can include a driver's license, passport, or other government-issued ID. [Find a list of all accepted ID's at https://www.colliervotes.gov/Voters/Identification-Requirements](https://www.colliervotes.gov/Voters/Identification-Requirements)

We hope these election voting tips have been helpful.

Remember, every vote counts!

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ELECTION CALENDAR

Presidential Preference Primary, Naples Mayor & City Council

Election Day	March 19	7 am to 7 pm
Early Voting*	March 9-16	10 am to 6 pm

Primary Election: State and Federal Primaries

Election Day	August 20	7 am to 7 pm
Early Voting*	August 10-17	10 am to 6 pm

General Election

Election Day	November 5	7 am to 7 pm
Early Voting*	Oct 21-Nov 2	10 am to 6 pm

*Early Voting dates, times and locations are subject to change.



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