<u>Candidate Responses – Orange County School Board</u>

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Question 1: Position Seeking:

SP: School Board

Question 2: Have You Previously Held this Position?

SP: Yes

Question 2A: If yes, for how many years?

SP: 12

Question 3: Will you be attending the August 23, 2023, Orange County Candidate Showcase?

SP: Yes

Question 4: How will you foster relationships between businesses and the school community?

SP: By continuing working closely and collaborative with partners engaging with boots on the ground seeing and learning, listening, the needs of our business.

Question 5: Over the years, minority representation has decreased relative to administration and teaching staff. There is a growing concern among the African American community relative to the issue. What would be your proposal to help bridge the gap?

SP: Stronger engagement with the African American community and working to help alleviate some of road blocks such as financial help, mentorship's,

Question 6: Our youth are our future. Agricultural education and organizations such as FFA plug students into the pathways available to grow, supply, and create within the agricultural sector. How would you like to see agricultural education be best supported in Orange County Public Schools? Are you in favoring of continuing these programs; what changes, if any, would you like to see? What experience do you have working with said programs?

SP: First by advocating for more space!!! And by using the local resources we have like the farmers in the area. We have opportunities to put kids in places to learn first hand. I will and always will be in favor of enhancing our programs to meet the needs of all invested..etc students, community partners,

Question 7: Please further explain your interest in a position with our local School Board. What is your connection to Orange County Public Schools?

SP: I have already worked hard to build a working relationship with the Board of Supervisors, School Officials, Sheriff's office, Fire/ EMS and in which I will continue to advocate for all students to provide a safe, learning space with all available resources at the state, local and federal level.

Question 8: What is your stance on CTE education and internship opportunities in the community and how will you support these efforts?

SP: I'm a firm believer not all students are college bound and they need skills to be successful and have a profitable life. I will advocate for continued internships with community partners that affords those opportunities.

Question 9: What do you consider to be the greatest needs of the Orange County Public Schools that the School Board can resolve? If elected, what would be your top priority?

SP: Funding, CTE, more classroom space and they all three go hand in hand. And they are all top priority.