

JENNIFER HOLLY GROGAN

Candidate, Citrus County Board of County Commission — District 4

Opening Introduction to the Pine Ridge Property Owners Association

Dear Pine Ridge Neighbors,

I am seeking the office of County Commissioner because I believe Citrus County deserves leadership that puts its citizens first. I want to protect the values that have made our community a great place to live while planning wisely for the future.

I support slow, strategic growth that protects our quality of life instead of uncontrolled development. I believe our tax dollars should be spent responsibly, government should be transparent and accountable, and elected officials should listen to the people they represent.

One issue that especially motivates me is public safety. I believe our county jail should be operated by the Sheriff's Office rather than a private, for-profit company, so the focus is on serving the community instead of generating profits.

I am not running for a title. I am running to be a voice for the people of District 4, to ask the tough questions, make informed decisions, and leave Citrus County stronger for future generations. My goal is to serve with integrity, common sense, and a commitment to the citizens who call this county home.

With respect,

Jennifer Holly Grogan

RESPONSES — JENNIFER HOLLY GROGAN, DISTRICT 4

1. Campaign Contributions

Everyday citizens cannot out-give developers, and they should never have to. I disclose every dollar, and my vote costs the same to a five-dollar donor as a thousand-dollar one, nothing.

2. Serving Both Seniors and Younger Residents

Citrus County's strength is that it is home to both assisted-living residents and the next generation of families and workers. I don't believe we have to choose one over the other—we need policies that serve both.

One of my long-term goals is to encourage innovative workforce development that also serves our senior community. I would love to see a trade school developed alongside an assisted living community, creating opportunities for both generations to help one another.

3. Protecting Foundational Taxpayers

The people who paid into Citrus County for decades should not subsidize the cost of someone else's growth. Foundational taxpayers get earned consideration first, and new development pays for the demands it creates. That is fairness, and it is the whole of my platform.

4. Growth Management and Oversight

The Land Development Code is a promise to property owners, not a wish list developers get to amend at will. Real oversight puts the burden on the applicant to prove a genuine community benefit in open hearings where

resident input actually counts, no wholesale changes to community master plans slipped through quietly. I opposed the recent heavy-industrial rezoning for exactly this reason.

5. Increasing Traffic and Public Safety

The Suncoast interchange at CR 486 brings traffic this area was not built for, and public safety has to keep pace. I will work with the Sheriff's Office on the enforcement and resources Pine Ridge needs, and insist that growth-driven safety costs are funded by growth — not pulled from residents already here.

6. Equestrian Safety

Safety at the Pine Ridge and Mustang Boulevard crossings calls for a defined, joint effort — the County and our State Representative coordinating on signage, crossing improvements, and enforcement, with the Pine Ridge POA at the table. Not finger-pointing between levels of government; one shared plan with names on it.

7. Road Paving Improvement

I will push for transparent, published prioritization criteria so that a 'low-density' label is not used to send this community to the back of the line year after year.

8. Preserving Natural Resources, Bird Sanctuary and Ecosystem

I believe we should partner with the Pine Ridge POA and the State to formally identify these resources and lock their protected status into the record.

9. Water Resources and Growth

Our aquifers and springs do not refill on our timeline, and once they are compromised, money cannot buy them back. I will use the BMAP stakeholder role to defend them, and I will insist developer impact fees reflect the true burden new growth places on our water and infrastructure. Growth pays its way.

10. Funding Essential Services

As the population grows, police, fire, EMS, healthcare, and education must grow with it, funded primarily by growth paying its fair share through honest impact fees and sound budgeting, not by repeatedly raising the load on foundational taxpayers. The future should not be financed on the backs of the people already here.

BONUS QUESTION

An extension of my constituency, without hesitation. I work for the neighbors who elect me, not the bureaucracy I am elected to oversee. My job is to hold the government accountable to the people, keep my word, and remember whose county this is. My yes is yes, and my no is no.