

My Story :

First and Foremost, I want to say THANK YOU to ALL out there that have been sending supportive messages .

2nd, I want to say I am truly sorry this happened while at a press conference , and should have never happened there . So my sincere apologies, to that person . It was not about me. This was your time to shine .

I am and always will be as transparent as possible . So right about now I am assuming you have read the campaign smearing that happened on Friday. Yes I know where it came from and who wrote it.

I will never call that business out or that person ,s out . Nor will I smear my opponents name or the other parties name. Its not about a competition , it is for the best of the district and who the people choose .

So lets back up a little . I am from Virginia, yes I, am 50 and I moved to Florida with my mother in the mid 80's. Prior to that I went to private school Monfort Academy. Upon moving to Fla to live with my mom and her mother due to a divorce . Yes I have siblings . I went to Moore Mickins Middle School then to Pasco Middle School and Pasco Comprehensive High School . I was a nerd didn't have many friends. read a lot and was teased as a teen for being tall . I tried basketball , to see if I was any good . So yes I played basketball , from middle school and on . and Yes I had 2 scholarships and had to take a year off between the 2 colleges . My first degree was in criminology ,after school. I shattered my left knee and knew that would end my career in law enforcement, so while healing took about 2 years I went back to school for nursing . LOVED IT . Fast forward I found a passion for medicine . In 2006 I was diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer . I had chemo and radiation from a 12.7 tumor on my ovary and while I was going thru something medical I could not work in the medical field . it was to much So I went to work at Disney as a life guard and very good friends with Goofy . For about 2 years seasonally .I always wanted to know what they did well .

I started a non for profit 501C3 called (C.A.R.E. For Women Foundation) which raised money for women who could not afford pelvic exams .also a company called MEDCRX Medical Concierge for medical billing and electronic portal services . Both were sold . C.A.R.E. was not listed in the article , so I wanted to keep everything in perspective . I did work for a media research company as well .

At this time I had medical school bills and a house to pay for. I am a single gay women with no double income to support me . so I worked 2 jobs . No shame

I found a passion , for legislation I joined the caucus and was very fortunate to find a home to learn about legislation and the mentors , that gave the directions to learn .within the Democratic Party LOVED IT . Remember I said I was a nerd. I learned to write bills and network and understand what it was all about . I never thought I was cut out to run for a seat , bit was told many times over .

So in Sept 2018 I bought a house in Seminole County , a 4/3 , so when my mother needs a place to come to later in life she will never have to go to a nursing home , While getting my affairs in order. I decided to take leap of faith. In March I filled for House District 28 .

My campaign mission is to work on Education Healthcare , Environmental and Union. I know I need to build my networks along the way ,since I am new to the area and I will .

I did think about shutting down my campaign after this attack I was not ready for it . I am not going to do that . I have a passion for legislation, apparently not up to snuff on campaigning but I am learning . I am MOVING FORWARD .

With all that is said , I will make a promise to you . If you wish for me to return your donation to my campaign I will do that with no question .

I do not play dirty politics and never will .

If I win wonderful , I will serve my district to the best of my ability and will be asking a lot of questions along the way . I will have an open door policy for my district for the community to come and speak to me . I will not tolerate hate or discrimination. If I don't win that's ok,,, I tried

I will be seeking an attorney, for a Cease and Desist and ask for Redaction on the latest accusations against me .

With Much Respect

Elizabeth McCarthy