

CANDIDATE PLEDGE FOR A RESILIENT JACKSONVILLE



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Hurricane Irma was a wakeup call for Jacksonville. The historic flooding was shocking. The property loss, economic impact, and human toll were heartbreaking.

Unfortunately, scientists are predicting slower and more intense storms, further increasing the risk to low-lying communities like ours.

- Northeast Florida Regional Council recommends planning for rising waters of 1 to 3 feet by 2060.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects an increase in water levels in the river by up to 12% during smaller, “high frequency” storms within the next 5 years.

Other major cities throughout the country are focused on becoming more resilient and better equipped for a future of rising waters.

Our time to act is now by:

- Protecting our natural defenses (wetlands and buffers) and restoring tributaries;
- Implementing green stormwater infrastructure, such as bioswales, rain gardens, and urban trees;
- Improving the permitting process to reduce and mitigate flooding impacts to neighbors, waterways, and public infrastructure

PLEASE TAKE THE CANDIDATE PLEDGE TO CREATE A MORE RESILIENT JACKSONVILLE.

I, _____, pledge to support a City-led analysis of flood risk and public infrastructure vulnerability, and the implementation of an action plan to protect our waterways and citizens from property damage and rising waters.

Signature

Date

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