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Re: Questions and request for comment for publication

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Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 9:27 PM

To: Brandi Gabbard <vote4brandigabbard@gmail.com>, tom@rask.com

Tom, after consideration of your questions listed here I wanted to let you know I have no response.

Thank you,
Brandi Gabbard

On Feb 11, 2017 6:27 PM, "Brandi Gabbard" <vote4brandigabbard@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: "Tom Rask" <tom@rask.com>

Date: Feb 11, 2017 12:57 PM

Subject: Questions and request for comment for publication

To: <reachme@brandi4stpete.com>

Cc:

Ms. Gabbard,

TampaBayGuardian.Com is working on an article about your political campaign.

Please answer the below questions by close of business Monday, February 13th (or sooner if possible). Should you also have comments in addition to answers to questions, we are happy to receive them.

Thank you in advance.

Here are the questions:

1/ On your personal Facebook page, you chose to go by the name "Brandi Gabbard Kunard", yet you are running as "Brandi Gabbard". Two questions about this:

a/ Your legal name was apparently "Brandi Jo Gabbard" as late as 2011. What is your legal name today?

b/ If your current name is "Brandi Gabbard Kunard", then what made you decide to run as "Brandi Gabbard"?

To be clear, the reason we ask questions about your name is so that voters can research your past, if they are so inclined. Having researched your past myself, I don't expect them to find anything other than two traffic tickets (these will not be mentioned in the article).

2/ In a [recent interview](#) with SaintPetersBlog.Com, you reportedly made some statements

which we have questions about.

a/ You were asked for your "impression of the Kriseman era.", and your answer was "I have no comment on the mayor." Does your answer mean you will not comment on any actions the mayor has taken or not taken? Whether that be on sewage issues, the Pier, the move of the Pride parade or anything else.

b/ You said about Greenlight Pinellas that "the ballot amendment could have been written better". Who do you hold responsible for not writing "better" verbiage so that the voters could better understand the question before them? Do you hold PSTA attorney Alan Zimmet responsible? He wrote the proposed the ballot language. Or do you hold the county commissioners responsible? They voted to place it on the ballot.

c/ In calling Greenlight Pinellas a "ballot amendment", are you saying Greenlight Pinellas was a proposed county charter amendment? If not, what did you mean by your characterization?

d/ You also indicated that Greenlight failed because voters didn't understand what Greenlight Pinellas was about ("if people can't understand it [the ballot amendment], then the automatic response is typically no.").

As you know, PRO had a substantial investment of time and money in the passage of Greenlight Pinellas. Did you or PRO raise these objections about comprehensibility of the ballot language *before* the vote took place on November 4, 2014?

Why did you or PRO not sue to have the voting halted (or thrown out after the fact) if your view is that people "can't understand" the ballot language?

3/ On your campaign website, you have no information about yourself and no policy positions.

a/ Why is that?

b/ You provide no information about your policy positions on your campaign website, so then why should people vote for you when ? Your door hanger says "my commitment is to work together to tackle challenges head on". Don't voters deserve to know what challenges you plan to tackle, and what policy outcomes you seek?

My direct number is [727.710.2800](tel:727.710.2800) should anything be unclear. Call anytime.

Again, thank you in advance for responding to our questions.

Regards,

Tom Rask

