

Saga Stevin

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Name	Saga Stevin
Office Seeking	Mayor
Do you currently reside in the district?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Years lived in Lakeland?	Raised here, moved back full time 1 year ago.
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Party Affiliation	Republican
Education	<p>Graduated Kathleen, toured with Up With People, some formal college. PhD in the Road Scholar school of Life.</p> <p>Certified in Phlebotomy, Naturopath Dietician, Platelet Rich Plasma Training for Aesthetic and Medical Uses, The Orthobiologics PRP and Restorative Medicine Symposium, Micro Needling / Collagen Induction Therapy , and former NRA Certified Trainer.</p> <p>Semi Finalist in the MN Cup - the largest state wide business competition in America.</p> <p>Published Author, Active Equestrian, Life Long Entrepreneur. Starting my first business at 8 with the goal of buying a horse was successful. Since then life has been a long and winding journey. Always love to learn, with a passion for clean, natural, healthy living and helping others by making it as simple as possible. And yes, I am still into horses.</p> <p>My education continues daily.</p>
Occupation	PRP Specialist
Employer	Self /
Have you attended a Public Leadership Institute/Political Leadership Institute (hosted by a Chamber of Commerce or Economic Development Council)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> signed up for Sept 15 - 17 2021

Have you ever run for office before?

No

Describe your civic involvement:

Meeting with leaders of our City, Elected Officials, Law Enforcement, Business and Community professionals, Neighborhood Association Leaders and fellow Entrepreneurs.

Doing my best to get to know as many constituents from all areas that make up the uniquely beautiful city of Lakeland. It is enriching to hear their stories and what brought them to Lakeland and what keeps them here. Most importantly - what is important to them.

List any Boards on which you serve, including positions of leadership

Board of Directors with Citizens Council for Health Freedom and the Polk Education Foundation.

Describe your political involvement:

Have helped on several state wide campaigns canvassing, lit drops, phone banking. Helping set up fund raising events, meet and greets, and overpass flag waving.

Why are you running for office?

Lakeland is my home, this is where I was raised, and my family is still here. I lived in Minneapolis - it was a beautiful city with so many good people. I witnessed the systematic destruction of a once vibrant and wonderful city. I love Lakeland and do not ever want that to happen to my beloved hometown.

I am running because the Lakeland I know and love has a target on it. Because holding fast to our God-given rights, protected by the Constitution, and saving our American way of life starts at the local level.

I am running because I love Lakeland and want to keep Lakeland, Lakeland.

I.

Support and champion growing the Lakeland Police Department (LPD). The LPD at one time was esteemed throughout FL. Currently, with a fresh contract good for only a short year and a half, recruiting is not as easy as it once was.

Our LPD is short staffed. There are positions we need to fill and add so we can keep Lakeland protected from all threats that are continuing to grow and creep in.

II.

I continue to ask my constituents their top issues. Many have mentioned the rapid growth and zoning issues, Fla Ave Road Diet, Homeless, and Water quality. It's about them and what they want.

III.

Ditto number 2. I will continue asking and see what needs the most attention as I dig deeper.

Rank the following as you see their current order of importance for the City of Lakeland:

1: Reducing taxes and government spending

2: Improving public safety

3: Improving roads and infrastructure

4: Improving parks and recreational facilities

During an economic downturn, how should the Lakeland City

Cut Spending

Increase fees for services

Commission handle increasing and decreasing City tax revenues caused by the normal economic cycle? You may check more than one choice. Depending on your choice/choices, please state what you would cut and what you would increase.

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What do you believe are the main issues facing Lakeland's downtown urban core?

How are some ways government can encourage and support entrepreneurship?

What is your opinion on government providing incentives to businesses?

How can the City of Lakeland help attract and retain a vibrant and talented workforce?

Just as each person knows best where they could save money in their own home if needed - so to should the department heads know where dollars could be saved. I would ask them.

As to increasing fees for services - if it was truly warranted it would be a consideration.

**Parking and
The Homeless**

Stay out of the way. Let the entrepreneur run their own business as best as they see fit. Let them work with local business leaders to learn and grow. Equal opportunity for all.

Depends on the incentives. Are they economically sound? Are they equal opportunity for all? Are they on a level playing field?

Keep the city a safe place to live, raise a family, work and play. In this era lifestyle balance is sought after. Lakeland is a unique city with a fantastic central location!

Lakeland is built on a solid conservative family oriented base. Let's champion those who excel, those who create, and those who work hard.

A stellar Police Department, smaller government and a bigger community would work well.
