

# Save Folly's Future

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## **Civic Club Candidate Forum Highlights Major Differences**

**Candidates: Skip Fink and Jody Lynn Rogers**

**Deana Dockery - Moderator**

**View on YouTube - 69 minutes**

**Search: "YouTube Folly Beach Civic Club Presents"  
Or use Link Below**

## **Candidate Forum in a Nutshell**

- The candidates were in general agreement on flooding, traffic, parking, noise, pedestrian safety and code enforcement issues.
- Nearly all the differences circled back to one overriding issue, Investment Short Term Rentals (ISTRs).

## **Candidate's Websites Reinforce Differences**

- The candidates have vastly different campaign platforms.
- Jody Lynn Rogers devotes 1/3 of her platform to domestic issues and 2/3 to proposals that would drastically increase the number of ISTRs.
- Fink uses 99% of his campaign platform to offer a view of Folly's future that's filled with domestic improvement proposals.

# Candidates Disagree on Most Things Related to ISTRs

## Skip Fink

1. Signed Citizen's Petition.
2. Voted YES for Referendum.
3. Believes 2020 Census is accurate.  
(Census data was used by SFF to determine population loss.) (27:40)
4. **"We can agree to disagree.....I see people that have lots of options to plan accordingly to retire to live here, but to have unlimited STRs, ...is not in the best interest of the community"**  
( Forum Video 30:10)
5. Opposed to Rogers' **Conversion Option Proposal** to allow 4% pre-cap owners to get an ISTR license on demand.
6. Opposed to Rogers' **One Time Waiver Proposal** for pre-cap owners to sell their home to a buyer that would be eligible to apply for an ISTR License.
7. Absolutely opposed to Rogers' idea to let non-residents vote in Folly Beach elections, no matter the issue.  
(Forum Video 45:36)

## Jody Lynn Rogers

1. Did not sign Citizen's Petition.
2. Voted No for Referendum.
3. Questions the accuracy of 2020 Census.  
(Census data was used by SFF to determine population loss.) (Video 26:10)
4. **"I feel like the cap was not fair to people who lived and owned property on the island before the cap was passed and so I was strongly advocating and still will continue to advocate for amendments to be fair to people that owned property before the cap was passed."** (Rogers' Website & Video 33:07)
5. Believes "pre-cap property owners taxed at 4% should be given the **option to convert to 6%** and get an ISTR license."  
(Rogers' website & Forum Video 33:50)
6. Believes "pre-cap owners should get a **one-time waiver** to sell their home to a buyer that would be eligible to apply for an ISTR license, at least for 72 days."  
(Rogers' website & Forum Video 34:00)
7. Supports letting non-residents vote in Folly Beach elections "on something that affects their property."  
(Forum Video 44:00)

# On The Record

## From Jody Lynn Rogers' Website

View entire website at: [jodylynnrogers4folly.com](http://jodylynnrogers4folly.com) or Use Link Below

“There is no denying that one year after the STR cap passed, deep divisions remain among our friends and neighbors. Council has made some progress in amending the STR cap, but more work is necessary to be fair to the 47% of residents who opposed it.”

- “Many of our neighbors have had their retirement and inheritance plans derailed, and most of us have seen our most significant asset devalued with the post-cap decline in home sales. And there is still a lack of LTR housing for people who serve the island.”
- “Pre-cap owners should get a one-time waiver to sell their home to a buyer that would be eligible to apply for an STR license, at least for 72 days (LSTR).”
- “Pre-cap property owners taxed at 4% should be given the option to convert to 6% and get an ISTR license if they choose.”

## From Skip Fink's Website

View entire website at: [skip4folly.com](http://skip4folly.com) or Use Link Below

“Over a year ago, Folly residents voted to pass a referendum to limit investment STRs to 800 and I support the outcome of the citizen vote. I supported the referendum as well as our Council's current efforts to improve upon it via the amendment process...”

*“Let's press forward together”*

*“other important ‘big picture’ issues are facing Folly”*

- **“Improving public safety is paramount.** This includes enhancing emergency services, implementing effective traffic management strategies, and ensuring our parking infrastructure meets the needs of both residents and visitors without compromising the town's charm.”
- **“Addressing the housing needs of our workforce and long-term renters is critical.**  
I will work towards solutions that provide affordable housing options, ensuring that those who contribute to our community can also call it home.”
- **“Folly seniors are the heritage of our community,** many of which have been here for decades!  
I will seek to identify seniors' needs and work with our residents and City to create and support programs that help address seniors' needs.”
- **“Balancing the growth of local businesses with the sustainability of our community is crucial.**  
I aim to support business development that aligns with our community's values, fosters economic vitality, and contributes positively to our town's character, while keeping a keen eye on residents' livability.”

# **Folly Beach Special Election**

**For: One City Council Seat - April 23rd**

**Candidates - Skip Fink and Jody Lynn Rogers**

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## **Some of the Candidate's Public Events**

- **Saturday Morning - Odds are you will see one or both candidates across from the Post Office.**
- **April 7<sup>th</sup> - Jody Lynn Rogers / "Fair, Kind & Inclusive" / GOTV rally / Sunset Cay Ship Store / Sunday / 4-6pm**
- **TBA - Skip Fink - Coffee with Skip (Check Facebook for Date & Time)**
- **TBA - Skip Fink - Politics in the Park (Check Facebook for Date & Time)**
- **April 18<sup>th</sup> - Skip Fink / RALLY THE VOTE! / The Washout / 5-7 pm**

**Check Candidate's Facebook for more events & the most up to date info.**

# *From the Hill*

*SFF will have a table on the hill for the next three weeks. (Weather Permitting) Stop by for a new yard sign, stickers, fridge magnets or just to talk.*



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that Support the Cap**



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