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— SIZING UP CHRIS KING —

The Tampa Bay Times’ [interviewed](#) Winter Park businessman and gubernatorial candidate **Chris King** to see how he’s approaching the race against his daunting Democratic primary opponents, former Congresswoman **Gwen Graham** and former Miami Beach Mayor **Phillip Levine**.

The Times notes Tallahassee Mayor and gubernatorial candidate **Andrew Gillum** as “once the buzziest candidate,” but “now has an FBI corruption looming over his City Hall and the aura of a dead man walking.”



Sizing up Chris King, and his daunting task to become Florida Governor.

The interview provides insights into the relatively unknown King and the progressive businessman niche he’s trying to carve out for himself. His top

two priorities if elected? Ending sweeps of the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund and introducing tuition-free community college and trade school.

Oh, and he played against NBA legend **Vince Carter** in high school.

— On potentially dropping out of the race or shifting to another office: “I am an unconventional candidate. And I embrace that ... I’m running for Governor because that’s the office that can lead and execute a big new vision for our state.”

— On his uniqueness: “I’ve built a career around being a progressive entrepreneur — combining a business skill set to advance progressive goals.”

— On his strengths: “My candidacy represents a fresh vision for Florida, one that requires the sort of imagination that has been lacking in our party in recent decades.”

— On wild-card **John Morgan**: “I’d never underestimate John Morgan.”