



**AGENDA REPORT
February 26, 2019**

**Appointment of Members and Alternates to the Save Our Indian River
Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee**

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Members and Alternates to Vacant Seats on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 18-19 No Fiscal Impact

FY 19-20 No Fiscal Impact

DEPT/OFFICE:

Natural Resources Management

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners: (1) Review applications for volunteers to serve on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee (COC); (2) Consider promotion of Vinnie Taranto from the Technology Alternate seat to the Technology Member seat; (3) Rank candidates for the Board's vacant seats; and (4) Appoint the Alternates recommended by the Space Coast League of Cities for their vacant seats.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

On August 23, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 16-15 for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan and Trust Fund. The Ordinance called for establishment of a Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) to make recommendations to the County Commission regarding annual updates to the Save Our Indian River Project Plan that is funded by the half cent Save Our Indian River Lagoon sales tax. The COC structure consists of 7 members and 7 alternates representing 7 fields of expertise: Science, Technology, Economics/Finance, Real Estate, Education/Outreach, Tourism, and Lagoon Advocacy. Terms are for 2 years (expiring in February), after which members and alternates can be re-appointed or replaced.

Half of the COC is nominated by the Space Coast League of Cities and half the COC is selected by the County Commission, with all seats appointed by the County Commission. If replacement members or alternates are required, the entity who selected that member can upgrade the alternate to the member seat, choose a replacement from the existing pool of applicants, or request a new call for qualified citizen volunteers.

On November 12, 2018, the Space Coast League of Cities met and recommended that the County advertise for new citizens to fill vacancies left by volunteers who were not seeking reappointment, and also recommended that the County Commission re-appoint the following five members and alternates selected by the Space Coast League of Cities in 2016 and willing to serve another term:

Courtney Barker	Finance	Member
Stephany Eley	Education	Member
John Windsor	Lagoon Adv.	Member
Vinnie Taranto	Technology	Alternate
Charles Venuto	Science	Alternate

On December 4, 2018, the County Commission approved the re-appointments recommended by the Space Coast League of Cities and approved the following four re-appointments to the County Commission's member and alternate seats:

Lorraine Koss	Science	Member
David Lane	Tourism	Member
Terry Casto	Lagoon Adv.	Alternate
Todd Swingle	Finance	Alternate

The County Commission also approved promotion of Danielle Bowden (Real Estate Alternate) to the vacant Real Estate Member seat. This left two vacancies to be selected by the League of Cities and two vacancies to be ranked and appointed by the County Commission. The County Commission directed staff to advertise for new volunteers for these four vacancies and directed staff to invite 2016 applicants John Byron and John Luznar to reapply, if interested.

Two advertisements were placed in the Florida Today newspaper. Eleven applications were received. Five applications were received for the Commission's Technology member seat. Three applications were received for the Commission's Education/Outreach Alternate seat. Three applications were received for the League's Real Estate Alternate seat. Two applications were received for the League's Tourism Alternate seat. All applications are attached as well as a ranking matrix for use by the County Commissioners.

Commissioners will rank the top three applicants for Technology Member and Education/Outreach Alternate with number 1 as the top ranked candidate. Staff will tabulate the ranking scores during the meeting and report the results to the Commission for their appointment of the top ranked applicants.

The County Commission is also requested to appoint the Space Coast League of City's nominees to the Citizen Oversight Committee. On February 11, 2019, the League of Cities made the following selections:

Denise Basile	Real Estate	Alternate
Laurilee Thompson	Tourism	Alternate
John Luznar	Technology	Alternate

The League's Technology Alternate seat only needs to be filled if the County Commission chooses to promote Vinnie Taranto from the League's Alternate seat to the Commission's Member seat.

On December 4, 2018 the Board directed the County Attorney to research and bring back options to the Board that would clear any ambiguity contained in Section 17B. of Ordinance 16-15, as it relates to the Board's approval authority of candidates selected by the Space Coast League of Cities, including if the Board can modify the Ordinance where the Board does not have what amounts to ministerial duties for the League of Cities appointment selection process. The intent was to follow the current ordinance for 2019 appointments but consider ordinance revision options before the next appointment process.

CLERK TO THE BOARD INSTRUCTIONS:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ☐ **Ranking Matrix**
- ☐ **Section 17 of Ordinance No. 16-15**
- ☐ **Dennis Basile**
- ☐ **Robert Higgins**
- ☐ **John Luznar**
- ☐ **Pete Richiuso**
- ☐ **Vinnie Taranto**
- ☐ **Marguerita Engel**
- ☐ **Melissa Martin**
- ☐ **Kimberly Newton**
- ☐ **Jay Moynahan**
- ☐ **Laurilee Thompson**
- ☐ **Mitch Varnes**



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February 27, 2019

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Virginia Barker, Natural Resources Management Director

RE: Item J.1., Appointment of Members and Alternates to the 2019 Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Citizen Oversight Committee (COC)

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 26, 2019, reviewed applications for volunteers to serve on the 2019 SOIRL COC; approved the appointment of John Luznar as the Technology Member; approved the appointment of Melissa Martin as the Education/Outreach Alternate; approved the appointment of Dennis Basile as the Space Coast League of Cities Real Estate Alternate; and approved the appointment of Laurilee Thompson as the Space Coast League of Cities Tourism Alternate.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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County Commission Vacancies									
Order of Categories	Applicant Name	Resident - # of Years	Reference Letters	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Sum of Rank within each Field of Expertise
Technology (Member)									
	Basile, Dennis	50	1	4	2		2	3	11
	Higgins, Robert Paul "R.P."	23	1	3	3		4	2	12
	Luznar, John	19	1	2	1		3	1	7
	Richiuso, Pete	29	Disqualified/No Reference						
	Taranto, Vincent "Vinnie"	30	6	1	4		1	4	10
Education/Outreach (Alternate)									
	Marguerita Engel	39	1	1	1		3	3	8
	Melissa Martin	5	2	3	2		1	1	7
	Kimberly Newton	2.5	4	2	3		2	2	9

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	Basile, Dennis	50	1					1	1
	Luznar, John	19	1					1	
	Moynahan, Jay	20	2					2	2
Tourism (Alternate)									
	Thompson, Laurilee	65	3					3	1
	Varnes, Mitch	56	1					1	
Technology (Alternate Seat will be Vacant if Board promotes Vinnie Taranto to the vacant Member seat)									
	Basile, Dennis	50	1					1	
	Higgins, Robert Paul "R.P."	23	1					1	
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	Higgins, Robert Paul "R.P."	23					1	3
	Luznar, John	19					1	2
	Richiuso, Pete	29	Disqualified/No Reference					
	Taranto, Vincent "Vinnie"	30					6	1
Education/Outreach (Alternate)								
	Marguerita Engel	39					1	1
	Melissa Martin	5					2	3
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	Taranto, Vincent "Vinnie"	30	4	4	4	4	6	

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SECTION 17 OF ORDINANCE 2016-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CALLING A COUNTYWIDE SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON ½ CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF BREVARD COUNTY ON THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHOULD LEVY A ½ CENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FOR FINANCING THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE COST FOR THE SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON PROJECT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; CALLING A REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT LANGUAGE; APPROVAL OF SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON PROJECT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF THE ½ CENT SALES TAX FOR RESTORATION OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON; CREATING A SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON PROJECT TRUST FUND; SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALER; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 17. SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

There is hereby created an Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee which shall consist of seven members. The intent of this volunteer oversight committee of diversely skilled citizens would be to recommend updates of the Save Our Lagoon Project Plan to the Board of County Commissioners annually and to provide public oversight and a transparent process that not only allows, but fosters, development and implementation of better, less costly and/or more timely tools and techniques for restoration of the Indian River Lagoon.

A. STRUCTURE: Membership shall consist of seven representatives and seven alternates. Committee members shall represent a diversity of demonstrated expertise and experience to annually update and improve the Save Our Lagoon Project Plan. Each member and alternate shall represent at least one of the following fields of expertise: science, technology, economics/finance, real estate, education/outreach, tourism, and lagoon advocacy. A good working knowledge of lagoon water quality issues and sources of pollution is highly desirable. A Chair and Co-Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the Oversight Committee members.

B. APPOINTMENT PROCESS: The County Commissioners shall call for interested volunteers to submit their qualifications to the Natural Resources Management Department prior to October 1, 2016. ONRM Department staff will review the applications and provide a qualified list of applicants to the League of Cities and to the County Commission to ensure that municipal and County interests are represented. The League will nominate members for three fields of expertise and nominate alternates for the remaining four fields of expertise. Each Commissioner will review the qualifications of the remaining applicants and score them from 1 to 3. Department staff will tabulate the ranking scores to select members for the remaining four fields of expertise and alternates for the remaining three fields of expertise. The County Commission will appoint the League of City nominees to the Oversight Committee and fill the remaining seats with candidates with the highest County Commission ranking. Appointments will be for two year terms, after which time members and alternates may be considered for reappointment or replacement. If replacement members or alternates are required, the entity

who selected that member can upgrade the alternate to the member seat, choose a replacement from the existing pool of applicants, or request a new call for qualified citizen volunteers.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Although Save Our Lagoon plan was developed with the best information available in 2016, verifying the sources of water quality pollution and keeping up with technological advancements is important for maximizing timely and cost-effective solutions. In order to review and adapt to better information and opportunities through time, monitoring is necessary. As projects from this plan are implemented, the actual costs and nutrient reduction benefits will be tracked.
2. Brevard County staff will provide project monitoring reports to the Oversight Committee and will work with them to recommend adjusting the planned projects, as needed. An adaptive management process shall be utilized to allow alternative projects to be submitted by municipalities and other community or lagoon focused partners for review by the Oversight Committee for inclusion in the next annual update to this plan.
3. The role of the Oversight Committee will be to review monitoring data on timeliness of project delivery, actual and updated project costs, and actual nutrient removal effectiveness, review new literature and local studies on the types of projects included in the plan and potential alternative project types, evaluate alternative project proposals received from the community, and recommend annual adjustments to the plan including Table 46, the Timeline for Funding Needs.
4. The Committee's recommendations will be presented annually by the Committee Chair, working with Department staff, to the Board of County Commissioners for their inclusion; modification and inclusion; or non-inclusion in the Save Our Lagoon plan. The Board shall not take action on the plan recommendation/s any sooner than 15 days after receipt and posting of the plan on the County's or Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Committee's websites.
5. Upon County Commission approval, a project or projects that deliver comparable nutrient removal benefits may be added to listed Save Our Lagoon projects or substituted for the funding allocated to one or more other Save Our Lagoon projects in the same sub-lagoon. Unless otherwise agreed to by the County Commission, if a substituted project costs more than the project listed in the Save Our Lagoon plan, the requesting partner must provide the balance of the costs.

**SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting applications for four seats on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Volunteers are sought to represent four fields of expertise: Education/Outreach, Real Estate, Tourism and Technology.

Basic Requirements and Duties of Oversight Committee Members

Applicants must commit to serving the public interest by providing stewardship of Lagoon Trust Funds, especially in relation to restoring health to the Indian River Lagoon, and must demonstrate expertise and experience in one or more of the following fields: real estate or tourism. Knowledge of water quality issues and the major sources of pollution affecting the lagoon are highly desirable.

Members and their alternates oversee progress and make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on spending an estimated \$486 million from sales tax revenue to **Reduce** pollution sources to the lagoon, **Remove** legacy pollution from the lagoon, **Restore** natural systems within the lagoon, and **Respond** to new information by recommending annual amendments to the Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP).

Duties include participation in meetings to evaluate progress towards plan implementation and lagoon health, review technology and alternative project proposals for reducing pollutants and improving water quality, assess the cost-effectiveness of projects and recommend plan revisions accordingly. The Committee addresses questions, concerns, and ideas from the public to improve the SOIRLPP. Applicants must be willing to ensure that the SOIRLPP reflects the most effective, timely and responsible means to restore the Indian River Lagoon and that the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund is managed in the best interest of the public.

Applications with resumes and letters of recommendation or endorsement should be submitted no later than **December 27, 2018**. The Space Coast League of Cities will review applications for Real Estate and Tourism expertise on **January 14, 2019**. The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will review applications for Technology and Education/Outreach expertise and finalize all four appointments at their regular meeting on **January 22, 2019**.

As part of the application process the Board of County Commissioners requires each applicant to answer in writing each of the following questions:

Name Dennis Basile
Mailing Address 2330 N. Wickham Road, Suite 8
City, State, Zip Code Melbourne, Florida 32935
Phone 321-751-4500
Email dennis@dbasile.com

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County Yes ☒ No ☐ Number of Years 50
2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best matches your expertise:

- ☒ Science ☐ Economics/Finance ☐ Education/Outreach ☐ Lagoon Advocacy
☒ Technology ☒ Real Estate ☐ Tourism

**FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH
AND ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED**

4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee

As a young man going to high school in Satellite Beach, I used to scuba dive in the relatively clear water under both the Eau Gallie and Melbourne Causeway bridges for fun. We also used to water ski and swim in the same areas. As an adult, I became a regular boater on the lagoon. I am a lifelong scuba diver and truly love the creatures in our waters (ocean and lagoon). I have first hand history of the significant changes in the lagoon in my life time and it is a very sad situation. I don't think it is too late to save the lagoon but we must stop the situations that are hurting it on a daily basis.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

I have been a Realtor for 45 year and will be the 2019 President of the Space Coast Association of Realtors (4200 members strong).

My formal education is only through two years of college on the community college level, however, my professional level courses as an appraiser and broker have been very broad and robust including financial analysis, dealing with people, government boards, negotiations, all facets of real estate analysis and transactions (resume attached).

I am also fairly technically inclined and understand a fair amount of the biological processes that our waterway is going through. With the basic biological cycle, as stimulated through the tremendous load of organics constantly being introduced into the system, it is truly amazing that the waterway is not in worse condition.

Although I do not have any volunteer experience directly tied to the needs of the Lagoon, I do have significant volunteer experience in the business environment and know how to get thing done and keep on track during the process.

6. Please describe what character, judgement, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

I answered part of this in item 5 above. I consider myself a good communicator and negotiator and as such know how to build group consensus. I have very good analytical and technical skills from being a real estate appraiser for about 30 years and know how to read and write technical papers.

I describe my self as being a salesman with a technician hiding inside. This allows me to be both personable and a consensus builder but also more importantly I usually know how to get to, and never lose sight of, the goal that is on the table at the time (the technician).

I also believe that you will not find anyone that will say anything negative about my character or judgement over the last 45 years of being in business in Brevard County.

The bottom line is that I want to help and I think I have the skills to contribute to the Oversight Committee.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

Having served on many Boards I know that potential conflicts of interest that are not disclosed are almost always worse than the actual potential conflict. My position is that if you disclose all potential conflicts to the committee/board/body/commission that I serve on, there is no one that will ever question any decision. I have often recused myself from votes that most people would not consider a conflict, however, I never want to "taint" a vote due to a perceived conflict.

Real conflicts of interest are obviously of the utmost importance to disclose or abstain from a discussion or a vote because of that conflict.

Additional Requirements

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**REAL ESTATE QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
OF**

DENNIS BASILE, CCIM

D. Basile Real Estate, LLC

2330 North Wickham Road Suite 8, Melbourne, Florida 32935

(321) 751-4500 Office

(321)-622-3247 Direct

Presently, Dennis Basile, CCIM, is engaged in Real Estate Brokerage in Brevard County, Florida. He specialized in the sale, leasing and management of residential, commercial and industrial land and improvements, condominium projects, shopping centers, office buildings, subdivisions, and other large or unusual real estate assignments. He has six years of experience in one to four family dwelling units and thirty nine years of experience in commercial, industrial, multi-family, land and special purpose properties.

Real Estate Employment:

January 1, 2009 to Present

Owner/Broker D. Basile Real Estate, LLC

November 1997 to December 2008

Commercial Salesman, Pruitt Commercial Group, Melbourne

October 1996 to Present

Owner, Dennis Basile, Appraisal

March 1996 to October 1996

Vice President of the Economic Development

Commission of East Central Florida; EDC Staff

November 1989 to March 1996

President, Basile, Schieber & Associates (Appraisal Company)

September 1988 to November 1989

Appraiser with Robert W. Houha, MAI

May 1984 to September 1988

Coy A. Clark Company, Development Specialist

January 1975 to May 1984

Appraiser with Robert W. Houha, MAI

August 1973 to December 1974

Appraisal Assistant to Robert W. Houha, MAI

Successfully completed:

American Institute of Real Estate Appraisal courses and accomplishments

Course VIII Residential Valuation, 1974

Course 1A Basic Valuation, 1976

Course 1B Capitalization, 1978

Course 2-1 Case Studies and Valuation Analysis, 1984

Course 2-2 Report Writing and Valuation Analysis, 1984

Course 6 Investment Analysis, 1984

Examination 1A-1, 1A-2 Basic Valuation, 1987

Demonstration Appraisal Report, 1988

Comprehensive Examination, 1988

Awarded MAI Designation, October, 1989 (No.8262)

Standards of Professional Practice, Part A, Orlando, 1992

Standards of Professional Practice, Part B, Orlando, 1992

Panelist for Appraisal Review Roundtable Discussion, Tampa, 1992

Rates Ratio's and Reasonableness seminar, 1993

Americans with Disabilities Seminar, 1993

Panelist for Appraisal Review Roundtable Discussion, Jacksonville, 1993

Panelist for Appraisal Review Roundtable Discussion, Ft. Lauderdale, 1993

Subdivision Analysis Seminar, 1993

Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Update Course 1998

Commercial Investment Real Estate Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute Courses

Course 100	Marketing Techniques for Leasing and Selling Property, 1989
Course 101	Fundamentals of Real Estate Investment and Taxation, 1989
Course 102	Fundamentals of Location and Marketing Analysis, 1989
Course 103	Adv. Real Estate Taxation and Marketing Tools for Investment Real Estate, 1989
Course 104	The Impact of Human Behavior on Com. Investment Decision Marketing, 1989
Course 105	Case Studies in Commercial-Investment Real Estate Brokerage, 1989

Course Concept Review, 1991

1992 National Commercial Real Estate Conference, Orlando, 1992

Awarded C.C.I.M. Designation May, 1991 (No. 4012)

Other Courses:

Real Estate Principles and Practice Course #1, Brevard Community College, 1974

Real Estate Law, Brevard Community College, 1974

Real Estate Appraising, Brevard Community College, 1974

Real Estate Principles and Practice Course #2, Brevard Community College, 1976

Managing Professional Risk Seminar, Merritt Island, FL, 1992

Professional Affiliations:

Former Member of the Appraisal Institute, 1989 (MAI #8262)

Certified Commercial Investment Member, Commercial Investment Real Estate Inst., 1991 (CCIM #4012)

Licensed Broker-State of Florida; 1976 to present

Former Florida State Certified Residential Appraiser #RD0002376

Former State Certified General Appraiser #RZ0000999

Member of the Space Coast Association of Realtors 1973-2018

Director of the Space Coast Association of Realtors 2014-2018

President of the Space Coast Association of Realtors 1996

President Elect of the Space Coast Association of Realtors for 2018 (4200 members)

Member of the Florida Association of Realtors 1973-2018

Director of the Florida Association of Realtors 1995, 1996, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Member of the Strategic Planning committee of the Florida Association of Realtors 1996, 1997

Member of the National Association of Realtors 1973-2018

Past Chairman of the State of Florida Real Estate Appraiser Board 1993, 2000

Past Vice Chairman of the State of Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board

Past Chairman of the Probable Cause Panel of the State of Florida Real Estate Appraiser Board

Past Member of the Exam Validation Committee of the State of Florida Real Estate Appraiser Board

Member of the State of Florida Real Estate Appraiser Board 1991 - 2003

Director/Member of the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce 1995

Chairman of the Small Business and Industry Council 1995

Director of the Economic Development Commission of East Central Florida 1995

Additional Professional Information:

In June 1991 Dennis Basile was appointed by Governor Chiles to the newly created Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. This seven member board has the responsibility of certifying and regulating state licensed and certified appraiser within the State of Florida. Dennis Basile is a past chairman of the Probable Cause Panel, and was chairman of this Board in 1993 and in 2000. He has been a member of the Exam Validation Committee since 1991.

In June 1994 and November 1997 Dennis was re-appointed by Governor Chiles to the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board.

In September 1992, Dennis testified before a Congressional sub-committee in Washington, D.C. concerning the regulation of Appraisers.

Realtor Emeritus Status

In June 2015, Dennis Basile was awarded the Realtor Emeritus status by the National Association of Realtors. The Realtor Emeritus status is conferred upon members of the association that have been a continuous member of the National Association of Realtors for 40 years. Dennis was 62 years old at the time of the award

VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD EXPERIENCE

Dennis was selected to serve as a Special Master for the Brevard County Value Adjustment Board for two years in the early 1990's and 1997 through 2002. He has also represented many real estate clients before the Special Masters in the years he did not apply to be a Special Master.

RECEIVERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Dennis has been appointed on numerous occasions as a Court Appointed Receiver for both Real Estate Assets and Corporations. These Receiverships include the following:

Granada Center (San Juan Village Office Building), Hibiscus Boulevard, 1989; Appointed to collect rents and manage the assets of this project while a foreclosure of the mortgage was processing through the courts.

Heritage Real Estate Management, Inc. in October 1994. This real estate brokerage company's escrow accounts were found to be short approximately \$650,000. Mr. Basile was appointed to continue the operation of the company and to protect the public from any further damage.

Florida Home Finders, Inc in December 1995; Dennis Basile was selected by Circuit Judge Kenney (St. Lucie County) to be the Court Appointed Receiver for Florida Home Finders, Inc. This real estate brokerage company's 9,165 escrow accounts were found to be short by approximately \$2,550,000. In April 1997, Dennis negotiated and successfully completed a sale of this company with 78% recovery of all stolen funds and a disbursal to all claimants.

Coynes Marina (FKA Miners Marina); 2002; Dennis Basile was appointed to oversee the operations of the Coynes Marina while the property was being foreclosed by the lender. This property consisted of a large Dry Stack marina building with numerous stored boats and a in water marina and marine store. Dennis successfully managed the facility until such time as the foreclosure was completed.

Eagle Cove, LLC, in 2008; The company's sole asset was a 58 acre parcel of residential land located in Cocoa, Florida. Dennis processed this asset under the direction of the Court.

Service Management Systems, Inc.; February 2010; Dennis was appointed the Receiver of this company after a foreclosure action was taken by Compass Bank. The sole asset of the company is the Aquarina Sewer and Water plant located in Melbourne Beach, Florida. This facility and the company provides water and sewer service to over 400 homes within the Aquarina Community. Dennis took on the operations of this very poor condition facility and has been making significant improvements to the property. In addition, he has been responsible for the billing and collections of the water and sewer bills for the facility. This Receivership is in the process of a successful sale of the property from the Lender as of March 23, 2011.

Merritt Island Gardens (MIGA) June, 2011: This five building apartment complex in Merritt Island, Florida was under renovation when the lender forced the company into a Receivership in June, 2011. Dennis took control of the property and accounted for all funds during the time the property was in Receivership.

RTS Development February 2013 to June 2014: This Receivership involved the management of 7 warehouse buildings and approximately 25 tenants that were part of the RTS Development, Inc. ownership. TD Bank was the lender and Requested a Receiver be appointed. Judge Holcomb appointed Dennis to this task.

SunBay Fitness February 2016 to June 2016. This Receivership involved the management of two fitness facilities with over 1200 members in each facility. The one facility was on the verge of closing down while the other facility was being run at a profit. This receivership was created due to civil lawsuit. Judge George Turner appointed Dennis to this Receivership

Palm Bay Club Condominiums June 2016 to the present. This Receivership involves the management of a 120 unit condominium association in Palm Bay Florida. The reason for the appointment by Judge Harris is that one of the unit owners created a second association and started collecting maintenance fees from some of the unit owners while another association was collecting the balance of the fees. Judge Harris appointed Dennis as Co-Receiver together with Attorney Bradley Bettin to operate a new combined association until such time as the parties worked out their differences.

To Whom It May Concern:

It's my absolute pleasure to recommend Dennis Basile for the Real Estate Alternate with the Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

Dennis and I both serve at the Space Coast Association of Realtors together and I have gotten to know him over the past year or so.

I thoroughly enjoy serving on volunteer committees with Dennis as our president elect for the Board of Realtors for 2018, and came to know him as a truly valuable asset to any team. He is honest, dependable and hard-working. Beyond that, his passion for the environment has shown in all the support he has extended to me and our Association's Green Committee.

His knowledge of Sustainable Real Estate and expertise in Residential, Commercial, Appraisals, and Land Development, is a huge advantage to our entire association; as he advances on to becoming the Board President for 2019.

Dennis has always been an absolute joy to work with; he is a true team player, and always manages to foster positive discussions and bring out the best in other association members.

Without a doubt, I confidently recommend Dennis to join the Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. As a dedicated and knowledgeable Lagoon advocate and an all-around great person, I know that he will be a beneficial addition to the Committee.

Please feel free to contact me at 321-271-8388, or Bowdensells@gmail.com, should you like to discuss Dennis' qualifications and experience further; I'd be happy to expand on my recommendation.

Best wishes,

Danielle Bowden

Space Coast Association of Realtors Green Committee Chair
National Association of Realtors Sustainability Advisory group
National Association of Realtors Evergreen Award winner 2018
Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee, Real Estate

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As part of the application process the Board of County Commissioners requires each applicant to answer in writing each of the following questions:

Name R. P. Higgins

Mailing Address 6425 Anderson Way

City, State, Zip Code Melbourne, FL. 32940

Phone 321-537-5869

Email _____

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County Yes ☒ No ☐ Number of Years 23
2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best matches your expertise:

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☒ Technology ☐ Real Estate ☐ Tourism

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4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee

My uncle settled in Sebastian from Cortland, NY for his love of fishing in late 1940's. My parents bought property in 1964 and moved here after my father retired. We fished and enjoyed boat rides up both branches of the Sebastian River, the Indian River, and sometimes out to the ocean via Sebastian Inlet.

I moved to Brevard in 1995 as my work brought me to a position in Melbourne. We bought a home on the Indian River in December, 1995 and after completing construction of it, moved in 4 months later. I grew up and have continued ownership of our family's summer home on Skaneateles Lake, NY, in the Finger Lakes region. I take my family there every year. This lake is considered one of the cleanest bodies of water in the US and is the water supply for the City of Syracuse. Conservation of this natural resource has been imbued in me since childhood.

Now living near Mile Marker 91 on the Indian River, we have seen water clarity decline. We have witnessed fish kills. We once had a dead dolphin wash up our beach. I am committed to putting IRL clean-up at the top of the list to improve quality of life for all citizens effort here in Brevard County.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

I founded Electric Picture Display Systems(www.electricpicture.com) in 2003. Now in it's 15th year, we have 10 employees and own our building at the address above. We began as an Audio-Visual provider to churches and government facilities, but have since branched out into multi-image projection and videowall technologies for Simulation and Training, and Control Rooms. Most of our installations are for Maritime Simulation - both commercial and military. One of our customers is Harbor Branch Oceanic Institute, now part of FAU. I have relationships with a few of the staff there.

Locally, I was past VP of Viera-Suntree Little League and have coached, umpired and directed the league's first Fall Ball program. Our LL group worked with County Commissioner Sue Carlson to secure \$150K for lights by Suntree Elementary School.

I have been a member of Session for Rockledge Presbyterian Church for multiple terms. I presently am on two committees and sing in the choir there. This has given me experience in dealing in group leadership activities.

I am VP and sit on the Board of Directors of Higgins Supply (www.higginssupply.com) a family business located in McGraw, NY which provides structural support for medical

6. Please describe what character, judgement, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

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Melbourne, FL USA 32940
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F: 321-757-8554
www.electricpicture.com

Curriculum Vitae

Robert Paul "R. P." Higgins
100 Ruby St. Rockledge, FL 32955

Education:

Deerfield Academy	HS	1973
Colby College	BA	1977
Syracuse University	MBA	1986

Past Experience:

GE-Projection Display Products	1986-1994
National Sales Manager	
AmPro Corporation	1994-1999
Vice President	
Electrohome/Christie Digital	1999-2001
North America-Director	
VDC Display Systems	2001-2003
Director-Worldwide Sales	
Electric Picture Display Systems	2003-present
Founder/President/CEO	

Civic/Religious Organizations:

Viera Suntree Little League –	2000-2004
VP, Coach and Umpire	
Space Coast United Soccer -	1996 -2005
Coached 10 seasons, boys & girls' teams	
Rockledge Presbyterian Church -	1997-present
Session, Choir, Youth Sunday School Teacher, Committees	

Other Responsibilities:

Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope - Board of Directors	
Medical Training Center in Haiti. 2015-Present	
Higgins Supply Company, Inc	2005-Present
Board of Directors	

Personal:

Married 31 years (wife Pamela, Son Lucas (28) and daughter Dana (25)
Play keyboards for bands St. Johns Wood and AK40, locally
Enjoy tennis, sailing and boating on Indian River.
Resident of Brevard County since 1995.

References available upon request.

HARBOR BRANCH

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Ocean Science for a Better World

SOIRL Citizen Oversight Selection Committee,

January 4, 2019

My name is Jim Masterson, and I am an Assistant Professor at Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. This is a letter of recommendation for Mr. R.P. Higgins who is applying for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. I highly recommend this applicant and am certain he would be a capable, dependable, and valued member of this volunteer committee.

I was the Director of the Harbor Branch Ocean Discovery Visitor Center from 2007 to 2015. During that time I established a valued professional relationship with Mr. Higgins in his capacity as President and CEO of Electric Picture Display Systems. Over the course of several years, R.P. designed, configured and installed a custom digital theater and nine digital interactive display systems at the visitor center and across the FAU Harbor Branch campus. R.P.'s expertise, responsiveness, and professionalism were a refreshing contrast to the generally subpar customer service I typically experienced with other vendors. Compared to the large A/V installations Electric Picture typically performs I was a low-value client, but I never once felt that way. The attentiveness, attention to detail, and commitment to customer satisfaction of R.P. and his staff is something I rarely encountered with other vendors. I'm pleased to say the working relationship between myself and R.P. evolved into a friendship that has persisted even after I left the Discovery Center.

I have been professionally involved in Indian River Lagoon education and outreach since I was a graduate student at FIT in the early 1990s. I see in Mr. Higgins a genuine concern for the health of the lagoon ecosystem that I wish was shared by all residents residing within the IRL watershed. He shares a desire to bring disparate parties together to take on the range of issues faced by our urbanized estuary. He has a proven track record of running a highly successful technology business and is remarkably good at working with others toward a common goal. I have complete confidence R.P. will take his commitment to the IRL Citizen Oversight Committee seriously and will give his committee duties the time and full attention they require. R.P.'s concerns for the well-being of the IRL stem from being a waterfront homeowner who has seen first-hand the changes in the ecosystem over 20+ years, and from his prior experience as a Maryland resident seeing the positive results of proactive management and stewardship in restoring ecosystem integrity to Chesapeake ecosystems.

Please consider the above as my strong recommendation for Mr. R.P. Higgins for an SOIRL Citizen Oversight Selection Committee position. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance. Good luck in the selection process, and in the continuing success of the program.

Sincerely,

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Masterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Masterson" clearly distinguishable.

James W. Masterson, Ph.D.
Assistant Research Professor
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Name John Luznar

Mailing Address 5700 N. Harbor City Blvd., Suite 400

City, State, Zip Code Melbourne, FL 32940

Phone 321.254.7666 (work) 321.474.7520 (cell)

Email jluznar@brph.com

Please complete the following questions and statements.

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2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐

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As a long time Brevard county resident with two children, I'm concerned about the restoration of the Indian River lagoon and fully believe there needs to be a collaborative and transparent effort from our citizens, regulatory agencies, professionals, political leaders and scientists to respond to the lagoon crisis. Having a passion for wildlife and being an owner of my own backyard freshwater aquatic ecosystem, I recognize the inter-connectivities of our environment and am passionate about helping support a solution.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

As a registered professional engineer and a certified general contractor with over 19 years of professional experience, I've continued to assume positions of increasing responsibility as Structural Engineer, Design Manager, Senior Project Manager, Principal and most recently as Vice President. Since 1999, I've been employed at BRPH, a local, employee owned architecture, engineering and construction services firm where I now lead our commercial division of business.

I hold an MBA from Webster University and a BS in Architectural Engineering from the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

I am a proud supporter and involved in many organizations that include the local chapters of the Boys and Girls Club, Junior Achievement of the Space Coast, Associated Builders and Contractors of Central Florida, and the Space Coast EDC.

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I understand concepts that impact our society which encompasses, environmental, social, cultural, political and economic relations. I'm resourceful, impactful, ingenuous and enjoy utilizing my physical coordination and knowledge of how things work to get the job done. I've got strong interpersonal skills with an ability to facilitate dialogue and paired with my professional position with BRPH this enables me to stay entrenched in the who's who in Central Florida. By nature, I adapt to unexpected events, issues and opportunities.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

I believe it's crucial to avoid conflicts of interest in personal matters in order to avoid corruption and promote the Save Our Indian Lagoon efforts. I'm honest and hold high principles for proper conduct.

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John Luznar, PE, CGC

VICE PRESIDENT

John is an executive leader with vast experience in providing project management and structural engineering for a diverse array of projects. He successfully manages highly technical projects and brings a wealth of expertise in earned value management, collaboration, and team building. John's strengths lie in his interpersonal communication skills, perseverance and his enthusiasm.

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YEARS EXPERIENCE

19 Years with Firm
19 Years in Industry

EDUCATION

MBA, Business Administration, Webster University, 2004 | BS, Architectural Engineering, Milwaukee School of Engineering, 1999

REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Engineer/Structural: FL |
Certified General Contractor: FL

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Global Innovation Center (GIC), Harris Corporation, Melbourne, FL; Role: Project Manager. BRPH provided architectural and engineering services for the renovation of the existing one-story 24,100 SF Harris Customer Briefing Center (Building B) and a one-story 6,000 SF addition connecting Building A and Building B at the Melbourne Corporate Harris Campus. The facilities interior redesign is focused around state of the art technology that includes multiple digital interactive displays and exhibits throughout the facility and concentrated within a new 5,000 SF digital content display area.

Indefinite Delivery Contract, Harris Corporation, Melbourne, FL. Role: Project Manager. Projects include additions, modifications, and new construction for a substantial number of projects that include clean rooms, laboratories, office structures, chiller plant capacity, antenna support structures, assembly lift areas, and high bay structures.

Building 229, Northrop Grumman, Melbourne, FL. Role: Project Manager. Design, engineering, interior design and construction admin services for a new three story corporate office building totaling approximately 215,000 gross square feet. The entire building

will be designed and built to JAFAN 6/9 specification and features upgraded equipment cooling, card access systems, security intrusion alarms, white noise and CCTV cameras. LEED Silver.

Building 226, 1st & 3rd Floor Modifications, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Melbourne, FL. Role: Project Manager. BRPH provided design services to convert existing conference room on the 1st floor to two SAP/SAR rooms.

JetBlue Lodge Training Support Facility, JetBlue Airways Corporation, Orlando, FL. Role: Project Manager. Provided the design and construction support services for a 196-room lodging facility to accommodate crew members in training, layover crews and visiting leadership. The 120,000 SF Lodge includes a full service kitchen and dining area, several community gathering spaces and recreational facilities. Electrical design drawings for electrical systems, including lighting, power, fire alarm, lightning protection and systems were provided.



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December 20, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a recommendation for Mr. John Luznar, whom I have known as a co-worker and friend for over five years. I can attest that he is qualified to serve in the public interest by providing stewardship of the Indian River Lagoon funds and help bring ideas to restore health to the Indian River Lagoon.

John demonstrates technical expertise in his career as a vice president, director, project manager and structural engineer for BRPH serving the commercial, government and aerospace market sectors. A related project that John worked on for the Chain of Lakes in Titusville speaks to his applicable expertise which consisted of interconnected storm water retention lakes along the western shore of the Indian River Lagoon. John has successfully managed highly technical projects and brings a wealth of technical skills and leadership to his projects.

John has lived in Brevard County for 19 years, has a passion for wildlife and genuinely wants to leave the world a better place for his growing children. He will bring a different perspective and ideas on how to ensure the best interest of the public is attained. On a personal level, John manages and understands a freshwater aquatic ecosystem in his family's backyard.

In addition to working at BRPH, serving in Lead Brevard, coaching an intermural volleyball league at Kennedy Middle School, and sponsoring many local organizations and charities, John's achievements go beyond the professional. His unique blend of humor and positive energy makes him an ideal candidate to deal with highly sensitive situations. I have known him to treat others with compassion, respect, understanding and professionalism.

Based upon my experience working with him at BRPH, it is my pleasure to recommend John Luznar to you for a volunteer position for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Vernich", written in a cursive style.

Mike Vernich

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



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SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting applications for four seats on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Volunteers are sought to represent four fields of expertise: Education/Outreach, Real Estate, Tourism and Technology.

Basic Requirements and Duties of Oversight Committee Members

Applicants must commit to serving the public interest by providing stewardship of Lagoon Trust Funds, especially in relation to restoring health to the Indian River Lagoon, and must demonstrate expertise and experience in one or more of the following fields: real estate or tourism. Knowledge of water quality issues and the major sources of pollution affecting the lagoon are highly desirable.

Members and their alternates oversee progress and make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on spending an estimated \$486 million from sales tax revenue to **Reduce** pollution sources to the lagoon, **Remove** legacy pollution from the lagoon, **Restore** natural systems within the lagoon, and **Respond** to new information by recommending annual amendments to the Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP).

Duties include participation in meetings to evaluate progress towards plan implementation and lagoon health, review technology and alternative project proposals for reducing pollutants and improving water quality, assess the cost-effectiveness of projects and recommend plan revisions accordingly. The Committee addresses questions, concerns, and ideas from the public to improve the SOIRLPP. Applicants must be willing to ensure that the SOIRLPP reflects the most effective, timely and responsible means to restore the Indian River Lagoon and that the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund is managed in the best interest of the public.

Applications with resumes and letters of recommendation or endorsement should be submitted no later than **December 27, 2018**. The Space Coast League of Cities will review applications for Real Estate and Tourism expertise on **January 14, 2019**. The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will review applications for Technology and Education/Outreach expertise and finalize all four appointments at their regular meeting on **January 22, 2019**.

As part of the application process the Board of County Commissioners requires each applicant to answer in writing each of the following questions:

Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone

Email

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County Yes No Number of Years
2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings? Yes No

3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best matches your expertise:

Science	Economics/Finance	Education/Outreach	Lagoon Advocacy
Technology	Real Estate	Tourism	

**FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH
AND ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED**

4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

6. Please describe what character, judgement, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

Additional Requirements

In addition to completing the application posted at <http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon>, a resume and at least one letter of recommendation are required. The letter of recommendation can be a personal recommendation from a professional in the same field and/or an endorsement by a reputable nonprofit organization.

Send your application, resumé, and letter(s) of reference to:

Natural Resources Management Department, Carol Gerundo, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Carol.Gerundo@brevardfl.gov

Phone: 321-633-2016

RESUME

Peter F. Richiuso
630 Apache Trail
Merritt Island, FL 32953

Telephone: (321) 867-1403 (Office)
(321) 454-9440 (Home)

Personal

Date of Birth: 3 OCT 1945, 5'8", 150 lb., Married, no children, Vietnam Veteran
LTC USAR (Retired), Secret Clearance

Education

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering	Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute JAN 1969
Physics Major (no degree)	Fordham University, 1963-65
Graduate Study, Engineering	Pennsylvania State University 1972-73
Graduate Study, Physics	University of Bridgeport, 1978-79
Master of Science Degree, Engineering Management	University of Central Florida August 1996
Engineer Officer's Basic Course	U.S. Army Engineer School Ft. Belvoir, VA MAY 69
Engineer Officer's Advanced Course	U.S. Army Engineer School Ft. Belvoir, VA APRIL 79
Licensed Professional Engineer (PE)	State of Connecticut AUG 1983
Army Command & Staff College	Ft. Leavenworth (Non-Resident), 1988
Professional Engineer Refresher Courses	Hartford Graduate Center Hartford, CT 1981-83
Various Department of Defense & Office of Personnel Management Technical and Management Courses	DCASR Boston 1981-85 DCASR New York 1986-88
Various NASA Technical & Management Courses	NASA, Kennedy Space Center 1989-2012

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APR 2005 to DEC 2012

AST, Aerospace Technologist
Material Science Division
GS-14
NASA, Kennedy Space Center

With the Materials Science Division, I served in many capacities, I was the lead for the Physical Testing Laboratory. Lead the expansion of the precision metrology lab. Did mechanical failure analysis on various programs, including the Colombia accident. Developed several testing systems for electrostatics and safety systems. Worked to develop a Mars environmental testing system. Ran a machine shop to create testing systems and fixtures.

AUG 1994 to MAR 2005

AST, Quality Assurance
Technical Assistant
Shuttle Processing Branch
GS-861-14
NASA, Kennedy Space Center

In support of the Chief of the Quality Engineering Branch, I performed the following functions. I participated on the Corrosion Control Review Board for the analysis and repair of corrosion problems encountered on the fleet of orbiter vehicles. Prepared a QE manpower analysis to support the briefing for Mr. Perry. Developed the Quality Engineer Technician (QET) Transition plan for the transfer of the QETs back to the QE office. Supported the Class 3 Fastener TIM at MSFC. Developed the procedure for the Tube Flare Concentricity Measurement for Shuttle processing. Performed QE duties in supporting the STS/MIR Orbital Docking System design review and mission processing. I was the QE representative on the Space Station S&MA AIT team. And also supported the Shuttle Prime Board for materials review.

SEP 91 to JUL 94

Chief, Payload Processing &
Industrial Support Branch
Quality Engineering
GM-861-14
NASA, Kennedy Space Center

Supervises 4 Quality Engineers. Provides for the Quality Assurance program for NASA in processing payloads and spacecraft to be launched on the Space Shuttle from Kennedy Space Center and by expendable launch vehicles (Delta, Atlas and Titan) from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Also provides for NASA's quality assurance program for the operation and maintenance of facilities and launch complex. The quality assurance program requires both direct involvement in payload processing operations and base support as well as an oversight function of contractors and subcontractors for payload processing, base operations and related functions.

SEP 89 to SEP 91

Lead Engineer, Payload
Processing & Industrial
Support Branch Quality
Engineering, GS-861-13
NASA, Kennedy Space Center.

Supervise 2 Quality Engineers and 4 Quality Engineering Technicians. Under the direction of the Quality Engineering Division Chief, provides for the Quality Assurance program for NASA for the processing of payloads and spacecraft to be launched by the Space Shuttle at Kennedy Space center and by expendable launch vehicles at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

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APR 89 to SEP 89

Aerospace Technologist
Shuttle Operations Quality
Engineering, GS-861-12
NASA, Kennedy Space Center.

In training as a Quality Engineer to support Space Shuttle Processing Quality Engineering. Training covers all aspects of preparing a Space Shuttle for launch with specialization in processing the External Fuel Tank. NASA Quality Engineers provide oversight of the Space Shuttle Processing Contractor and provides an independent assessment of Quality and Safety concerns during the preparation of the Space Shuttle for an orbital mission.

Jan 87 to Mar 89

Defense Contracts
Administration Services
Bridgeport
550 S. Main St.
Stratford, CT 06497

Employed as a GS-801-12 Staff Quality Assurance Engineer for DCASMA Bridgeport, duty stationed at Norden Systems Division of United Technologies. In this capacity I provided technical support for the Government Quality Assurance representatives. Norden Systems operated under MIL Q 9858 quality assurance requirements. Norden provides complex computer, electronic, communications systems and radars for a broad range of DOD programs. Programs included Joint Stars Radar system, the MILSTAR communications system, and the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS). As the resident Quality Engineer, I was responsible for providing technical support for the QAR regarding engineering changes, discrepant material disposition (MRB), test and acceptance criteria, etc. for both electrical and mechanical components.

In addition to the duties at Norden, I also supported other Quality Branches on contract pre-award surveys, First Article acceptance, test and acceptance procedures, etc.

Feb 86 to Jan 87

Defense Contracts
Administration Services
Textron-Lycoming
550 S. Main St.
Stratford, CT 06497

In this position, GM-1910-13, I was the Chief of the Quality Assurance Division for the DCASPRO at Textron-Lycoming for the US Army tank engine program, M1 Abrams and turbine engines for Army helicopters. As the Chief I was the Resident Quality Assurance Representative for the Department of Defense. I supervised a staff of 33 people consisting of one Quality Engineer, six Branch Supervisors, 24 Quality Assurance Specialists, a secretary and a clerk-typist. Lycoming also operated under MIL Q-9858 for Quality Assurance. Major programs at Lycoming were the AGT 1500 Tank engine for the M1 Tank, T53 and T55 Gas Turbine engines for the Army UH-1D and CH-47 Helicopters and the development program for the T800 gas turbine engine for the LHX Helicopter.

In addition support was also provided to various NASA and Navy R&D contracts.

Aug 82 to Feb 86

DCASPRO
Avco-Lycoming

I was employed as a GS-861-12 Industrial Engineer monitoring engineering and production contracts for the Army AGT 1500 M1 Tank engine. Responsibilities included technical analysis of cost proposals for engineering and production facilities, engineering support to DCAS Quality Assurance, technical analysis of Engineering Change Requests, Productivity Improvement Analysis, etc. I instituted a computer generated Statistical Process Control (SPC) analysis for the Recuperator portion of the Tank engine which saved the Government approximately \$1000/engine.

Oct 81 to Aug 82

Alpha Technology Group
Waterbury, CT
(Self employed)

Consulted as an independent product designer for several local companies. Design work included sheet feeders for computer printers, medical and chemical equipment and firearms accessories. Employed several draftsmen and designers as required.

May 81 to Oct 81

Consolidated Controls Corp.
15 Durant Ave.
Bethel, CT 06801

Employed as a mechanical engineer with the Navy Nuclear Group designing shipboard mounted enclosures for nuclear reactor controls. Responsibilities included shock and vibration analysis and testing, control panel layouts, computer generated electronic component reliability analysis and thermal dissipation analysis and testing. During my employment I reprogrammed the computer reliability analysis to correct several errors contained in the program. I was laid off when the Navy Contract was completed.

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Nov 79 to Apr 81

United Engineers
110 Post Road
Darien, CT

I was employed as an Engineering Temporary. From May 80 to Apr 81 I was assigned as a Mechanical Engineer to Dataproducts Corp., Wallingford, CT with their Military Printer Group. Responsibilities included redesign of equipment to achieve cost effectiveness and still meet Military Specifications, mechanical analysis of printer servo dynamics, design of cabinet castings, RFI/EMI shielding for secure printers, etc. Contracts included Army, Navy and Air Force printers.

From Nov 79 to Apr 80, I was assigned as a design engineer to the Davis and Geck Corp. (division of American Cyanamid) for the analysis and redesign of various types of high speed packaging equipment for surgical product and sutures.

May 77 to Jul 79

Chloride Systems
Mallard Lane
North Haven, CT

As the Senior Mechanical Engineer I was responsible for all of the mechanical design for the company's product line of Emergency Lighting and Emergency Power Systems. I designed several new lighting products as well as redesigned existing products for manufacturing efficiency and cost. The products were required to meet UL and NEMA specs. I was also responsible for supervising the Drafting Department, implementing and coordinating engineering changes and maintaining product documentation. I supervised one engineer, two designers and 3 draftsmen.

May 75 to Feb 77

Dictaphone Corp. R&D Lab
677 Connecticut Ave.
Norwalk, CT 06856

Employed as a design and development engineer for various audio tape transports to be used in portable and office dictation equipment. Responsibilities included design through production start-up as well as project scheduling and manpower requirements. Supervised one designer and one draftsman.

Aug 74 to Mar 75

E.M.S. Development Corp.
35 Central Dr.
Farmingdale, NY.

I was responsible for the analysis of Government Requests for Proposals and the preparation of bids for Military Contracts. I was also the Product Engineer for the company's major product, Degaussing and Deperming Equipment for the US Navy.

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Mar 74 to Jul 75

Mohawk Data Sciences
Bucode Division
140 Wilbur Pl.
Bohemia, NY

I was employed as a product engineer for the company's product line of high speed computer tape transports. My responsibilities included failure analysis, product improvement, C.S.A. and UL certification, etc.

May 71 to Jan 74

Control Data Corp.
Valley Forge Industrial Park
Norristown, PA

In this position I was assigned as a product engineer for a product line of high speed computer tape transports, card readers and card punches. I also worked as the mechanical design engineer for a magnetic stripe credit card reader, the type commonly used in banking machines and automatic ticket machines. During my employment with Control Data, I was given the responsibility of analyzing and selecting equipment for use in high speed photographic analysis of mechanical systems problems.

Mar 69 to Mar 71

Lieutenant
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

I served with U.S. Army Engineer Battalions in the U.S. and the Republic of South Vietnam.



NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building A-219, Viera, FL 32940

**Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee
Volunteer Application**

Due: October 1, 2016

Name: Vinnie Taranto Jr.

Mailing Address: 313 10th Terrace

City: Indialantic **State:** FL

Zip Code: 32903

Phone: (321) 549-8460 **Cell Phone:** (352) 359-1125

Email: vinnie.taranto@gmail.com

Basic Requirements and Duties of Oversight Committee Members

Applicants must commit to serving the public interest by providing stewardship of Lagoon Trust Funds, especially in relation to restoring health to the Indian River Lagoon, and must demonstrate expertise and experience in one or more of the following fields: science, technology, economics/finance, real estate, education/outreach, tourism, or lagoon advocacy. Knowledge of the water quality issues and the major sources of pollution affecting the lagoon are highly desirable.

Members will oversee progress and make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on spending an estimated \$303 million from sales tax revenue to **Reduce** pollution sources to the lagoon, **Remove** legacy pollution from the lagoon bottom, **Restore** natural systems within the lagoon, and **Respond** to new information by recommending annual amendments to the Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP). Duties will include participation in meetings to evaluate data to measure progress towards plan implementation and lagoon health, review technology and alternative project proposals for reducing pollutants and improving water quality, assess the cost-effectiveness of the projects, and recommend plan revisions accordingly. The Committee shall address questions, concerns, and ideas from the public to improve the SOIRLPP. Applicants must be willing to ensure that the SOIRLPP reflects the most effective, timely and responsible means to restore the Indian River Lagoon and that the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund is managed in the best interest of the public.

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County? Yes ☒ No ☐ Number of years 1976-1995, 2008-Present

2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend multiple weekday meetings annually, as needed? Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best match(es) your expertise:

☐ Science

☐ Economics/Finance

☒ Education/Outreach

☐ Lagoon Advocacy

☒ Technology

☐ Real Estate

☐ Tourism

FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH

4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee.

Growing up on and in the Indian River Lagoon I have many fond memories, from clamming with my father and his father, to watching my grandmother cast mullet nets using her teeth. The water was so clear and the sea life healthy and abundant. Every Sunday we'd enjoy meals gifted to us by the lagoon. I understand what the lagoon means to this county as a whole. Its estimated net economic benefit to the community with restoration is \$6.3 billion. I'm aware of what the lagoon means to this county's inhabitants individually. The benefit to me from those memories is priceless.

Being a resident of Brevard county, I'm personally vested in the health of the lagoon. In addition, my skills and traits allow me to help, fulfilling my responsibility as a citizen to do so. I feel my education, training and experience in personal and mass communication is bar none. I'm as comfortable teaching a seven-year-old how to be a good sportsman on the soccer field as I am lecturing to hundreds of IT professionals on the pillars and importance of technology usability. My media work has collectively reached more than 750,000 people around the world. I recognize the importance of a message as well as the importance of its timing. I am willing and able to help.

Lastly, there is a large and growing distrust of government today. I've attended SOIRLPP presentations and there are always audience comments regarding the fear that the funds will be misappropriated. Whether the cynicism towards government is rightfully earned or not, the Oversight Committee can be a catalyst to increased public trust. I feel my character and ethical compass is developed and steadfast enough to help lead the committee towards being that agent of change.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

For half a decade or more, the IRL has been abused. Most scientists I've talked to feel it is going to take many years for any noticeable change. In today's "instant gratification" society,

constant and consistent communication with the public, should be priority one. Part of that communication needs to be focused on educating the public regarding what actions they can take individually to help. I have strong educational and professional experience in communication, education, technology and outreach. I earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Telecommunications with a Computer Science minor from the University of Florida. While a student at UF I started and hosted a weekly TV show helping our viewers utilize technology to the fullest. After graduating, I worked for nearly a decade at UF as the Technology Specialist at the Dean of Students Office, with my duties including running the 75+ user IT Department, teaching technology usability campus wide and writing/receiving national grants on technology usability.

In 2006, I decided I wasn't helping enough people in my IT role so I left to start my own production company. Amongst other projects, in 2013 my company created a spec commercial that ended up being a finalist in the Doritos Crash the Super Bowl Contest. We ran a successful outreach campaign which included over half a million YouTube views and over 10,000 Facebook likes in under a month.

My applicable community volunteer experience includes being a member of countywide and statewide leadership institutes, namely LEAD Brevard and Leadership Florida. This experience provides me with a vast, knowledgeable network of resources as well as countless experiences working as a leader on a committee of leaders. I've also been invited to sit on a grant review board for the Community Foundation for Brevard. This opportunity awarded me with further experience combing through the financial documents of local nonprofits, looking for any negative signs.

6. Please describe what character, judgment, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee?

My strongest character trait is my seemingly endless patience. That patience and my highly trained analytical skills come from my physical disability which I was born with and truly thankful for. My aunt used to tell a story about a three-year-old me trying to figure out how to reach a bowl of popcorn. After watching me calculate for a bit my aunt ran out of patience and slid the bowl to me. This resulted in me crying, so she put the bowl back out of reach. Within a few minutes, I had scooted myself up to the bowl and was eating happily. Throughout my life, everything I did for the first time I had to initially analyze how to do it. I'm ready to put those traits and skills to work for our county.

With our latest film project, I had the opportunity to continue practicing and get additional experience using my ability to judge people and decisions. We had nearly 250 people work on that project, including some I had never met in person or even talked to outside email. To be successful with a team that big and spread out, they need to have confidence in you and your decisions. This confidence comes from having and displaying good judgement.

I mentioned my communication strength above but I didn't mention my pride in my ability to listen. I'm a highly practiced listener, which affords me the ability to truly understand what someone is saying and their intent. Communication is much more than words spoken.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

It is imperative that committee members put public interest first, avoiding any conflicts of interest. I'd even go as far as saying that an applicant's ability to do just that, should weigh significantly more than any other requirement. Public trust is not a currency that should be traded in, as a bankruptcy results in our entire democratic republic breaking down. Brevard residents are entrusting their dollars to this fund under the promise the community as a whole will benefit equally from a return on the investment. If the public even perceives just one committee member taking those hard earned communal monies and tipping the ROI scale in their own favor, the entire committee which was designed to be the last line of defense, will be cast untrustworthy and then ineffective.

I've been in multiple situations where my ability to avoid or handle conflict of interests were of vital importance. Most recently, I was appointed the Selection Chair this past summer for the extremely competitive annual statewide program, Connect Florida. At the time I was also a regional chair of the same organization with a charge of finding qualified applicants. Due to understandable regional pride and the benefit of a large membership, each region lobbies to fill its coffers. My dual role could have resulted in a conflict of interest but because of the way I handled it and the trust the other 20 committee members placed in me, most of whom I had just met, I was able to complete my task, receiving praise for my professionalism from the other stakeholders.

By nature, I am an analytical person. Taking that approach, the importance of committee members avoiding conflicts of interest is the difference between the lagoon continuing to crash, costing an estimated \$4.3 billion to the County's economy, and the reality that future generations of children could be able to relive all the priceless memories and appreciation for natural resources I am so lucky to have had.

Additional Requirements

In addition to this application, a resume/CV and at least one letter of recommendation are required. The letter of recommendation can be a personal recommendation from a professional in the same field and/or an endorsement by a reputable nonprofit organization.

Send your application, resume, and letter(s) of reference to:

Marie Winkler, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Marie.Winkler@brevardfl.gov

Phone: 321-633-2016, Fax: 321-633-2029

Vinnie Taranto

- > Founder & CEO
Media-Over-Matter Productions
- > Vice President
Taranto Management Associates

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Indialantic, FL 32903
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vinnie@media-over-matter.com
Media-Over-Matter.com
MontyAndTheFurnace.com
KingOfTheRingMovie.com
Vote4Fetch.com

OBJECTIVE

The first thing people usually notice about me is my physical disability and I like that! I was born with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita which limits the range of motion in my joints but could never limit my aspirations. To accomplish as much as I have in my life I've had to learn to never give up and to be as creative as possible to overcome what others may consider daily hurdles but I call my life. My objective is to continue challenging myself and others to be the very best they can be.

EXPERIENCE

2006 - Present

Media-Over-Matter Productions

Founder & CEO

- > Full service, multiple award winning media production company with films that have and continue to entertain audiences all over the world.
- > First spec commercial "Fetch" won the Doritos Crash the Super Bowl contest by being selected as a finalist. Created Facebook Apps and games to support.
- > Created a rapid prototype government time keeping iOS App and a homeschool activity records iOS App.

2008 - Present

Taranto Management Associates

Vice President

- > Own and manage over 150 beachside senior rental lots and homes.
- > Orchestrated a unique property sale that was profiled in the Wall Street Journal.

1997 - 2006

University of Florida Dean of Students Office

Technology Specialist

- > Responsible for all information technology services for 75+ users.
- > Wrote and received national grants focusing on computer usability.
- > Created and taught a national Computer Usability workshop.
- > Selected to represent UF in Microsoft's Mobile Initiative (think tank)

EDUCATION

1995 - 2000

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Bachelor of Science

- > Telecommunications Productions with Computer Science Minor
- > Created and anchored a weekly campus wide TV show educating viewers on computers and technology called "Campus Tech TV"

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- > LEAD Brevard Graduate, 4Under40 Winner and LEAD Brevard Board Member
- > Leadership Florida Graduate, Regional Communication Chair and Selection Chair
- > Board Governance Workshop with Chuck Loring
- > Community Foundation for Brevard Grant Review Team
- > Coordinated Millennial Feedback for USA Today and CareerSource Brevard
- > Florida Youth Soccer Association Coach

FIELD Marketing

Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department

September 29, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to recommend Vinnie Taranto for appointment to serve on the Citizen Oversight Committee for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan. I have had the pleasure of getting to know and work with Vinnie over the past two years and was so impressed with his passion for our community that I recruited him to serve on the Board of Directors of LEAD Brevard, for which I serve as the organization's 2016-2017 board chairman.

Our organization recognized Vinnie in 2015 as a "4 Under 40" honoree for his professional excellence, performance of valuable public services, and impactful mentorship. In his professional life as founder and CEO of Media-Over-Matter Productions, Vinnie excels in using technology and creativity to both educate and entertain. He is a great example of a community leader who leads with his actions rather than just words, which is why I believe he would be an excellent member of your Citizen Oversight Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.



Josh Field
Chairman, LEAD Brevard
President, Field Marketing Group

October 2, 2016

To Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee,
It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Vinnie Taranto to your committee. I have known Vinnie for several years through our service to Connect Florida, a program of Leadership Florida. After graduating from the Leadership Institute, Vinnie has served as the East Central Regional Chair on the Connect Florida Board of Governors from June 2015-to the present.

I can personally attest to three of Vinnie's strengths. First, is his unwavering positive attitude. Vinnie's enthusiasm and energy is absolutely contagious. Any group, committee, or board would be positively impacted by Vinnie's ability to stay optimistic and focused in any situation. Second, is his familiarity with the newest technology. Through his professional work with Media-Over-Matter Productions and his previous education, Vinnie is intimately familiar with the newest avenues to leverage technology in a variety of circumstances. Third, is Vinnie's passion for improving his community. Vinnie has demonstrated that he is committed to finding ways to improve his local (central Florida and specifically Brevard County) and state-wide community. He has a real dedication to selfless service.

Because of Vinnie's positive enthusiasm, expertise with technology, and commitment to his community, I have no doubt that he would be a tremendous asset to the Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Feicht, Esq.
Attorney - Employment & Business Litigation
Gunster
777 S. Flagler Drive, Suite 500 East
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
(561) 650-0729



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1427 Aurora Road, Melbourne, FL 32935
ArtemisIT.com

9/30/2016

To whom it may concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I provide this recommendation for Mr. Vinnie Taranto to serve as a member of the Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. I have come to know Vinnie through his engagement in our community, and his desire to help foster smart growth in Brevard and Central Florida. He has served on the Brevard grant review team for the Community Foundation, coordinated millennial feedback for USA Today and CareerSource Brevard, and he coaches for the Florida Youth Soccer Association. Vinnie has also demonstrated his understanding that it is important to become educated on what is happening around us through this participation in the Leadership Florida program, where he has served as the Regional Communication Chair and Selection Chair.

Mr. Taranto is a small business owner, and was recently recognized by Lead Brevard as one of the county's outstanding leaders under the age of 40. He grew up in Brevard and understands the special recreational and quality of life role the lagoon plays for many of our citizens, while at the same time being keenly aware of how important the lagoon is to our local and Central Florida economy.

Most recently, he has been serving as a member of the EDC of Florida's Space Coast's Marketing Committee that I chair. I have always found his input to be considerate, well thought out, and genuine. I am confident that he represents just the type of citizen that needs to be on the oversight committee to help gain and foster trust that there will truly be "citizen" oversight of the new tax revenues entrusted to the County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis Proctor".

Travis Proctor
CEO





*for Good.
for Brevard.
forever.*

October 2, 2016

Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department
Viera Government Center
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building A
Viera, FL 32940

RE: Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee Recommendation

Dear Selection Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Vinnie Taranto for volunteer service on the Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee. Vinnie has served as a volunteer for us during our annual competitive grant process as a grant reviewer. It requires a deep review and analysis of grant applications and detailed supporting documents, using technology tools, serving on a diverse committee with other reviewers of different points of view to discuss and analyze the current application to reach consensus. His service has been exceptional. Vinnie is an enthusiastic, "can-do" individual, and yet thoughtful and discerning. With a BS from University of Florida and experience as a technology specialist for UF, his qualifications would serve the committee well. His knowledge of current technology and tools, education, and outreach were specifically helpful to us and may be useful to the IRL Oversight Committee as they consider community communications.

It is important to underscore his incredibly positive, friendly demeanor which sets a tone for always-productive communications in even the most challenging discussions. Our grant committees do not always agree, and yet Vinnie paves a path for listening, understanding, and reconciling different points of view. His expression is articulate and thoughtful. He asks sound and pointed questions with natural curiosity and earnest interest.

As a widely recognized and regarded leader in our county, generous with his time devoted to service, highly responsible in fulfilling commitments and responsibilities, Vinnie would be a strong asset to the committee. I heartily recommend your strongest consideration in selecting Vinnie Taranto to serve.

Respectfully,

Sandi Scannelli
President/CEO

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September 30, 2016

Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department
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RE: Citizen Oversight Committee for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP)

I have been invited to submit a letter of recommendation for Vinnie Taranto, Founder & CEO, Media-Over-Matter Productions, LC and am pleased to do so in support of his application to add to his resume of community service via an appointment as a member of the Citizen Oversight Committee for the SOIRLPP.

Mr. Taranto is a member of the LEAD Brevard Board of Directors, a committee volunteer with LEAD Brevard and is a graduate of the Leadership Brevard program class 2014. In 2015, he was named one of the Top 4 under 40 in Brevard, following a competitive process and evaluation of his leadership and community contributions. His nominators included (in part) this information: "relentless positive energy; contagious drive and self-motivation; among the most kind, humble and talented individuals I've ever come across; a 'quiet professional' in that he's never one to call attention to his many accomplishments, preferring instead to build up and reinforce those around him, yet his accomplishments are many." He is also a volunteer with the Florida Youth Soccer Association as a Coach and serves as Foster Child Mentor for The Haven Group Home.

He was selected to participate and graduated from the statewide Leadership Florida program 'Connect Florida' class in 2015 and has served on the leadership team as the East Central Regional Chair for that organization since. He was also the Selection Committee chair in 2016.

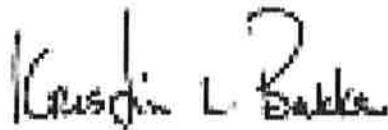
Vinnie is from Brevard County (Indialantic) and attended Melbourne Central Catholic High School prior to graduating from the University of Florida (UF) with a degree in Telecommunications Productions. He directed the IT department for the Dean of Students Office at UF for ten years, received national grants focusing on computer usability and wrote, directed and anchored a TV show based on computers and technology called "Campus Tech TV".

Vinnie brings a collaborative, inclusive and thoughtful style of leadership to his commitments and work with our organization and to his community public service commitments. He has been engaged in the technology field for many years and is able to both understand and help others understand technology and technological matters.

Vinnie has never met a stranger and is able to work effectively with diverse groups of leaders; he is both a listener and a vocal advocate for his positions. His ability to outreach to virtually anyone and bring them to the table is another strong leadership skill he possesses.

I am confident that Vinnie will make a significant contribution to the Citizen Oversight Committee for the SOIRLPP and would be pleased to address any questions you may have in regards to this appointment.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin L. Bakke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristin L. Bakke, CAE
President & CEO
LEAD Brevard



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RE: Vinnie Taranto, Recommendation to serve on the Citizen Oversight Committee for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Vinnie Taranto as part of his application to serve on the Citizen Oversight Committee for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan as a Communication and Outreach Specialist.

As a member of LEAD Brevard's 4 under 40, Vinnie served on our Board of Directors from 2014 through 2015. Throughout his term, he was an active participant and always inquired how he can become more involved.

Earlier this year, Vinnie found an opportunity to join our Community Marketing Council. The council was tasked to provide their marketing knowledge and expertise toward our effort in changing the community's perception of the manufacturing industry here locally.

As a result of the council's efforts, the EDC will begin implementing a program to attract high school students, veterans, transitional workers and unemployed workers into the manufacturing field.

Vinnie's involvement in the EDC, his passion for Brevard County and dedication to the people that live here demonstrate his ability to serve this committee well.

Sincerely,

Lynda Weatherman
President & CEO

AUSLEY & McMULLEN

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October 2, 2016

Brevard County
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Viera Government Center
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Viera, FL 32940

Re: Vinnie Taranto - Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to recommend that Vinnie Taranto be appointed to the Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. I am currently serving as the Chair of Leadership Florida and have worked with Vinnie for the past two or three years. Vinnie is a member our Connect Florida Class V, serves on our East Central Regional Council and is a valuable member of our statewide Leadership Team.

Vinnie is one of our outstanding volunteer leaders. I see him three or four times a year at Leadership Florida activities and can tell you these things about him:


1. Vinnie is always prepared.
2. He is reliable. We can always count on Vinnie being there.
3. He participates in meetings and other activities in a serious, but cheerful, thoughtful and positive way.
4. He has outstanding people skills. He is a good listener and only talks when he has something useful to say. People listen to Vinnie because he talks when he has something useful to offer and does not talk just to hear his own voice.
5. He is dependable and does what he promises.

6. People like Vinnie very much. He's just one of those people.
7. He understands that volunteering and leadership take time and effort. He freely gives both.

Most importantly, Vinnie has a rare gift of enthusiasm, which he spreads to those around him. Vinnie focuses on the positive and what can be done, not obstacles. He is driven to find a way to accomplish goals. He does not let small stuff deter him or slow him down. He brings a sense of joyfulness and possibility to everything he does. His thoughtfulness, positive attitude and joyful spirit make him a genuine and substantial contributor to the work of Leadership Florida.

Although I do not live in Brevard County, I am a Floridian and am concerned about water and the role it will play in the future of our State. The health of the Indian River Lagoon is important to Brevard County, but it's also important to all of Florida. Vinnie would be a great addition to the Citizens Advisory Committee. I hope you will give his application careful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Wahlen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. Jeffrey Wahlen

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Email

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Additional Requirements

In addition to completing the application posted at <http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon>, a resume and at least one letter of recommendation are required. The letter of recommendation can be a personal recommendation from a professional in the same field and/or an endorsement by a reputable nonprofit organization.

Send your application, resumé, and letter(s) of reference to:

Natural Resources Management Department, Carol Gerundo, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Carol.Gerundo@brevardfl.gov

Phone: 321-633-2016

Marguerita Ann Engel
1228 Sugar Creek Lane, Rockledge, Florida 32955
Home (321)637-0902; cell (321) 652-6397
Reit615@hotmail.com

- Objective:** To volunteer to serve on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.
To specifically represent the field of Education/Outreach
- Strengths:** Strong background and experience as it relates to the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon
- Education:** University of Dayton, 1964-65
Brevard Community College 1990s, Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne Campus
- Achievements:** Woman of the Year, Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce, 1986
President, River Center Association, a downtown redevelopment organization;
instrumental in achieving the Main Street City designation for Titusville, 1986-87
Chairman, Keep America Beautiful Systems Coordinators' Council, Board Member, Keep Florida Beautiful
Member, Brevard County Tourism Development Council and Beach Improvement Committee
Member, Metropolitan Planning Council and Technical Advisory Committee
Co-Founder Eco-Trek Youth Environmental Summit
- Background:** September, 1997 – June, 2008
Intergovernmental Coordinator, St. Johns River Water Management District
~Liaison between SJRWMD and local governments, agencies, and elected and appointed officials. Conducted outreach efforts to address specific resource issues and concerns.
Monitored water and natural resource issues and assisted local governments with development and amendments of plans.
- November 1990-September, 1997
Executive Director, Keep Brevard Beautiful, Inc.
~Guide and direct development of programs focusing on the preservation and conservation of Brevard's resources through litter control, recycling, beautification and education of the citizens of Brevard
~Public relations and marketing activities, including community outreach programs and communications with government agencies, the media, businesses, and civic organizations
~Administer \$187,000 annual budget and coordinate revenue generating activities, including contracts, grants, membership, and fundraisers
Direct participation and recruitment of a 1,500 member volunteer force and direct operations of two full-time and two part-time employees

November 1987-November, 1990

Vice Mayor and City Council Member, City of Titusville

~Participated in the establishment and monitoring of city policies and operating procedures

~Reviewed proposals for the improvement and maintenance of municipal infrastructure and equipment

~Assisted in the administration of a 1.4 million dollar budget

June, 1979-May, 1987

Owner/Operator, Shuttle Moving and Storage, Inc., Titusville, Fl.

~Responsible for all aspects of management, including sales, bookkeeping and warehouse operations

1974-1979

Life Insurance Sales Representative and Estate & Business Planning Specialist

To whom it may concern:

It is my understanding that Marguerita Engel is submitting an application for appointment to the Brevard County Save Our Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. I have known Ms. Engel for several years while she served on the Titusville City Council and worked with Keep Brevard Beautiful. During this period I had the opportunity to work with her on several projects, some of which involved projects or programs to protect or restore the Indian River Lagoon.

More recently, both Ms. Engel and I worked for the St. Johns River Management District in their Palm Bay office for several years. Ms. Engel worked as the intergovernmental coordinator and I was project scientist for the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program. Ms. Engel and I worked closely together to help develop and implement numerous projects, programs and policies targeted at protecting and restoring the resources of the Indian River Lagoon. Most of these efforts involved collaboration and/or coordination with elected officials, local governments, state and federal agencies, interest groups, academia and individuals.

From working with Ms. Engel, I can attest that she is quite knowledgeable about the Lagoon's resources, the issues and problems facing the Indian River Lagoon and strategies to address its protection and restoration. I can further attest that she worked tirelessly to implement these efforts. I would fully expect that she would bring this knowledge and dedication to assist in the deliberations of the Brevard County Save Our Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

I am pleased to offer my support for Ms. Engel's appointment to the Brevard County Save Our Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Please contact me at your convenience should you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely;

Robert A. Day
114 Chipola Road
Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931

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I stepped down from my leadership roles in these volunteer organizations and registered with a political party in order to bring better lagoon/clean water advocacy to the State government's roles and responsibilities in upholding the public trust, home rule and general rights to maintain/improve property values and quality of life. I generally avoid partisan politics, choosing instead to "side" with the independent processes of science, feedback and reason to shape public policies. I'm about good process, however and whatever the result. Having a military career, steeped in constitutional underpinnings, legal analyses and ethical mandates, I believe my character and skills will directly contribute to the mission of the SOIRLCOC.

Specifically regarding the skills and experience of "education/outreach" (and to a parallel extent, "lagoon advocacy,") this is what I have been doing with my time post-retirement. I believe the primary skill is actually an understanding; the ability to read people and to effectively talk with them where they are, with ultimate purpose toward changed behaviors

more "friendly" to the lagoon's best interests. I look forward to being able to share my ideas.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

As it is with any public office, the need to actually and apparently maintain loyalty to the public interest is what military operations would call the "center of gravity"; a core vulnerability and the fundamental imperative. Without it, better yet -- without the clear presentation of it, the all-important relationship between the People and our government is at risk to quick erosion. There is a clear duty to maintain the public's trust and confidence in those who serve in such capacities. And with the very title of the Citizen Oversight Committee, such a factor -- the need to communicate proof in maintaining the public trust -- becomes part of its very mission.

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Send your application, resumé, and letter(s) of reference to:

Natural Resources Management Department, Carol Gerundo, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Carol.Gerundo@brevardfl.gov

Phone: 321-633-2016

Melissa Martin

Applying for membership on the
Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

5404 Brilliance Cir
Cocoa, FL 32926
(321) 439-6118
meilang76@gmail.com

EXPERIENCE

Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition — President

JUN 2016 - AUG 2017

An all-volunteer 501(c)3 working with community partners and stakeholders to restore and protect the Indian River Lagoon.

Represent the Space Coast — Chapter Coordinator

JAN 2016 - AUG 2017

A local chapter of Represent.Us, a national nonpartisan organization to restore government integrity.

US Marine Corps — Judge Advocate

SEP 2007 - SEP 2014

Command legal advisor on all matters of international, administrative, civil, and criminal law. Retired as Staff Judge Advocate for Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

US Marine Corps — Staff Executive

FEB 1999 - JUL 2004

Legal-administrative manager for all authorities, restraints, and constraints on command actions and communications.

EDUCATION

US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD — Bach. of Sci.

JUL 1994 - MAY 1998

Majored in Political Science, Minored in the Spanish Language

Barry Univ School of Law, Orlando, FL — Juris Doc.

AUG 2004 - MAY 2007

Graduated Cum Laude, with Clinic Certificate in Child Advocacy

SKILLS

Cross-partisan leadership
Legal research & advocacy
Creative problem solving
Mediation & communication

AWARDS

Various Personal Awards for meritorious service in the US Marine Corps

Lion of Justice Award from the Florida Bar Committee on Professionalism

Linda Goode Conservation Award from Anglers for Conservation

MEMBERSHIPS

FL Bar Member in Good Standing, #47515

FL Bar Military Affairs Committee, Environmental & Land Use Law Section

Military Officers Association of America

Various Clubs/Caucuses

Greetings,

I am writing you today in eager support of Melissa Martin for membership on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. I served with Mel on the original board for the Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition and she eventually became our Board President. I have come to know her as extremely competent with great people skills. Her advocacy contributed in large part to the passing of the Lagoon tax in 2016 to restore our beloved IRL. Her enthusiasm is contagious and she works tirelessly for causes she believes in. She also brings years of legal experience from her previous life as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Marines. Her addition to the committee will be advantageous for everyone involved and especially the citizens of Brevard.

I am also the Chair of the local Sierra Club group. Our group enthusiastically supports Melissa in joining this esteemed committee as well. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Leslie Maloney

321-432-4346

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Scott Green** <Scott@flmd.biz>

Date: Thu, Jan 3, 2019, 14:46

To: Melissa Martin <meilang76@gmail.com>

Subject: Letter of Recommendation. Mel Martin's Application for the Education/Outreach seat on the Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

To Whom it may concern;

As part of my participation in Coastal Conservation of Florida's Water Quality Subcommittee as well as its Governmental Relations Committee I was authorized to engage with the Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition back in 2016 and lend whatever support CCA's 20,000 member organization could offer. In that capacity I was invited to participate in a number of organizational as well as action oriented meetings that Ms. Martin organized and lead. Having been involved with a number of conservation oriented local and statewide initiatives over the years I am well aware of the difficulties in bringing various groups of people together to support a common goal. From the very beginning I was impressed with Mel's ability to bring groups of people with disparate interests together to focus on a common goal, the passage of the 1/2 cent sales tax referendum.

As president of the Coalition, Mel demonstrated her abilities as a superior planner and organizer. She was able to align elected officials, county and city employees, business leaders and environment interests toward passage of the referendum and ultimately the restoration of the Indian River Lagoon system in Brevard County. Her ability to make sense of complex organizational problems and come up with solutions was demonstrated time and again. Her ability to keep citizen volunteers on track was uncanny. On more than one occasion I saw her deftly manage the needs of committee participants whose backgrounds and specific interests varied widely.

In short, I think that Mel's people management skills, her acquired knowledge of the political and social landscape of Brevard County, her in depth knowledge of the water quality issues and her understanding of the SOIRLPP make her an ideal candidate for the Education/Outreach position on the Citizen Oversight Committee. Her involvement will be a great step in increasing awareness between the citizenry of Brevard and the County's efforts regarding the SOIRLPP.

Best Regards,
Scott Green
932 Indian Hammock Drive
Osteen, FL 32764
407-701-8850 (cell)

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Name Kimberly Newton
Mailing Address 350 Pine Tree Drive
City, State, Zip Code Indialantic, Florida 32903
Phone 407-399-2253
Email EcoEarthFriends@gmail.com

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County Yes ☒ No ☐ Number of Years 2.5
2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐

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4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee

There are several reasons why I have decided to apply to serve on this board. The most pressing issue to me, that really motivated my submitting an application, is that I have spent my entire life playing and enjoying the waters of Brevard County and I truly want to do as much as I can to insure that we restore the lagoon to the amazing habitat it truly is. Myself, with my family, have spent the greater part of this year already out in the community educating and talking with people about the issues of the IRL, and how each one of us can and must do our part to stop pollutants and work toward restoration together. We have had endless positive feedback and support, as well as had the opportunity to educate individuals how they can accomplish this goal. I believe a position on this board in either education or advocacy will continue to provide an opportunity to educate and work in the restoration efforts.

Secondarily, I know that I have served well on other community boards and that I am able to look at circumstances and proposals in a non-biased manor, for the greater good of our lagoon and our community.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

There have been many opportunities to become involved with understanding the current state of, and needed plans to restore our IRL.

The following is a list of our local organizations and programs that I am currently involved with that have a direct connection to the lagoon restoration.

1. Member of the Brevard Sustainability Working Group, meeting out of Brevard County IFAS Extension Office
2. The Litter Quitter program with the Brevard Zoo and Keep Brevard Beautiful
3. The Lagoon Literacy program with the Marine Resources Council, this program presents information about the IRL and current issues and resolutions to community groups from elementary schools to seniors.
4. Muck Finders with the Marine Resources Council. I have been out on two separate data gathering boat trips to measure and record muck data in the lagoon.
5. Member of the Executive Board for ReThink Energy Brevard
6. Co-Founder of Eco Earth Friends, an educational organization that educates the community at events and one on one about the current issues facing our lagoon and how we

6. Please describe what character, judgement, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

Understanding that this committee is designed to over see and account for the delegation of the restoration efforts for an entire community is most relevant.

My personal strengths include excellent listening skills. I have practical training in this area through counseling and advocacy training in my professional work as an advocate and liaison with seniors and caregivers.

As well, I have literal experience as a board member for several organizations that have repeatedly asked me to retain my position from term to term, specifically for my delegation and group communication skills.

Also relevant for a position on a group committee, I am an excellent judge of character, however, even when one has questionable motives, I never let that get in the way of giving anyone the full right to speak and be heard as permitted by any bylaws that are in place to give them that right. Even when we disagree with a point being made, it is most always that you can still find useful information to work toward a compromise and mitigate any unnecessary conflict.

~~This also allows for a consistent diplomatic approach to issues at hand.~~

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

This committee has been established to speak and act on behalf of Brevard County. Over the past 3-4 years as I have become extremely involved in advocacy for our IRL, I have had the opportunity to speak with and hear many of our residents concerns and ideas about how the lagoon has become so polluted and how we can fix it.

In this time I have heard many conflicting ideas for both.

However, the consistent thread in everyone's story is the passion for moving forward to clean our Lagoon. This passion, it is what will continue to drive us in the correct direction while we continue to evaluate project ideas and gather data back from test projects, such as new grasses, oyster restoration, possible new inlets, continued and additional dredging...

Whether it was the commercial clam fisheries or a mishandled infrastructure that one believes caused the deterioration of the Lagoon, we must represent the greater good for the entire County, and be able to learn from our successes and failures and try again as we go.

An understanding that this is a long road and that the driving passion for all of us is to restore our Indian River Lagoon will most likely fuel some conflict and disagreements,

~~however, staying true to the greater good for our entire community will keep the integrity and~~

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Send your application, resumé, and letter(s) of reference to:

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Phone: 321-633-2016

Kimberly Newton
350 Pine Tree Drive
Indialantic, Florida 32903
407-399-2253
EcoEarthFriends@gmail.com

2018 Co-Founder Eco Earth Friends

2010- present Elder and Caregiver Advocate and Community Educator Presenter

2015- present Elder Ambassador, Orange County Office on Aging

2016-2017 Art Teacher for The Memories in the Making Program, with the Alzheimer's Association

2015, 2018 Community Education and Speaker Training, with The Conversation Project

2018 Caregiver Support Group Leader for two support groups in Brevard County, Traumatic Brain Injury Survivor Caregiver support, and Elder and Adult Children with Disabilities Support Group

2014 Statement of Accomplishment, with Distinction from the University of Copenhagen in Global Health; *NOTE: this program covered environmental health and issues including detailed issues of water quality and restoration efforts

2005-2007 Accudata Market Research, Research Interviewer for demographic statistical data gathering for marketing firms

2007-2009 Elementary Educator and Middle School, Ethics teacher

Greetings Ms. Gerundo,

It is my pleasure to write to you today on behalf of a candidate for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee, Kimberly Newton.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Newton through my work as a Program Director for IDEAS For Us, an Orlando-based, environmentally-focussed non-profit and believe that she would be an excellent selection for this committee.

Over the years, I have found her to be a passionate and consistent volunteer, a well informed communicator and citizen educator. In workshop settings, she not only contributes meaningful insights, but encourages others, often coaxing information and ideas out of those who may be more shy or hesitant to participate. In her passion for a sustainable future, Ms. Newton stays engaged and active in the community, while encouraging and empowering others to engage as well.

Her passion for a sustainable future may be most clearly evident in the way she has educated and empowered her sons to be leaders in this movement, supporting them in establishing Eco Earth Friends in order to take (and inspire) action for clean/healthy eco-systems.

Please feel welcome to reach out for any clarification or additional details.

All the Best,
Sharon Hammond
Program Director, The IDEAS Hive
Sharon.Hammond@IDEASforUs.org
407-405-4092

**CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH, FLORIDA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**



**565 Cassia Boulevard 32937-3116
Satellite Beach, FL 32937
(321) 773-4409
FAX: (321) 777-6619
12/28/18**

Dear Indian River Lagoon Committee,

In reference to Kimberly Newtons application to be on your committee. I have had the opportunity to work with her at numerous events focusing on sustainability and stewardship activities. She has inspired and educated her kids to become environmental advocates as well and together they created the organization Eco Earth Friends. Her concern for the environment has led her to value facts and the scientific process to determine the correct course of action. She is already involved in multiple events, boards, and organizations. If you select her to be on your committee you will have an asset in Kimberly Newton.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Sanzone
Satellite Beach Environmental Programs Coordinator



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December 17, 2018

Dear Sir / Madam:

This is a letter of recommendation for Kimberly Newton.

I have known Kimberly professionally for more than five years. That is when Kimberly first volunteered her time and became an Elder Ambassador for Orange County's Commission on Aging. This volunteer program requires individuals to participate in four days of training about the elder services network. Once graduated, volunteers then educate local elders and caregivers about the services and programs that can help them.

The network of elder services is incredibly complex and Kimberly is always taking time to discover more about the agencies and the services that each provides. Because of this extra effort, Kimberly was recognized as a star volunteer in 2015. As one of my most knowledgeable volunteers, she is one of the first people I contact when I need a volunteer to give a presentation in the community or when the Elder Ambassadors have been invited to be a vendor at a community health fair.

Kimberly is always going beyond what you ask from her. Her smile and enthusiasm shows how much she truly cares about the wellbeing of elders.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 407-254-9277 or mimi.reggentin@ocfl.net.

Sincerely,

Mimi Reggentin, AICP
Program Manager
Orange County Office on Aging

To Whom It May Concern:

December 26, 2018

Please accept this letter as a letter of Reference for Kimberly Newton.

She would be a great addition to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon citizen oversight committee.

She is very passionate about all environmental efforts here in Brevard. She has engaged with different groups and made efforts to educate herself on the issues that affect us all. She strives to assure she can help the cause and push things forward.

She is very devoted, dependable, educated on the issues and not afraid to speak up. Kimberly is also very outgoing, kind and thoughtful.

I highly recommend her for a position in the committee. She will be a great asset.

Thank You

Karen Wade

Rethink Energy Brevard

407-923-0631

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MERRITT ISLAND, FLORIDA 32952

CELL: (321) 537-6080
E-MAIL: JAYMOYNAHAN@GMAIL.COM

Personal

Born 1951, married, three children

Yale University, B.A. 1973

University of Florida, J.D. 1976

Employment

1982 - 2017: Chief Executive Officer for a family-owned group of companies engaged in real estate development and sales of single- family residential subdivisions in Florida, Colorado and The Bahamas. Responsible for all development planning, permitting and construction; coordination with all governmental agencies, outside professionals and consultants; all marketing and closing; and long-range financial planning. Over the past 35 years, our companies have completed development and sales of over 6,000 homesites, about 75% of which were sold by installment sales.

Created and managed the homeowners' associations for the subdivisions developed in Brevard County: Pineda Crossing Homeowners Association, Deer Lakes Owners Association, Waterside Property Owners Association, and Pineda Ridge Homeowners Association.

1980 - 1982: Associate Attorney, Smathers & Thompson, Miami, Florida.

1977 - 1980: Assistant County Attorney for Dade County, Florida.

1976 - 1977: Associate Attorney, Baker & McKenzie, Chicago, Illinois (Madrid, Spain office).

Professional Designations (State of Florida) – Present and Past

Member of Florida Bar since 1976

Real Estate Broker since 1982

Mortgage Broker 2004 - 2010

Community Association Manager 2006 – 2016

Community Activities – Present and Past

Cambridge Elementary School – Volunteer Math Tutor for ESE Class

Brevard Library Foundation – Chairman and Member, Board of Directors

Tropical Elementary School – Member of School Advisory Council

Merritt Island High School – Member of School Advisory Council

Restore Our Shores Oyster Program, Brevard Zoo

Brevard Public Schools – Certified Substitute Teacher

Georgianna United Methodist Church – Various committees

Brevard Indian Guides – Tribe Leader

Central Brevard Soccer – Coach and Member of Board of Directors



December 18, 2018

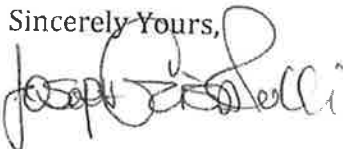
Ms. Carol Gerundo
Admin Assistant to the Director
Department of Natural Resources Management
Brevard County
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940

RE: Jay Moynahan Volunteer Application
Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

Dear Ms. Gerundo:

I am very pleased to write this letter of reference for Jay Moynahan and to recommend him highly for appointment to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee for the Restoration Fund. I have known Jay personally for over 10 years and have also done business with him in the development of the Pineda Ridge subdivision on Wickham Road. Jay has always demonstrated the highest level of competence, diligence and honesty in all his affairs, and I have no doubt that he will bring those same qualities to the Oversight Committee.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have should you wish to contact me. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Jay's qualifications and for your favorable consideration of him for this position.

Sincerely Yours,


Joseph B. Crisafulli, President



To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Jay Moynahan for most of the 20 years he and his family have been in Brevard County, specifically on Merritt Island. Jay and I have served on school advisory council boards together, been involved in civic activities, been church friends and workers as well as friends. As a Realtor for almost 40 years myself, Jay and I have had many valuable discussions concerning the real estate in this area. I consider him to be an educated, talented, smart and kind man.

It is my honor to "speak" on Jay's behalf as you consider him to serve on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon committee. Having lived on the Lagoon all of my almost 70 years and having a father who was born on Merritt Island in 1912 our family wholeheartedly encourages any and all efforts to restore this great natural resource. Jay would be an outstanding addition to these efforts. I for one would count any group lucky to gain his integrity and talents.

Please call on me personally if I may add to my endorsement of Jay Moynahan to your committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on Jay's behalf,

Sue Nisbet

Nisbet Realty, Inc. owner/broker

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321-431-7639

December 18, 2018

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Laurilee Thompson

Age: 65

Years in Brevard County: 65

Education: AA Oceanographic Technology, Florida Institute of Technology

Employer: Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant

Position: Owner/Manager

Current Appointments:

Brevard County Tourist Development Council: 2000 - Present; Chair 2003, 2010, 2015

Indian River Lagoon Council Management Board: 2016 – ongoing

Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Selection and Management Committee: 2014 - ongoing

Current Affiliations:

Member: Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel for South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council

Board Member: Brevard Nature Alliance; Founding Member

Board Member: Merritt Island Wildlife Association; Current Vice-president

Board Member: Space Coast Chapter Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association; President 2013

Board Member: Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association

Awards and Recognitions:

- Laurilee was selected as the **1998 Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year** in recognition for her work in the business of eco-tourism.
- First recipient of the annual **Allen David Broussard Conservation Award**, in recognition of efforts to demonstrate the economic value of conservation through the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival. The award was presented at the **1999 National Watchable Wildlife Conference** in Ft. Myers.
- The **Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce 1999 Home-based Business of the Year Award** went to Laurilee's guided kayak tour business, Osprey Outfitters.
- The **Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce 1999 Small Business of the Year Award** went to the family business, Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant.
- Recipient of the **Titusville Area Visitors Council 1999 Hospitality Award**.
- Recipient of the **2001 Florida Outdoor Writers Association, Florida Sportsman Biff Lampton Memorial Conservation Award** for Outstanding Conservation Efforts on behalf of the Florida Outdoors.
- Recipient of the **2002 DAR Citizen of the Year Award**, presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Indian River Chapter in recognition for educational efforts concerning Florida Scrub Jays.
- First Recipient of the annual **Brevard County Conservation Leadership Award**, presented by the Board of Directors of the Brevard Nature Alliance (March, 2003).
- Recipient of the **2003 Harry R. Lee Memorial Award**, presented by the City of Titusville in recognition of outstanding community service for founding the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival.
- Recipient of the **2003 Bob Owens Memorial Award**, presented by the St. Johns River Water Management District for outstanding citizen service to the St. Johns River WMD.
- Recipient of the **2005 National Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Medal** in recognition for outstanding achievement for environmental awareness.
- Recipient of the **2006 East Central Florida Junior Achievement Business Leadership Award** in recognition of the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival and tourism work.
- Recipient of the prestigious **2006 Audubon Florida Guy Bradley Award** recognizing demonstration of a personal, public and consuming commitment to natural resource protection in Florida.
- Recipient of the **2006 Space Coast March of Dimes Woman of Achievement Award** for community service.
- The **Brevard County School Board 2006 Small Business Partner of the Year** award went to Dixie Crossroads.
- The National Restaurant Association's **2007 Florida Restaurant Neighbor Humanitarian of the Year Award** went to Laurilee for her community service.

- **2008 Canaveral Boy Scout Golden Eagle Dinner Honoree** in recognition for environmental leadership.
- **2010 Space Coast Chapter American Red Cross Honoree** in recognition for environmental leadership.
- **Southeastern Fisheries Association 2010 Paul Herring American Freedom Award** for standing up on behalf of fishermen and fishing communities.
- **Miami Corporation 2012 Friend of Conservation Award** in recognition of extraordinary efforts to protect and conserve habitat corridors in Brevard County.
- **Marine Resources Council 2013 Stan Blum Award** for lifetime service to the Indian River Lagoon.
- First Recipient of the **Brevard Nature Alliance Legacy Award (2013)** in recognition of outstanding leadership advocacy for protection of Brevard County's natural resources.
- **Southeastern Fisheries Association 2013 David Harrington Semper Fi Award** for tirelessly working to provide honest information on fisheries issues to the State and Federal Government.
- 2015 recipient of the **Charlie Corbeil Conservation Award** at the annual event that awards Space Coast individuals for their exemplary contributions to conservation.
- 2015 recipient of the **Patriot Award** from the Honor America Board at the Liberty Bell Museum in Melbourne.
- In November, 2016 the family businesses, Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant and Wild Ocean Seafood Market, were each recipients of a **Change Award** to honor Everyday Superheroes of North Brevard County. The category was "Superpower of Corporate Citizenship."
- Southeastern Fisheries Association **2017 SFA Member of the Year Award** for meritorious leadership in restoring grasses in the Indian River Lagoon and liaison with the Hospitality Industry to save the culture of the Seafood Industry.
- Dixie Crossroad is a member of the Indian River National Estuary Program **Indian River Lagoon Innovators and Investors Network** for 2017 and 2018.

Laurilee's diverse background includes an Associate Degree in Oceanographic Technology from Florida Institute of Technology, design and production of nautical themed furniture, custom boat fabrication, commercial fishing boat captain, and restaurateur. Living and working on and near the sea instilled a lifelong passion for the preservation of these natural areas and the diverse species that are dependent upon their perpetuity.

After leaving the ocean in 1987, first-hand experience in stressed Gulf of Mexico fisheries led Laurilee to take part in preservation efforts closer to home. When overfishing threatened the habitat and future supply of rock shrimp, she encouraged her entire family to step in and lead the efforts to end trawling in the fragile Oculina Reef and put a management plan in place for the rock shrimp fishery. The result was a first for the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council when they approved a fisheries management plan for the shrimping industry that was based upon input from the industry itself. Laurilee continues to make yearly trips to Washington DC to educate members of Congress about the U.S. commercial fishing industry.

While transitioning from a seafaring lifestyle, Laurilee developed an intense desire to connect people with nature. This led to a seat on the Brevard County Tourist Development Council and many eco-tourism endeavors. The most notable is the **Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival**, which Laurilee founded in 1997.

This annual event, Florida's first major birding festival and now one of the top birding festivals in the nation, is heralded as a model for festivals nationwide due to the exceptional lineup of seminar presenters and high-quality field trips. Birders of all levels, wildlife enthusiasts, biologists, ornithologists and international birding and adventure tour operators travel from all over the world to support this benchmark tradition. Laurilee has attended a

wide variety of forums and addressed many organizations to raise awareness of the benefits that nature-based and heritage tourism can bring to a community.

1997 was also the year that Laurilee started the first guided kayak eco-tour operation in Brevard County, Osprey Outfitters. It has since been through three owners and a name change. A Day Away Kayak Outfitters is now one of the most successful guided kayak tour businesses in the state, introducing thousands of people each year to the wonders of the Indian River Lagoon.

During early development of the Great Florida Birding Trail, Laurilee was instrumental in securing for Brevard County 21% of the site nominations out of the 18-county East Florida Section by personally filling out 45 lengthy nomination forms and escorting Julie Wraithmell, Birding Trail Coordinator, for site inspections. This resulted in the placement of 32 Brevard County sites on the Great Florida Birding Trail Map. Five additional Brevard County sites were added when the East Section of the Great Florida Birding Trail was updated in 2008. Brevard County has more Great Florida Birding Trail sites than any other county in Florida.

Laurilee has been an outspoken advocate for the establishment of a network of multi-use bike trails in Florida. The business core of downtown Titusville is experiencing revitalization due to the presence of three major multi-use trails that will soon pass through the city. Laurilee was recognized as a "Trail Champion" at the 2016 annual meeting of the Florida Trails Foundation.

Lately her emphasis during public speaking has shifted from talks about the benefits of nature-based and heritage tourism to talks about what it was like growing up on the Indian River Lagoon and the critical importance of bringing it back to its former beauty and productivity. A rabid proponent for restoration of her beloved Indian River Lagoon, Laurilee gives talks to anyone that will listen.

Because of the vital importance of sea grasses to Indian River Lagoon restoration, Laurilee was the major funder and driving force behind a successful pilot project to introduce nursery-grown sea grass into the Banana River Lagoon near the Merritt Island Airport. It is her hope that this technology will be used to hasten sea grass coverage when water quality improves sufficiently for sea grasses to survive in the Lagoon. She has developed a presentation about the sea grass project too.

Through her business, as well as her personal life, Laurilee is an important advocate for the promotion, protection, and use of our natural resources in a responsible manner. She says, "The Indian River is the heart and soul of our community. Our economy and our quality of life depend on her survival."



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December 21, 2018

To: Space Coast League of Cities

Re: Appointment of Laurilee Thompson to
Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Advisory Committee

Space Coast League of Cities,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Laurilee Thompson for the above committee. I have had the honor and pleasure of working with Laurilee for the past decade on tourism related issues, including fostering support for the lagoon, as well as examining ways to strengthen the health of our lagoon.

Laurilee's active participation in environmental issues pre-dates the years I have known her. She has a long and well known history of passionate perseverance in the defense of our county's, and our state's, environmental resources.

I can think of no one more qualified, or dedicated, to participate in the plan to preserve, protect, and enhance the well being of our lagoon than Laurilee Thompson.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Williamson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tom Williamson
General Manager
Ocean Partners Associates
President- Cocoa Beach Area Hotel and Lodging Association

December 22, 2018


To: Space Coast League of Cities

Reference: Support Letter for Laurilee Thompson's Application for the Tourism seat on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Citizen Advisory Committee

I am sending this letter with great confidence in supporting the application of Laurilee Thompson for the referenced position. I am very aware of the function and responsibilities of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Citizen Advisory Committee. As a lifelong scientist working first at Kennedy Space Center in several environmental contracts and then at the University of Central Florida as a Professor of Biology and Administrator, I say without hesitation that Laurilee would be an excellent and contributing member of that Committee. Below I expand on why I think this is the case.

I have known Laurilee for over 20 years. I know her as a local business owner and as a co-member of the Endangered Lands Selection and Management Committee, the Brevard Nature Alliance, and the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival. Laurilee grew up on the Indian River Lagoon and she and her family made their livelihood from the resources offered by the lagoon and the offshore fisheries of the east coast of Florida. She has demonstrated a lifelong understanding and passion for the value of the lagoon to our county and our citizens both from an economic and environmental perspective. Her familiarity with the tourism demands and the economic/environmental value of the lagoon are perhaps second to none in our region. I have heard her give many presentations on what the lagoon has meant to her as a young woman growing up on its shores and as a later business woman depending on that resource for the success of her business. I do not know anyone in our county that has such a unique and important perspective on the lagoon. I feel that she will bring that to bear in her participation on this important committee and will be an excellent addition to its membership. Her unique business perspective, personal knowledge of the lagoon, knowledge of the importance of tourism, passion for the success of Brevard County communities, and the respect that she garners from the citizens of Brevard lend to her qualifications for the position. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any further discussion or questions that you may have regarding my recommendation.

With great enthusiasm,



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Director of the Ecosystems Processes
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Merritt Island Wildlife Association

P.O. Box 2683, Titusville, FL 32781

Phone: 321-861-2377

Fed ID # 59-3289841

Website: www.merrittislandwildlife.org

A 501 (C)(3) Cooperating Association for the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

To: Space Coast League of Cities

Date: Dec 25, 2018

From: Merritt Island Wildlife Association (Non-Profit 501c3)

Subject: Endorsement of Laurilee Thompson to serve on the Tourism seat on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Citizen Advisory Committee.

The Merritt Island Wildlife Association is submitting our endorsement for Laurilee Thompson to serve on the tourism seat on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Project Plan Citizen Advisory Committee.

Ms. Thompson exemplifies the purpose of the Merritt Island Wildlife Association by promoting conservation, awareness, and appreciation of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and providing assistance to Refuge programs. Her years of experience as a life long Brevard County citizen, commercial and recreational fisherman and restaurant owner demonstrates her understanding of the impacts of the refuge on tourism and the quality of life for the citizens of counties that live on the Indian River Lagoon.

The Merritt Island Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge (MINWR) contains 22% of the IRL shoreline (129 miles) and understands the impact of refuge activities that support tourism in Brevard, Orange and Volusia Counties. The economic impact data from the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation report totaled \$60.4M. (Based on Per-person per-day expenditure for the Refuge in Brevard, Orange, and Volusia Counties)

The Merritt Island Wildlife Association endorsement is based on Laurilee's professionalism, experience in tourism, environment, conservation and years of support to the Merritt Island Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge.

We will be glad to provide any additional information to support Ms. Thompson's selection on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Citizen Advisory Committee.

Best regards

Chris Fairey
President, Merritt Island Wildlife Association

SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting applications for four seats on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Volunteers are sought to represent four fields of expertise: Education/Outreach, Real Estate, Tourism and Technology.

Basic Requirements and Duties of Oversight Committee Members

Applicants must commit to serving the public interest by providing stewardship of Lagoon Trust Funds, especially in relation to restoring health to the Indian River Lagoon, and must demonstrate expertise and experience in one or more of the following fields: real estate or tourism. Knowledge of water quality issues and the major sources of pollution affecting the lagoon are highly desirable.

Members and their alternates oversee progress and make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on spending an estimated \$486 million from sales tax revenue to **Reduce** pollution sources to the lagoon, **Remove** legacy pollution from the lagoon, **Restore** natural systems within the lagoon, and **Respond** to new information by recommending annual amendments to the Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP).

Duties include participation in meetings to evaluate progress towards plan implementation and lagoon health, review technology and alternative project proposals for reducing pollutants and improving water quality, assess the cost-effectiveness of projects and recommend plan revisions accordingly. The Committee addresses questions, concerns, and ideas from the public to improve the SOIRLPP. Applicants must be willing to ensure that the SOIRLPP reflects the most effective, timely and responsible means to restore the Indian River Lagoon and that the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund is managed in the best interest of the public.

Applications with resumes and letters of recommendation or endorsement should be submitted no later than **December 27, 2018**. The Space Coast League of Cities will review applications for Real Estate and Tourism expertise on **January 14, 2019**. The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will review applications for Technology and Education/Outreach expertise and finalize all four appointments at their regular meeting on **January 22, 2019**.

As part of the application process the Board of County Commissioners requires each applicant to answer in writing each of the following questions:

Name Mitchell Varnes
Mailing Address 660 Cinnamon Court
City, State, Zip Code Satellite Beach, FL 32937
Phone 321-759-7200
Email mitchvarnes@gmail.com

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County Yes ☒ No ☐ Number of Years 56
2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best matches your expertise:

- ☐ Science ☐ Economics/Finance ☐ Education/Outreach ☐ Lagoon Advocacy
☐ Technology ☐ Real Estate ☒ Tourism

**FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH
AND ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED**

4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee

I am a 6th generation Floridian and Brevard County native who grew up fishing, swimming and playing in the Indian River Lagoon.

My family and I live on a Satellite Beach canal fed by the IRL and have seen firsthand both the beauty and now recent degradation of the IRL.

For the benefit of ourselves and future generations, we need to restore the IRL. I would like to be part of the solution process.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

A.A., Brevard Community College, 1982

B.A., University of Central Florida, 1985

M.S., Georgetown University, 2019 (projected summer)

I do not have an educational or professional science background, but I have been involved in many IRL clean-ups over the years, oyster mat making and deployment and other volunteer ventures.

My company produces triathlons that utilize the IRL for the swim portion of the events, and we also have created and produced the biggest kayak and stand-up paddleboard fishing tournaments in the state of Florida -- all of which have taken place in the IRL.

We draw tourists to our area to swim, fish, paddleboard and enjoy our IRL.

In April 2018, I drove my boat 158 miles from the head of the IRL at the Halifax River to its end in Jupiter to experience firsthand the beauty and diversity of the IRL.

6. Please describe what character, judgement, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

I believe our IRL can be restored, and that we have the wherewithal to do so.

I have been on strategic planning teams and on boards of directors throughout my career and work well as both a member and leader of teams.

To be able to collaborate with others who have a likeminded interest and passion for the IRL and to ultimately be part of its restoration would be both an obligation and a privilege.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

Other than producing sporting events that utilize the IRL, I have no conflicts of interest with holding a position in the IRL Citizen Oversight Committee.

While we all want to see our IRL restored to optimum health, it is also imperative that there be no real or perceived conflicts of interest of Oversight Committee members.

A person or entity owning a hotel on the IRL has a stake in its health, but is significantly different than a committee member who may own or have relationships with a dredging or septic tank company.

Anyone on this committee should have an arms length or greater relationship to any recipients of Save Our Indian River Lagoon funds and, most importantly, have a passion for the IRL and be able to fairly and intelligently process information provided to them.

Additional Requirements

In addition to completing the application posted at <http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon>, a resume and at least one letter of recommendation are required. The letter of recommendation can be a personal recommendation from a professional in the same field and/or an endorsement by a reputable nonprofit organization.

Send your application, resumé, and letter(s) of reference to:

Natural Resources Management Department, Carol Gerundo, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Carol.Gerundo@brevardfl.gov

Phone: 321-633-2016

G. Mitchell Varnes, Jr.

660 Cinnamon Ct. / Satellite Beach, Fl. 32937 | +1 321 759 7200 } mitchvarnes@gmail.com

WORK HISTORY

DECEMBER 2004 - PRESENT **Smooth Running, LLC / Board Sports Management, LLC,**
Melbourne, Florida

PRESIDENT

Created, developed, produce and own several of Central Florida's largest endurance sporting events, including:

- Publix Florida Marathon & ½ Marathon (2009-present)
www.thefloridamarathon.com
- Ron Jon Cocoa Beach Triathlon (2010-present)
www.cocoabeachtriathlon.com
- USA Beach Running Championships (2010-present)
www.runonthebeach.com
- Ron Jon Cocoa Beach Half Marathon (2015-present)
www.cocoabeachhalfmarathon.com
- Rocketman Florida Triathlon (2013-2015) – First sporting event to ever be held behind the secured gates of the Kennedy Space Center. www.rocketmanflorida.com
- Cape Canaveral Half Marathon (2018-present) – First sporting event ever held on the secured grounds of the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. www.runthecape.com

Created, produced and owned the largest and richest professional surfing contest to be held in the state of Florida (second largest ever on U.S. East Coast).

- O'Neill Sebastian Inlet Pro Surfing Tournament, Sebastian Inlet, Florida (2005-2011)
- Florida Pro Pro Surfing Tournament, Sebastian Inlet, Florida (2018-present). Men's pro tournament and richest and most prestigious Women's Professional Surfing Contest ever held on the U.S. East Coast.

Event Director and co-owner of the USA's premiere active lifestyle Spring Break destination event, which in 2018 drew more than 50,000 attendees.

- Ron Jon Beach n Boards Fest (2013-present)
www.beachnboardsfest.com

Have additionally directed or been on staff for scores of other running, endurance, surfing, board sports, fishing and sporting events events; including the NCAA National Championship Football Fiesta Bowl Game, NFL Super Bowl and Major League Baseball All Star Game.

JANUARY 1994 – DECEMBER 2004 **A.G. EDWARDS & SONS, MELBOURNE, FLORIDA**
VICE PRESIDENT – INVESTMENTS

- Financial Consultant; licensed to sell securities, insurance, mutual funds and equities. Managed over \$80 million in individual and company assets.

DECEMBER 1983 – JANUARY 1994 **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

- Co-op student/trainee during Junior and Senior years of college at UCF, then hired full-time upon graduation
- Served as a NASA Spokesman in media affairs office
- Wrote press releases, video scripts, booklets and tourist materials
- Key member of guest operations team handling VIP and Congressional attendees day to day and during launches and other special events
- Accompanied astronauts to and handled logistics for special events and ceremonies around the United States, including the White House
- NASA Space Shuttle Launch Commentator (one of only 6 people to have ever conducted this role)
- Lead team member for planning and execution of NASA special events at the Kennedy Space Center
- Launch commentator for many expendable rockets, including Delta, Atlas and Pegasus vehicles
- NASA media liaison for return of Space Shuttle from California landing site to the Kennedy Space Center
- Media representative aboard Coast Guard and Navy vessels during recovery operations for Space Shuttle Challenger
- Lead staff member for 20th Anniversary of Apollo 11 U.S. tour

November 1983-March 1994 **Surfing Magazine**
East Coast Editor

- First East Coast Editor of California-based Surfing Magazine
- Covered surfing tournaments on the U.S. East Coast and profiled East Coast surfers
- Traveled throughout the U.S., Hawaii and internationally as available covering professional surfing tournaments

EDUCATION

**Summer 1982 – May 1985 University of Central Florida
B.A., Journalism**

**Jan. 1980 – May 1982 Brevard Community College
Cocoa, Florida
A.A. Journalism**

**August 2017 – Present Georgetown University
Washington, D.C.
M.A., Sports Industry Management
(Expected graduation summer 2019).**

NOTABLE PAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- **Treasurer, National Space Club**
- **President, University of Central Florida Space Coast Chapter Alumni Association (2 time)**
- **Board Member, University of Central Florida Alumni Association**
- **Founder, University of Central Florida Surf Club (Now 6-Time National Champions)**
- **National Board Member, Surfrider Foundation**
- **Director, Leadership Brevard**

RECENT AWARDS

- **2014 Notable Knight Award, University of Central Florida Alumni Association**
- **2013 Company Sustainability Award, Keep Brevard Beautiful**
- **2012 Entrepreneur of the Year, Space Coast Business Magazine**
- **2010 Champion Award (Economic Impact Award), Melbourne Chamber of Commerce**

Duane De Freese, Ph.D.

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December 26, 2018

Subject: Support Letter for G. Mitchell Varnes, Jr. Application to serve in the tourism seat as a citizen volunteer on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen's Oversight Committee.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for Mitch Varnes, who has applied to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Program for consideration to serve in the tourism seat for the SOIRL Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC). Mitch possesses a number of professional and experiential skills that would be valuable to the COC as the program implements Indian River Lagoon water quality and habitat restoration projects and as the program evaluates new project priorities annually. These skills and experiences include the following:

- Mitch is a waterman, experienced boater and life-long Brevard County resident who currently owns a waterfront residence in Satellite Beach along the Grand Canal, Banana River Lagoon. Mitch sees the water quality daily, understands the impacts of poor water quality on residential property values, and appreciates the complex issues associated with IRL restoration and recovery.
- Mitch is a small business owner and entrepreneur who has created a Brevard County tourism business, Smooth Running, LLC / Board Sports Management, LLC of Melbourne, Florida. Mitch is a Brevard County tourism leader who has developed, produced and marketed some of the largest and most prestigious water sporting events in Central Florida. These events include triathlons, the Ron Jon Beach N' Boards Fest, and fishing stand-up-paddle events. All of these events depend on a healthy IRL with clean, safe water for swimmers and fishers.
- Mitch has been a tourism and small business leader in Brevard County for decades. He was a successful financial consultant with A.G. Edwards & Sons. He served as a public affairs officer for NASA. This unique combination of skill sets and experience would be valuable to the COC as they work to identify and rank projects, evaluate project return-on-investment value and communicate program success to Brevard County citizens and tourism visitors.

I am honored to provide this support letter for Mitch Varnes and his application to serve as a citizen volunteer on the SOIRL CAC. I talked to Mitch at length when he called me to share his interest in serving on the committee. Mitch is committed to serving the public interest by providing oversight and stewardship of Lagoon Trust Funds. He is personally dedicated and invested in restoring ecological and economic health to the Indian River Lagoon. His expertise and experience in tourism, financial management, and small business entrepreneurship make him a highly desirable candidate for consideration.

Regards,



Duane E. De Freese, Ph.D.