

Andy Anderson

For County Commission, District 5

BREVARD COUNTY'S BIGGEST PROBLEM

The Trust Divide

The most pressing problem for Andy's district is getting the County Commissioners to respond to the ideas of the residents. Because of this, we have a challenge in terms of getting the support of the people. The biggest challenge we are facing is to repair and regain the trust of our community.

Citizen support is a vital community asset. Andy believes that we cannot ask for needed revenue without the support of the people. Even the current County Commission admits that the lack of voter support is our biggest problem. Unfortunately, one of Andy's opponents helped create the current Trust Divide between the people and the government by repeatedly voting to increase spending on non-essential services even after the voters had rejected a proposed one cent sales tax. The mistrust of the voters has limited the County's options at the worst possible time. Since the people will not tolerate any new tax or fee measures, Brevard County will have to undergo major spending cuts. We need to ensure that funding is prioritized based on our most critical service; Fire, Police, Utilities, and Roads.

Due to the recent economic factors, Brevard County does not have the ability to compel federal and state governments to increase funding. Andy believes that the reality of the budget situation in Brevard County leaves the County with no other option except to live within its means. This is because local revenue cannot be raised as long as the electorate remains mistrustful of and angry at some Brevard County Commissioners. Commissioners, School Board members, and City Council members that violated the public trust can and must be replaced. Until and unless the Trust Divide is repaired, it is unlikely that Brevard County voters will approve new revenue measures.

Fundamental to Brevard County's long-term future is the development of local revenue sources that are sustainable over the long term. It is also essential that the citizens support these revenues, and upon its implementation, that their taxes are efficiently spent for the stated purposes.

IT'S TIME FOR NEW MANAGEMENT

Andy Anderson's Plan to Bridge the Trust Divide

- Andy will collaborate with other commissioners, state representatives, and city officials to solve problems
- Andy pledges not to impose new taxes on the people; when necessary, he will refer proposals to the voters
- Andy offers a fresh start, since he doesn't have "bad history" with constituents
- Andy will represent the needs and wishes of his district when making decisions
- Andy will provide many avenues of accessibility in order to hear from the people of his district, including regular community forums and open office hours
- Andy has already knocked on the doors of more than 4,000 voters and will continue his outreach efforts after he is elected Brevard County Commissioner

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