

THE BREVARD COUNTY BUDGET

Andy Anderson's Plan

Most people agree that Brevard County is facing some tough challenges. The state funding we've relied upon for decades has disappeared with no alternate sources of outside revenue being identified. We are at a turning point. Andy Anderson has a plan for dealing with our budget problems. Almost every candidate claims that they want to fix the budget. The questions that you need to ask yourself and them are: Do they have a real, concrete plan? Does their plan reflect your values? Do they possess the leadership qualities it will take to convince the other four Board Members to get on board? Will they have the stamina to follow through in spite of the current economic situation?

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.

Zero Based Budgeting. Instead of adopting the old "tax and spend" mentality or simply making promises to reduce millage rates, Andy will go much further. Under Commission leadership, the performance of each county department will be analyzed. Andy will demand quantifiable analysis of the work of each county department. He will ask for reports from each county department to include performance measures, comparative analysis with other local governments (benchmarking), and the identification of cost savings by each county department. Other considerations, such as whether or not the existing county department functions are mandated by law, will be taken into serious consideration and certain county department functions will be eliminated through this process. Brevard County will be more effective and responsive to the needs of the citizenry while saving taxpayer money. Brevard County citizens will benefit from the fiscal conservative leadership. Andy is the only candidate in District 5 who has the knowledge, skills, and experience to implement Zero Based Program Performance Outcome Budgeting in Brevard County when elected.

Live Within Our Means. The voters expect Brevard County to do a good job with the funds they've given the commissioners to work with. We need to accept that and work within those parameters. The voters are paying enough and are not willing to pay more. This means we have to make do by making incisive cuts while preserving public safety. Andy will search for ways to save money and generate economic development without approaching the taxpayers for help.

End Unwarranted Subsidies to Outside Agencies. Part of regaining voter trust is showing voters that Brevard County is fiscally responsible. The voters expect Brevard County to recover expenditures for economic development-driven projects. Andy believes that each and every tax abatement and incentive decision must be carefully considered and only supported if there is a net benefit to the people of the county. Andy knows that the County needs to pay employees to protect the public instead of paying for cultural arts programs.

Look For New Approaches. Brevard County can find new, more creative ways to solve our problems. For example, there are opportunities for innovative community partnerships, such as local businesses and the School Board teaming up to provide vocational and job training for our youth. Andy is eager to explore other new and creative ideas. Andy strongly believes in the need to support our local economy so that it can support us.

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