

Neighborhood Council of St. Augustine

P.O. Box 658 - St. Augustine, Florida 32085

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Dear Delegates & Alternates

I am writing to let everyone know that I have filed today to run for City Commissioner, and by doing so, must resign both as President and a member of The Neighborhood Council of St. Augustine.

I phoned Burry Gowen, our Vice President, to let hm know that I was going to resign and then called Jim Kleinschmidt, Secretary, and Jeanette Berk, Treasurer, with the news. I then called a Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, February 26, while I was still President, to discuss the transition and Neighborhood Council plans for 2022.

While I'll miss being active in the Neighborhood Council, I know it will be in good hands with Burry, Jim, Jeanette, and ALL of you. If I get elected, the N C will certainly have a City Commissioner to listen to the neighborhood issues. If I don't get elected, I will return to be active in the Neighborhood Council in whatever capacity I'm wanted.

I ask that you support each other as Neighborhood Associations. Work together to help make The Council a prominent voice in St Augustine. Our vibrant, historic neighborhoods are an important part of what makes the Nation's Oldest City, not a just a tourist attraction, but a continuation of the 450 years of the history of people who LIVE and work here. That living City must be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

My passion to advocate for St. Augustine's unique neighborhoods over the last 40 years, will not stop when I resign from The Council. Needless to say, one of the main reasons I am running for City Commissioner is to be voice for the resident.

Although the Neighborhood Council of St. Augustine as an organization can not get involved politically on this matter, I hope I can have the support of many of you individually. Those who have worked with me, know my commitment to St. Augustine and its neighborhoods.

While it is with some sadness that I must resign from The Council, I look forward to hoping to be an elected voice of the resident.

Sincerely,
Melinda Rakoncay