

Letter: Oravec right to reorganize Port St. Lucie police

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I have no doubt Christine D'Occhio-Hickey (Letter: "Oravec handled police wrong," Oct. 12) had the best interest of Port St Lucie in mind when she forwarded her letter regarding the audacity of Greg Oravec to serve as the mayor of our wonderful city. As the wife of a former law enforcement officer she probably had the best interests of her husband, who ran for mayor in 2010, in mind.

Sadly, Mrs. Hickey seems to be misinformed. Oravec did not dismiss seven command post officers; there were five, and two civilian workers. Before their removal the city had terminated 24 street officers due to budget restrictions. With the dismissal of the upper command officers and some revamping of the Department of Parks the city manager was able to return about 19 police officers back to street patrol, retaining the safety of the citizens. This was not a self-serving move, but rather the display of a leader who can make the difficult decisions.

As mayor, Oravec will continue to make the difficult decisions, insuring the safety of our citizens and the economic health of our fair city.

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