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My wife and I moved to Port St. Lucie in November, so, yes we are the “new kids on the block.” I know that means some longtime residents may believe we should avoid sharing our opinion about the upcoming mayoral and council races.

But, there is another way to look at things. We have fresh eyes and an outlook not unduly influenced by the past. Our future is in Port St. Lucie and, like everyone else, our lives will be affected by the outcome of these elections on Aug. 26.

I've also had the privilege of serving on City Council for my former community, Virginia Beach, where I represented a district with more than 90,000 people in a city approaching a half-million citizens. Long story short, I know very well what voters expect from their representatives, what leadership looks like, and what it doesn't look like.

Wanting to be well-informed, I've done my homework, I've read up on the candidates, I've attended “meet and greets” and I've had discussions with friends, neighbors and family members who have lived here for a decade or more.

Having done this research, I believe one candidate for mayor stands head-and-shoulders above the rest. I'm supporting Greg Oravec for mayor. I'm impressed with his platform, his wide experience, his ability to think and speak on his feet, the fact he's a family oriented and committed to running a positive, upbeat campaign.

At 75, I often times feel seniors are forgotten in the day to day business of local government and I really like Oravec's focus on making Port St. Lucie truly a city for all ages.



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