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I would like to thank all my supporters throughout the city for their support of my candidacy for mayor, especially my fellow veterans. Unfortunately, our time is not now.

After observing all the other candidates, I have come to only one conclusion: Gregory Oravec is the person who deserves to represent our city for the next four years.

He is the most knowledgeable candidate. He certainly has the experience, after having been our assistant city manager and most recently city manager. Yet, his most important trait is that of integrity.

Aren't we tired of needless lawsuits? Aren't we tired of violations of our own city charter? Aren't we tired of Sunshine Law violations? Aren't we tired of being the butt of jokes and press fodder? I am sick of being known as Port St. Lousy.

We cannot continue to elect uneducated residents, those with criminal records, or even those who think our form of government requires daily contact with staff and plush offices for a part-time job.

Greg has a degree from the University of Miami in Marine Environmental Systems, and more than a dozen years' experience dealing with PSL's form of government in several key roles, not to mention countless hours spent researching growth and job expansion.

There may be some who disagree with his style, but no one can say he lacks integrity, competence or knowledge. We must have a focused, competent government in place to lead, not continue to be brunt of jokes.

We must have a leader who looks, acts and speaks like a chief executive. That is why Gregory Oravec is my choice for mayor. We can do better.



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