

Letter: Oravec has every attribute to become great mayor for Port St. Lucie

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I never did go off to college. Instead, I toured Vietnam as a crew chief and gunner in Huey gunships for the U.S. Marine Corps. When I came back to Florida, I married my beautiful wife, Vicki, built a career with FPL, and eventually left Miami for Port St. Lucie.

We have called Port St. Lucie "home" for more than 33 years, raising two talented children, who now raise their own growing families here.

We have also started several successful local businesses and continue to invest in Port St. Lucie real estate and operate Santa's Tree Village.

I believe our good fortune is the product of hard work, common sense and trying to help our neighbors. The funny thing is these are the same things I think our city government should be doing but isn't doing enough of.

That's why I decided to get involved in this year's mayoral election.

We need a leader who we can be proud of. My family and I are proud to support Greg Oravec for mayor.

He graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in marine environmental systems, which is perfect to fight for our river and natural resources.

He has years of hands-on experience in planning, redevelopment and city operations. As city manager, he prepared a budget that lowered our taxes and cut wasteful spending.

Since then, he has gone on to start his own successful small business and can relate to what other

small business owners go through.

Just as importantly, he has a great family and is sincere. He is the only mayoral candidate with the experience, integrity and ability to lead our city, and we urge our friends, neighbors and thousands of customers to vote for Greg Oravec on Aug. 26.

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