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I've always thought Greg Oravec was smart, logical and competent as city manager of Port St. Lucie. I wanted to vote for him for mayor, but before I did I wanted my vote to count for the underserved residents of our city. To me that means animals.

Oravec's email convinced me: He has supported the animals most in need at our city's two largest shelters with his time and money. Just as important, the Oravec family chose to give a rescued dog a home. That confirmed to me that he cares about the lives of animals. Oravec also listed worthy goals for improving the lives of animals that I believe will set an example that we are a city of humane humans.

I share these goals, especially educating kids from an early age about what it means to really care for an animal. Love is not enough. It's a job, a joyful job, but one that takes time and patience. If we are to have any hope of ending animal abuse, neglect and taxpayer funding for the care of unwanted animals in shelters, humans will have to learn what caring for an animal means.

I think it's important to let voters know that Greg Oravec has acted, and promises to act, in the interest of animals.

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