

October 5, 2020

To: Mayor Marlowe                      Deputy Mayor Jeff Starkey  
    Councilman Chopper Davis        Councilman Peter Altman  
    Councilman Matt Murphy         City Manager Debbie Manns

From: Mike Peters  
      6446 River Road

Please accept this letter as notice of my interest in fulfilling the anticipated vacancy on City Council due to the announced resignation of Deputy Mayor Jeff Starkey.

I have been a west Pasco resident and business owner since 1988 and upon moving into the City in 2015 I once again experienced the feeling of community and belonging which had eluded me for many years. I have witnessed the revitalization the City has experienced in recent years and feel the progressive momentum the City leaders have fueled. I have a heartfelt interest in seeing that the City of New Port Richey continue its drive to create an outstanding quality of life for its citizens and businesses in the most fiscally responsible manner possible. I believe my civic, business, and leadership experiences have helped me acquire the necessary tools and interpersonal skills required to be an effective and responsible member of the Council. My ability to understand differing concerns, make decisions cohesively, and provide leadership when appropriate would provide value to the Council.

### **Civic Service and Experience**

- Leadership Pasco Graduate
- Pasco County Citizens Ordinance and Review Committee
- Pasco County Citizens Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Board member Pasco Children's Protection Team (now Pasco Kids First)
- Citizens advisory committee to Congressman Gus Bilirakis
- Hudson Rotary member and past board member

### **Business & Industry Experience and Leadership**

- Independent owner of a State Farm Insurance agency with 7 employees
- Gulf Coast Estate Planning Council board member and past president
- Past President of North Suncoast chapter of National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)—and NAIFA Florida State Board Member
- NAIFA's Political Involvement Committee- past State Committee Chair and incoming National Committee Chair
- Over 15 years' experience in leading grassroots lobbying efforts with Florida State Legislature in Tallahassee and Congress in Washington DC

Perhaps my interest in serving on City Council can best be summed up by me wanting to do my part in helping others share and experience my feeling --- "what a great City to be in!"