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Honorable Mayor, City Commissioners, City Clerk.

I would like to take a moment of your time to officially request and ask for your endorsement and re-appointment of myself Al Goldstein to Lake Wales City Commission Seat #4.

I have previously served in this capacity from May 4, 2019 thru May 5, 2021 when the newly elected commissioner Ms. Fitzgerald took office. I lost my seat by a total 32 votes.

I am asking for this interim appointment as I feel I am most qualified to serve in this seat as not only being the previous Commissioner to hold this seat but I have attended all meetings including workshops only missing one since the election and I can hit the ground running without having to go thru almost a year going thru the learning curve of learning city commission procedures etc. I can be an active leader from the start.

I have served my Country, State and cities since I was 16 years old, US Navy, Marine Corps and governmental services. My wife and I have been living in Polk County since November 2013 , Lake Wales September 2014 and a proud Floridian 7 generations. I am a fiscal conservative and have been told by many some who serve on this board and others in and out of our city that I am a proven commissioner serving all of our community. I am a commissioner who tries to serve all our constituents not just a few. I have supported our Dover Kohl plan, the NW community our CRA and have worked with developers and builders either trying to get them back into service in Lake Wales or new commers to help our positive growth. This has worked! with the hard work of our city staff we will soon have a growth of more than 8500 homes without urban sprawl. A continue good working relationship is a must with our Polk county commissioners and state representatives in which I have been able to develop that relationship .

I Have the support of County Commissioners, Chairman Rick Wilson, Commissioners Martha Santiago, Bill Braswell and Neil Combee. Florida state representative Melony Bell, Sam Killibrew Josie Tomkow, Senator Ben Albritton and Kelli Stargell. Sheriff Grady Judd has endorsed me since before I originally took office and I don't think I have disappointed him.

I also have the endorsement of Mr. Tony Ortiz Chairman of the Florida League of Cities where I served as Chairman of the FLC Land use and Economic Development committee also serving on the Legislative Advocacy committee and [FAS] the Federal action strike team. I also served as #2 behind Mayor Fultz on the PWRC and was appointed by the Mayor to replace him as the city representative to the Ridge League of Cities.

I am also now serving on our Charter School committee to help select our new Lake Wales School Superintendent.

I know at times commissioners don't always agree but I feel when I was on this commission, we all had a good understanding how we felt thrashed out our differences and moved forward

for the betterment of Lake Wales. I think this can again be achieved,
I am asking and would appreciate your endorsement and vote to return me to seat #4.
Thank you Semper Fi

Al Goldstein