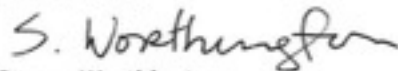


Dear Pine Ridge Property Owners Association Board and Pine Ridge Residents,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share why I am running for County Commission. Most of us love Citrus County for the same reasons. We love the open space, the trees, the springs and rivers, the wildlife, the quiet places, and the feeling that people still know and care about their neighbors. Pine Ridge is a special part of that story. It is a community people chose because of its character, its natural beauty, its room to breathe, and its quality of life. That is how I look at Citrus County too. This is home. My husband, Mike, and I have built our business here, served here, made lifelong friendships here, and plan to retire here. We are not looking at Citrus County from a distance. We are living the same concerns, driving the same roads, paying the same taxes, watching the same changes, and wanting the same thing so many of you want: to protect what makes this place special while preparing wisely for the future. My education is in accounting, and that background matters because county government must be able to understand the numbers, set priorities, and respect taxpayers. But numbers are only part of the job. Behind every budget decision, road project, development application, public safety need, and water-quality issue are real people and real neighborhoods. That is what years of service have taught me. Whether serving on the Planning and Development Commission, working with local businesses, volunteering in the community, or simply talking with residents in everyday conversations, the message is consistent: people want to be heard. They want growth managed responsibly. They want traffic and roads addressed before problems get worse. They want our springs, rivers, drinking water, and natural resources protected. They want government to plan ahead instead of reacting after the fact. And they want leaders who will do the homework and follow through. We are living today with the results of decisions made years ago. Some decisions served us well. Others left us trying to catch up. The next four years matter because the choices made now will shape what Citrus County feels like ten, twenty, and thirty years from now. My vision is a Citrus County that is well planned and not overrun. A county where residents can move safely and more easily, where traffic is managed before it becomes unbearable, where pocket parks and gathering places serve families and seniors, where our water and natural lands are protected, and where young people can build a future while long-time residents know their voices still matter. I am running as someone who loves this county as a neighbor, a business owner, a volunteer, and a future retiree who wants to grow old here. The same roads, water, taxes, services, and quality of life that matter to you matter to my family too. That is why this work matters so much to me. This campaign is about putting my education, experience, service, and love for Citrus County to work for the people who call it home. We can protect what we love and plan better for what comes next. That is what putting Citrus First means to me. I'm humbly asking for your vote in the primary election on August 18th.

Respectfully,



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