



City of Coconut Creek City Commission Vacancy Statement of Interest and Eligibility

The information requested below is for consideration of appointment to the City Commission – District D seat. Please complete and return this form to the City Clerk **by or before 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2022**, via email to cityclerk@coconutcreek.net or mail/hand delivery to City of Coconut Creek, City Clerk Department, 4800 W. Copans Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33063. Please direct all questions to the City Clerk at cityclerk@coconutcreek.net or (954)973-6774.

PLEASE NOTE: Florida has a very broad public records law. Documents relating to city business are public records and are available to the public and media upon request. Your information provided within this questionnaire may therefore be subject to public disclosure. If your information meets an exemption pursuant to state statute, please advise the City Clerk.

Last Name: Vesey

First Name: John (Jack)

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Primary Phone: 954 298-5882

Alternate Phone:

E-mail: jmpvesey@gmail.com

Eligibility - Please mark Yes OR No for each of the following questions:

1. Have you been a resident, and primarily domiciled in District D, of the City of Coconut Creek for at least 12 months?
 Yes No
2. Are you a qualified voter?
(A person at least 18 years of age eligible to vote in City, State, and National Elections)
 Yes No
3. Do you currently hold any public office?
(A position of authority or service involving responsibility to the public, especially within government)
 Yes No
4. Do you currently serve as a Constitutional Officer of any level of government?
 Yes No
5. Are you currently employed by the City of Coconut Creek or any other City, County, or State Government or agency?
 Yes No
6. Are you a registered lobbyist or required to conduct any lobbying activities as part of your employment?
(Lobbying includes any communication to a covered individual, such as a Legislator, Commissioner, or senior agency staff, regarding any item that will foreseeably be decided by a final decision-making authority, which communication seeks to influence, convince, or persuade the covered individual to support or oppose the item.)
 Yes No
7. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?
 Yes No
8. Will you be able to serve in this appointment until the end of the existing term for the District D seat in March 2023?
 Yes No

Qualifications - Please respond to each of the following questions:

1. Please indicate the number of years you have lived in Coconut Creek.
2. Please indicate the neighborhood, or complex, you reside in.
3. List all properties owned, or in which you have an ownership interest, in Coconut Creek.
4. What is your current occupation (or former, if retired)?
5. What is your highest level of education completed, and degree attained?
6. Please indicate if you graduated from the City's Citizen Academy. Yes No
7. Have you ever run for any public office? If so, when, where, and which office?
8. Please explain how your qualifications and experience will benefit the City.
9. Please list all service on any boards or civic groups and any leadership roles you have held.
10. Please list all of your professional and/or community activities.
11. Please describe any passions or hobbies.
12. Please explain why you are interested in serving on the City Commission and what you hope to accomplish during your tenure.
13. In the past five years, how many Commission Meetings have you attended?
14. What do you think the role of a Commissioner is?

15. What do you think the role of a Commissioner is not?

The role is not one looking to make a name for him/herself. I do not view this position as a step to county, state or school board position down the road. My capacity is strictly advisory in nature, offering thoughtful input when I have it.

16. What do you believe the community (or you) wants the City Commission to focus on?

Our city has done an excellent job at bringing industry, retail, nightlife and residential development into our city. These efforts have been both thoughtful and intentional. I believe our community would like more of the same. Our parks are aging and we need to continue to revitalize and improve them. Medians always need attention and maintenance. Public Art will continue to offer a freshness. The five key areas outlined in the Vision 2030 effort is a very thoughtful compilation.

17. What do you believe are the major policy issues facing the City currently?

Safety in any community is paramount! If the community feels unsafe then all else is for naught. Continuing to celebrate the diversity that is our city must always be front and center as well. Affordable housing both from the standpoint of rental properties and first time home ownership is also a major issue we must continue to engage in to allow for our community to maintain a sense of balance. Environmental stewardship is ever pressing and we must as a city LEED (pun intended).

18. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest (defined as an ownership interest of 5% or more) in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency which does business with the City of Coconut Creek? If yes, please explain.

No

19. Have you ever been a party to a lawsuit?

No

20. Do you have any fines/fees due or past due amounts owed to the City of Coconut Creek? If yes, please explain.

No

21. Do you intend to run for City Commission in the March 2023 Election? Yes No

Please email a short video to cityclerk@coconutcreek.net answering the question, "Why do you want to be appointed as a Commissioner to District D?"

I, the undersigned, do hereby swear or affirm that information provided herein is true and accurate.

Signature: **John M. Vesey (Jack)** Digitally signed by John M. Vesey (Jack)
Date: 2022.04.09 08:32:52 -04'00'

Date: 4/9/22

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8. Please explain how your qualifications and experience will benefit the City.

I bring 42 years of education advocacy to the table. My passion is mainly assisting children in becoming all they can be! I have managed 2 to 4 million dollar annual budgets for 21 years and have worked extensively with federal and state funding programs. My expertise rests squarely in developing people to better their craft, establishing cultures that foster a collaborative approach where we are able to assess needs and assist employees and stakeholders in understanding the vision and mission of our organization. It is so much about not only what you say but how you say it. Everyone flourishes when they are part of a win, win approach.

9. Please list all service on any boards or civic groups and any leadership roles you have held.

Specifically regarding the city of Coconut Creek I have served on both the Environmental Advisory Board (2020/21) and the Educational Advisory Board (2021/22). I also served on the Superintendent's Insurance Committee (BCPS) for 5 years advising the school board in addressing the health care and financial needs of the district's 30,000 employees and their families.

While employed with BCPS I chaired the District's Budget Committee for 2 years providing principal school-based input in an ever shrinking fiscal climate from the state. I also served as President of Broward Principal's and Assistants Association as well as chair of the Elementary and Middle School Principals' groups.

12. Please explain why you are interested in serving on the City Commission and what you hope to accomplish during your tenure.

In 1997 my daughter Caity (8 years old) received a city code enforcement citation for leaving our trash receptacles out beyond the allotted time period. She received a fine for not doing her chores responsibly. The irony of this was this \$100.00 fine was more egregious than being intoxicated in a city park (\$25.00), among other code enforcement violations. She and I attended a city commission meeting that spring and argued the imbalance of this fine. The fine was dismissed and she and the city were highlighted in the Sun-Sentinel for her (our) efforts. She saw government in action. Changes were made because she had "skin in the game"! This is democracy in action!

I tell this story because this is what democracy is - government for and by the people. In the 38 years I have been part of this wonderful city, I have seen it grow significantly! All the while, I have been very impressed with how our city has managed the challenges that have arisen. Our various city managers have brought very competent dept. managers under their tutelage and made the Butterfly Capital of the World a great place to raise a family!

Another daughter has returned to our city, along with her husband and our grandson. They live by WPES. My goal is to assist our city manager et al in continuing this "continuous improvement" model of leadership, furthering the great reputation that is Coconut Creek - through this decade in any form I can.

14. What do you think the role of a Commissioner is?

The Commission-City Manager form of governance has been very effective for Coconut Creek. We are fiscally sound and the four day work week is a benefit to our employees and also helps manage

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our energy costs more effectively. My specific role will be to assist the residents residing in District D when they need help. I will serve as a resource (who to contact) to help them and a sounding board when necessary. It is also one of "cheerleader", celebrating all the wonderful employees, residents and events that is our great city. The one major responsibility is to assist in ratifying the annual budget through input provided by dept. managers through the city manager.

At times it also requires interaction with other cities as well as county government representing the needs of our city. The turnpike expansion, the 1 million dollar study by the county regarding trash and recycling currently underway, as well as sunseting of Monarch Hill as it now is at the peak of its' life are front and center issues for our city. I look forward to being part of addressing these issues for our constituents.