



Dear Marc,

A signature can be a very powerful thing.

I need You to lend me yours to keep the Manatee County Commission conservative.

My name is Kevin Van Ostenbridge, and I'm a lifelong Republican, native of Bradenton, and Conservative Commissioner.

Since our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence, We the People, have relied on our signatures to influence and change the course of history and the direction of our Nation.

I'm writing you today, to ask to borrow your signature, to help me secure a place on the ballot in the August Republican Primary.

Qualifying for the ballot by petition is free, but requires me to collect 553 signatures from registered voters in Northwest Manatee County.

Your signature on the enclosed, pre-filled-out petition, will be a big help to show our Democrat turned Republican opponent we already have YOUR support.

And, your signature will go a long way in saving our campaign from paying \$5954.28 in what is commonly known as the ballot tax- a fee levied on candidates to put their names on the ballot.

Since being elected, I've worked hard to reconstitute conservative policies and values in our county government.

Admittedly it hasn't been easy, nor has it been pretty- and - honestly it has been, at times tumultuous, but we are finally back on track.

For decades liberal bureaucrats and their liberal Commission rubber stamps ignored infrastructure projects, wasted tens of millions of your hard earned taxes on pet projects and allowed county government to become bloated.

Manatee County - a Trump County- had one of the most liberal governments in Florida.

Until four years ago- when YOU, my friends and neighbors, sent me to fix it.

Most recently, I was happy to spear-head efforts to raise fees developers pay to cover the costs of new growth.

But taking steps to make Big Developers pay their fair share will not work alone.

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It's time to ban zero-lot-line developments, stop apartment complexes from replacing neighborhoods and making sure we have sufficient traffic flow BEFORE a shovel can go into the ground.

Can I count on you to support these plans by sending back your pre-filled-out ballot petitions so I can have my name on the ballot?

And would you help by sending a generous contribution to cover the costs of stamps used for this mailing?

Even as we grow faster than any of us thought possible, YOU and I know there's a greater threat to our community.

That threat is the unknown effects of Joe Biden's open border policy that has allowed illegal aliens to invade our community.

Joe Biden's Invasion, as President Trump calls it, has allowed over 10,000,000 illegal aliens, many with criminal histories to come here, to Manatee County.

We don't know who they are, where they are, or why they're here- but we know they crossed our border and disappeared.

You may be thinking that this is a Federal Issue. Well, it's not. And, I've come up with some ideas that local governments, starting with our own can implement to protect our community.

My plan is simple and will cost little to implement:

1. Support our Sheriff's Office and Police Departments in enforcing immigration laws and deport any illegal aliens found in our county jail.

When a criminal is caught, every jail in every city and county across Florida should be checking inmate immigration status and those found to be illegal should be handed over to customs and immigration enforcement and marked for deportation after justice is served.

2. Promote a Florida Constitutional Amendment to ban non-citizens from serving in any elected capacities.

We cannot afford some of the more than 2,000 Chinese nationals that have recently snuck across our border to start running for office or being appointed to other positions. We should have a "citizens serve" policy that is written into the Florida constitution.

3. End taxpayer funded benefits to illegal aliens.

This must be done immediately on the state and local level as there are many programs in place that give your hard-earned tax dollars to illegal aliens and their families. Inflation is bad enough; we don't need illegal aliens using our precious resources and taxpayer funded services.

You see, there's more we can do as a state and local government that we don't need the bloated, often paralyzed Federal Government to do for us.

Currently the State of Florida provides healthcare services and college scholarships for many illegal aliens.

A couple years ago, they even passed a law that could lead to an illegal alien to become a judge!

It is imperative I get my name on the ballot so I can help lead this local movement to start pushing back on the Biden Administration and their lack of immigration enforcement, right here in Manatee County.

YOUR signature on the enclosed, pre-filled-out ballot petition will be a big help to show our opponent, who up until 2021 was a registered DEMOCRAT, that we have YOUR support to get my name on the August Primary Ballot.

And, it would mean a lot and go a long way if you could help cover the cost of the stamps of this letter by enclosing the most generous contribution you're able.

Only you can save me from paying the \$5964.28 for Florida's ballot tax- a fee candidates pay to get their names on the ballot.

Manatee County is a special place.

I was born and raised here. It is my home as I know it is yours.

You and I enjoy a quality of life second to none in the nation.

This community is so attractive, everyone wants to become a part of it—including those who don't exactly come here legally!!!

So, we have to do better at protecting our quality of life, our drinking water and natural resources before it's too late.

And, just as important, we need to stop the two decade old mentality, started by fake Republican Commissioners, of kicking the can down the road on infrastructure projects.

Bridges must be built, rebuilt, and maintained. Road projects, long overdue are finally funded and underway. New water and sewer pipes are being installed around the county.

In fact, recently, I worked hard to fund many projects that have been in the pipeline for decades.

- Revitalization of G.T. Bray Park.
- 75th Street widening to 4 lanes.
- 59th Street widening from 2 to 4 lanes.

There are hundreds of millions in projects being funded to get traffic moving again—but none of them will be completed instantly.

Will you let me continue working on these projects, on your behalf, by helping get my name on the ballot by signing the pre-filled-out ballot petition card and returning it today?

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Finally, one last item I know you're as concerned about as I am, is affordability.

Inflation has touched every Manatee County family, including my own. From grocery bills to gas prices every price seems out of control and almost random.

One thing I'm working on is cutting property taxes to give Manatee's families some relief on their tax bills.

It's not a huge help, but I was taught sometimes, the small things can add up.

Whatever we can do, together, to keep our community affordable, or stifle the direct impacts of Joe Biden's inflation, is a help.

I want to thank you in advance for signing your petition card. Being YOUR county commissioner has been the honor of my lifetime, so naturally, I will be checking my mailbox every day to see if you return yours.

And, if you're able to help cover the cost of the stamps used for this letter, I thank you a second time.

I wake up every day fighting for our conservative values, and our quality of life. I won't let the fake republicans take back what we fought so hard to earn.

Only through your signature will I be able to continue that fight.

Thank you, again,

Kevin

Kevin Van Ostenbridge

P.S. Don't forget to sign, date and return your pre-filled-out ballot petition card before April 20, as they are due into our local Supervisor of Elections.

P.P.S. And, if you can help cover the cost of postage of this mailing by including a generous contribution, it would be highly appreciated.

P.P.P.S. Also, did you know Florida spends your tax dollars, tens of millions of them, providing free healthcare and college tuition for illegal aliens—and it needs to stop now!