

March 17, 2023

Yolanda Quiceno
City Clerk
City of Belle Isle

Dear Ms. Quiceno:

I hope this letter finds you doing well. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a letter of interest regarding the TDT Advisory Board being established by Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings.

It would be an honor to serve as the member representing the City of Belle Isle.

Throughout the years, the TDT has been a constant subject of both interest and controversy regarding its purpose and use. This was certainly the case during the more than 20 years that I served our community as an appointed Orange County official and as an elected County Commissioner. The TDT's primary use is to meet the debt obligations of the Convention Center and provide a funding stream for O&M and Capital Improvements.

Locally, questions have been broached regarding the use of these funds for roads and schools, as is done in Las Vegas. Further, these funds have been used to construct sporting venues for professional teams that do not necessarily impact the majority of our residents. Other counties have used TDT to fund law enforcement and water body clean-up so precedents exist in a variety of uses.

The question of how this impacts our smaller cities like Belle Isle is one that has no quick answer. I believe this should and will be a part of the deliberation, and would be discussed with Belle Isle officials and the community.

My extensive prior experience, understanding and exposure to TDT and its intricacies will serve our Belle Isle community well on this Advisory Board, and allow me to be a knowledgeable and active voice and advocate for Belle Isle.

I have owned our home at 7600 Daetwyler Drive since 1998. I lived there for many years before marrying my wife, Cathie and, after extensive renovations, we are within weeks of moving back in.

Thank you for this consideration, and either way I will continue to ensure our City has a voice in these matters.

Sincerely,



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