

VOICES FOR LAKE WORTH BEACH SCHOOLS



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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QUESTIONNAIRE	
ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH?	No
FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT?	
DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT (OR ARE YOU A STUDENT) ATTENDING A LAKE WORTH BEACH SCHOOL?	No
DO YOU WORK FOR/OWN A BUSINESS/NON-PROFIT WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH?	Yes
PLEASE NAME YOUR BUSINESS(ES).	ILY Corp. dba Gimco USA
ARE YOU CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF A CITY COMMISSION/BOARD/CIVIC GROUP?	No
IF SO, PLEASE LIST THE GROUPS.	
DO YOU CURRENTLY WORK FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY OR ANY OF THE SCHOOLS IN LAKE WORTH BEACH?	No
IN WHAT CAPACITY?	

BRIEFLY STATE THE REASONS WHY YOU FEEL YOUR APPOINTMENT TO THIS COMMISSION/BOARD WILL BENEFIT THE SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH. (150 WORDS OR LESS)

My 2 kids are just leaving the PBC Schools and I see some of the issues we had follow some of the challenges the district has faced. My kids are the 3rd generation born in PBC at Good Sam on my wife's side and I am the third generation to own a home in Palm Beach. We have long family ties to the county and believe strongly in education and education funding. I have employed many graduates of the PBC school system and see some of the struggles they have after high school, especially if they are not college bound.

Lake Worth is a unique town in fact that it has committed itself to the arts and has really benefited from this commitment. Yet its schools do not seem to take advantage or reflect that commitment. The arts are a vital part of a child's education and visiting Lake Worth on a weekend is a treat for any child. However, the children of Lake Worth are not brought into this as a community. Organizations like the Armory and the Benzaiten Glass can do cooperative programs with schools after hours and on weekends.

I interview students for Cornell University and I hear about the College Counseling in LW. It is NOT working. It is demoralizing. Advisors and Counselors need help and people in the community can help with this as they do in many other schools. Mentors, learning what colleges want, letting kids know that trades are as much careers as lawyers and they should have pride in their choices. This is not happening.

WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE WITH SCHOOLS, ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC GROUPS, OR CLUBS THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THIS COMMISSION/BOARD? HOW CAN WE BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO TRADITIONALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES? (150 WORDS OR LESS)

I am no on my 5th term on the Cornell University Trustee Council, that is 24 years. I was the youngest person ever appointed to the Council. Two years ago I assisted the Middle School of the Arts Foundation by heading up a committee to rethink its mission and how it should fund raise. The Foundation has implemented the new mission and it has helped get the teachers to buy in and help the Foundation raise money. I was a government major in college. In 1995 I started a business and today my company works in 50+ countries dealing with the United Nations and USAID.

THIS BOARD WILL MEET MONTHLY AND WILL REQUIRE THAT YOU ATTEND A SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING EACH MONTH AS WELL. ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS MAY ARISE. ARE YOU WILLING AND ABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS ON A REGULAR BASIS? IF NOT, WHAT ARE YOUR LIMITATIONS? (150 WORDS OR LESS)

If we are making a difference and the work is serious I have or will make the time. But to just sit on the committee to fill a seat is of no interest to me.

WHICH SCHOOL/SCHOOLS ARE YOU MOST INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Lake Worth High School (SAC meeting is at 6:00PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month)
- I am interested in all the schools