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February 15, 2025

Dear Mayor O'Connor and Council:

Hope you are all well. I write to you today to advise of my sincere interest in the vacancy for Westlake City Council Seat 2. I truly believe I am the most qualified candidate to fill the position and likely the only candidate with a very specific agenda, detailed below. My only focus is to be the strongest possible advocate for the residents of Westlake and help make this new city the best in Florida. Plus, I am the only Westlake resident to appear on a ballot garnering 101,000 votes last November 5th for Port of Palm Beach Commissioner Group 2 including winning in Westlake. All of the current Port Commissioners live along the coast, more than an hour from Westlake, and my primary goal in running was to give the residents of Westlake and the surrounding area sorely needed local representation on the Port Commission. The residents here know me and know what I stand for. My first priority is the immediate drive to establish a "Town Center" on the designated vacant parcel. The model for the project must be the "Alton Town Center" located on Donald Ross Road in Palm Beach Gardens, which was completed in 2022. Extremely well designed with shops, sit down restaurants, retail stores, banks, landscaping, etc. Making contact with the developer in accordance with all laws and statutes, is a logical first step. Westlake needs this project ASAP!

The Westlake City Charter was written before the City was incorporated without input from residents, since there were none at that time. It would greatly benefit the citizens of Westlake for the City Council to establish a Charter Review Committee now and bring its recommendations to the City Council for public input at a future meeting.

The City's Comprehensive Plan was established soon after the City was incorporated, but again, there were very few residents at that time. It's now been 9 years since incorporation, and Westlake now has a growing population of over 3,000 households. It's time to establish a Comprehensive Plan Review and a series of public hearings that will allow for public input for suggested amendments by residents.

Every resident I've talked with **does not support** a Walmart coming to Westlake. The Mayor and Council must retain the services of an economist/market analyst, experienced in new community land use to help identify the most resident friendly use of commercial property. The Mayor and Council must politely request that Minto decision-maker John Carter appear at a special community Town Hall here, to discuss the proposed Walmart.

Lastly, the City roads and traffic signs will remain under the control of the Seminole Improvement District for 30 years. It's only common sense for the City of Westlake to control the roads and traffic signs. This agreement does not benefit residents and must be changed NOW! I urge the Mayor and Council to schedule a special public hearing as soon as possible to address the issue. If Florida statutes require a referendum vote by citizens on any of these changes, I support this citizen vote wholeheartedly. I have been a frequent visitor to local, county and state meetings and hearings for many years and bring a citizen's point of view to the council! I sincerely ask for the Mayor's nomination and your vote on February 25.

My sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted Sarandis".

Ted Sarandis



Advisory Board/Committee Application

DATE:	2/14/2025	NAME:	Theodore A. Sarandis
ADDRESS:	15780 Cresswind Place, Westlake, FL 33470		
PHONE:	561-249-9174	E-MAIL:	TS5591@protonmail.com
What is the Board/Committee of your choice?	Westlake City Council, Seat #2		
How long have you lived in the City of Westlake?	since December 2023		
Are you a full-time resident? If not, how many months do you reside in City?	Yes		
Are you a registered voter?	Yes		
Current occupation and employer, if retired, please list previous occupation and employer:	Self employed in property management		
Do you currently hold public office? If so, what is the office?	No		
Please list any business, volunteer, community activities you have been involved in:			
Please see attached cover letter and resume.			
Have you ever been convicted, plead no contest, plead guilty or had the adjudication of guilt withheld for any criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation? If yes, please explain.			
No.			
Would you and/or any organization with which you are affiliated, benefit from decisions or recommendations made by this advisory board/committee? If yes, explain:			
No.			
Experience. Please list experience and/or and any knowledge, skills, abilities, or qualifications that you possess and believe relevant to the board/committee for which you seek appointment:			
Please see attached cover letter and resume.			

Resumes are encouraged to be attached, and any other information you feel pertinent. This application should be forwarded to the City Clerk, Zoie Burgess: zburger@westlakegov.com or by mail/in person: City of Westlake, City Clerk's Office 4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, Westlake, Florida 33470.

Thank you for volunteering to serve the citizens of Westlake.

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ABOUT ME

Outstanding communication skills and community outreach in multiple disciplines. Award-winning electronic media talk-show host and sportscaster in a major market. Property management and tireless citizen advocate for working families and soldiers.

EXPERIENCE

Oct 2005- present

TS Group, Property Management. Principal

Ted oversees management and operations for multi-unit residential properties as principal.

Mar 1992-Dec 2005

Sports Radio WEEI Boston

Weeknight talk show host anchoring top-rated timeslot with targeted audience of men 25-54. Radio play-by-play broadcaster for Boston College Basketball. Alternate radio play-by-play broadcaster for Boston Celtics Basketball 1997-2001. College basketball play-by-play broadcaster ESPN3 for University of Miami and Coastal Athletic Association 2011-2018, Freelance voiceover talent.

Apr 2002- March 2024

Mass. State Defense Force/ South Carolina State Guard

State Guard/SDF Solider

After 9-11, Ted served as a State Guard soldier in 2 states for 22 years, State Guards/State Defense Forces are official state military reserve organizations that support Army National Guard units in 22 states. They fall under the overall command of the Governor & The Adjutant General in those states with the mission of in-state defense support for civil authorities, they do not deploy outside the respective states. Ted was promoted to Captain in 2013 assigned as Public Affairs Officer MSDF.

He transferred to the South Carolina State Guard in September 2015, and was assigned as Deputy PAO. He began his State Guard career as a Private, receiving numerous awards and commendations, before rising to the rank of Major (SC) in 2017. After 22 years of service, he received an honorable discharge in March 2024. Ted spent many years volunteering in support of deployed soldiers & veterans with a variety of military support organizations during the Afghanistan & Iraq wars.

EDUCATION

B.S Degree
Syracuse University
Newhouse School of Public
Communications.

Syracuse, NY

KEY SKILLS

- PUBLIC RELATIONS
- MASTER OF CEREMONIES
- MARKETING
- PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- CIVIL-MILITARY AFFAIRS

AWARDS

- "ORDER OF ST. MAURICE CIVIS AWARD" FOR "DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO AND LOYAL SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN INFANTRYMAN PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF OF INFANTRY FORT BENNING GA 9 SEPTEMBER 2013.
- NEW ENGLAND BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME MEDIA SECTION
SEP 2009 FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPORT

COMMUNITY & SOLDIER SUPPORT VOLUNTEER

Mr. Sarandis continues to support a number of charities & nonprofit causes, organizations, and community activities. These include: So Others May Live, Greek Orthodox Church, and American Cancer Society. His military support experience is extensive. He served as a U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador from September 2006 through September 2016, appointed by LTG Jack C. Stultz, Chief U.S. Army Reserve. He was selected to participate in the 2006 DOD Joint Civilian Orientation Conference and visited US military installations and service members in Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain. He is a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, past Chairman, Palm Beach County U. S. Army Recruiting Battalion Outreach Board, National Infantry Association, Army Historical Foundation and Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts.

His state military awards include the Mass. State Guard Service Medal, Mass. State Force Protection Medal, and Mass. Organized Militia Service Medal. From the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, the CAP Service Medal and the CAP Specialist Historian Medal. From SGAUS, the 10-year Membership Medal and Basic Member Medal. And from SCSG, the Membership Medal & 5 Year Honorable Service Medal.

His state military education includes, the Intermediate Level Course-Leadership, Captains Career Course, Introduction to Search and Rescue SARTECH III, Community Emergency Response Basic Training Course, and Basic MEMS-FEMA Emergency Management Institute on-line training courses, all with the South Carolina State Guard. In Mass., he completed the Unit Public Affairs Course—Mass. Army National Guard, and the Basic Enlisted Course Mass. Military Reserve. He completed Basic Senior Member Training and Squadron Leadership School with the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol.

PERSONAL

Ted is a proud resident of Westlake Florida with his wife Mary-Ellen who is a successful attorney. Ted enjoys travel, the beach, sports, and the gym. Ted is a strong believer in Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ & is a lifelong Greek Orthodox Christian.