

To my Friends and Neighbors in Southwest Ranches,

I am Steve Breitkreuz and I am honored to be running for re-election as Mayor of our Town. This important role is not something that I take lightly, nor is it something I do for my own personal benefit. For those who know me, you know I am absolutely committed to preserving and defending our rural lifestyle. For those who may not yet know me, I want to share with you a little about myself, why I am running, as well as some of my qualifications.

About Me and what brought me to the Ranches:

I have lived in Southwest Ranches for over 25 years, since before the town was formed. I served as an elected member on the Town Council for 12 years, as both a Council Member and Vice Mayor, from 2006 until November of 2018. When our family moved here in 1995, while our 3 daughters were still young, Denise and I were looking for that place to call home to raise our girls. A community with open spaces and a rural feel. A place where they could gain the



benefits of caring for animals, both large and small. A place with a minimum amount of the interference and disruption from the local government. We looked all throughout South Florida, but only one place stood above the rest, it was this area that would soon become Southwest Ranches.

Our girls are now grown and married but each of them still has a part of Southwest Ranches within them. This community helped to raise them and is a part of who they now are. Many of you are a part their story and, for that, I am eternally grateful. For anyone looking for this rural lifestyle, there is only one place, and that place is Southwest Ranches. I have done and will continue to do all I can to preserve this special place for the next generation. That is my pledge, that is my commitment, and that is what I have done for the 12 years that I was on the Council.

My Qualifications:

I have been deeply involved in this community since I arrived. For example, back in the late 1990's, I fought to protect our town from being annexed to the City of Pembroke Pines as well as restarting the voluntary Country Estates Homeowner's Association so that the residents out West could be heard.

- I am honored to serve on the Town Council for over 15 years, serving as Mayor since 2020.
- I serve on the Solid Waste Authority Executive Committee working toward Zero Waste solutions, rather than an incinerator, to maintain our clean air and water supply for the next generation.
- I proposed and spearheaded the creation of our weekly Farmer's Market.
- I chaired the Drainage Committee and authored the TSDOR plan to ensure that our roads are repaved.
- I coauthored the Charter Amendments that work to preserve our large properties and ensure that the residents have the final vote on election day before any public open space could be sold.

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