

ALLAN E. "AL" RIVETT

“Rivett Announces Candidacy for County Commission” A Unique Candidate with 24 Years of Community Service and Experience

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Extensive community knowledge and involvement
- Relationship with St. Lucie County community, business and elected leaders
- Significant job creation/economic development experience
- Twenty-four (24) years community service in St. Lucie County

EXPERIENCE

2004-2008, Executive Director, St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity

1997-2003, Executive Vice President, St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce

1993-1997, Director of Governmental Relations, St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce

1991-1993, Executive Director, St. Lucie County Economic Development Council

1985-1990, Director of Economic Development, St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce

1983-1985, Executive Director, Eustis (FL) Chamber of Commerce

1982-1983, Manager of Membership & Public Relations, Leesburg (FL) Area Chamber of Commerce

RELEVANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Doubled Habitat’s house production, increasing from 15 homes constructed in 8 years to 29 in 12 years.
- Oversaw the start-up and management of Habitat’s retail store.
- Facilitated Habitat’s purchase and renovation of an administrative office building.
- Secured grants to help Habitat families prepare and recover from the 2004 hurricanes.
- Increased Habitat’s fund development and volunteer recruitment capacity by securing a HUD (Habitat International) grant and subsequent hiring of a Resource Development Manager, and by utilizing AmeriCorps VISTA workers, respectively.
- Wrote and implemented (\$200,000) grants to assist small and minority businesses, and to promote opportunities associated with the restoration of the Florida Everglades (2001-2003).
- Championed the Chamber’s Higher Education Task Force effort, which resulted in Florida Atlantic University and Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution establishing a marine science education program; through Legislative Delegation leadership, this program received an \$11 million State appropriation for a facility and annual operational appropriations of \$750,000 (1998-2002).
- Staffed the Regional Attenuation Task Force, a multi-county effort that led to the creation of the Ten Mile Creek water storage facility, designed to improve the water quality of the Indian River Lagoon.
- Assisted St. Lucie County and City of Port St. Lucie (1997) in the preparation and award of \$1.2 million in State and Federal grants to facilitate the expansion of Magnum Environmental Services, C&L Tool & Die, and Ross Mixing.
- Planned successful lobbying effort to Washington, DC to secure funds for the construction of the USDA Horticultural Research Laboratory (1995-1996).

- Facilitated the creation of hundreds of jobs in St. Lucie County from 1986-1993 through the location of such firms as Casi-Rusco, Ross Mixing, Roptec, and Island Hopper Boats, as well as the expansion of such firms as Tropicana Products and Maverick Boats.
- Led efforts to establish incentives including the St. Lucie County Economic Development Ad Valorem Incentive, Central Florida Foreign-Trade Zone and the Fort Pierce Enterprise Zone (1992-1997).

EDUCATION

1984-1985, 1989-1992 Institute of Organizational Management (6 year program sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce), University of Georgia
1981, B. S. Chemistry, University of Michigan-Flint

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2008-Present, Member, St. Lucie County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
2005-Present, Chairman, St. Lucie INTACT
2006-07, Member, St. Lucie County Affordable Housing Task Force
1996-2003, 2005-Present, Member, Roundtable of St. Lucie County
1998-Present, Elder, Indian River Presbyterian Church
2000-2002, 2009-Present, Member, Shared Services Alliance of Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast
2000-2001, Clerk of Session, Indian River Presbyterian Church
1999-2004, Board Member, St. Lucie County School Readiness Coalition
1999-2001, Member, Allocations Team, United Way of St. Lucie County
1998-1999, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Treasure Coast Coordination Coalition
1996-2000, 2008-Present, Leader, Stephen Ministry, Indian River Presbyterian Church
1989-1990, President, Kiwanis Club of Fort Pierce
1986-2003, Member, Kiwanis Club of Fort Pierce

HONORS

- 1987 Kiwanian of the Year, Kiwanis Club of Fort Pierce
- 2003-04 Board Member of Year, St. Lucie County School Readiness Coalition