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4. Occupation: Retired local business owner of 25 years
5. Employer: Self employed business consultant
6. Previous Employment: Owned Jay's Dress & Bridal in the Creekside Mall, Gainesville, FL
7. Leaders must be optimistic, good listeners, kind and logical thinkers who care deeply about the people they are representing. They should do their research and be good stewards of taxpayers' money.
8. Civic Involvement: None
9. Boards: None
10. Never elected to public office
11. I am running for the Gainesville City Commission At-Large 2 seat because I believe we need a diversity of ideas on the commission. People are hurting because over the past 10 years city commissioners have been over spending and grossly mismanaging our utility. I believe my hard work ethic and positive attitude, along with my 40 years of business experience, interacting with the public, managing people and budgets, provides me with the skills needed to solve the financial challenges facing our city.
12. I am running for office because I love our city and as a business owner of 25 years, I believe my education, communication skills and experience will be a great asset on the commission.
13. I believe the 3 most importance issues facing the city are GRU rates, GRU debt and high property taxes. Top priorities: Cutting the city budget, lowering GRU rates and lowering property taxes.
14. My background is in business not in education. This is a worthy goal but not sure it is a realistic one.
15. I support efforts helping the homeless return back into independent living. I need to learn more about the city's program before taking a position.
16. I believe we need to work on a community wide effort to reduce the ever growing public safety problem of panhandling in order to attract local businesses and families to the area.
17. I believe there needs to be a greater support for local mom and pop businesses. City needs to lower GRU rates and property taxes in order to attract and retain businesses to our area.
18. Because I am a good listener, critical thinker, know how to set budget priorities, 25 years of business experience and will be a good steward of taxpayer's money.