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December 23, 2025

Lori Rivers

Deputy City Auditor and Clerk

Sarasota, Florida

Dear Lori,

I am writing to formally withdraw my pre-qualification papers as a candidate for the Sarasota City Commissioner At-Large seat.

After careful reflection, I have concluded that my expanding professional commitments, along with important responsibilities to my family, will not allow me to dedicate the level of time, focus, and full engagement that this campaign—and ultimately this office—requires and deserves. Public service is a serious responsibility, and it would be unfair to the community to continue forward without the absolute ability to serve at the highest standard.

I would also like to express, respectfully, my disappointment in the increasingly divisive tone that has come to characterize local politics in Sarasota. I believe municipal leadership should be anchored in community service, problem-solving, and civic unity. Partisan antagonism and unnecessary political hostility have no place in our local governance and should not overshadow the shared goal of supporting the people of Sarasota.

It has been an honor to even consider the possibility of serving this great city, and I remain deeply committed to Sarasota's continued growth, strength, and quality of life.

Attached is my 4th Quarter Waiver of Report form, if needed.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Respectfully,

Sherman L. Baldwin

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