



# TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, March 24, 2023 AT 1:30 PM

## TOWN HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS

3614 S. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
HIGHLAND BEACH, FL 33487

### Town Commission

Natasha Moore  
Evalyn David  
Don Peters  
Judith Goldberg

Mayor  
Commissioner  
Commissioner  
Commissioner

Marshall Labadie  
Lanelda Gaskins  
Glen J. Torcivia

Town Manager  
Town Clerk  
Town Attorney

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

[A.](#) Various public comments for Vice Mayor-Commissioner Vacancy

5. **APPOINTING THE VICE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER TO THE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER UNTIL MARCH 19, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

[A.](#) Resolution No. 2023-008

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, appointing the Vice Mayor-Commissioner as the Mayor-Commissioner until the next General Election, and providing for an effective date.

**6. COMMISSION INTERVIEW APPLICANTS / RESOLUTION NO. 2023-009 / SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF NEWLY APPOINTED VICE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER**

- A. Commission Interview Applicants for the Vacant Vice Mayor-Commissioner position that is to be filled until March 19, 2024, General Regular Election, per Section 106(11) of the Town's Charter.

**Applicants:**

Milton Barbarosh  
Roberta Kruta  
James Murrery  
John Shoemaker  
David Stern  
Christine Viegas

- B. Resolution No. 2023-009

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, filling the vacancy of the Office of Vice Mayor-Commissioner until the next general election; and providing for an effective date.

- C. Swearing In and Seating of the Newly Appointed Vice Mayor-Commissioner

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 28, 2023 - 1:30 P.M. Town Commission Special Meeting

**8. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Judith Goldberg

Commissioner Don Peters

Commissioner Evalyn David

Vice Mayor

Vice Mayor Natasha Moore

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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NOTE: Any person, firm or corporation decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such person will need to ensure that a verbatim record including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (State Law requires the above Notice. Any person desiring a verbatim transcript shall have the responsibility, at his/her own cost, to arrange for the transcript.) The Town neither provides nor prepares such record.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need accommodation in order to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Town Hall 561-278-4548 within a reasonable time prior to this meeting in order to request such assistance

**File Attachments for Item:**

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**Public Comments  
for Vice Mayor-  
Commission  
Vacancy**

**03/24/2023 Town  
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**Renee and Gary Foote**

**From:** [footepath@aol.com](mailto:footepath@aol.com)  
**To:** [Lanelda Gaskins](#)  
**Subject:** Vice Mayor Position  
**Date:** Thursday, March 23, 2023 3:50:05 PM

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Please forward my letter to our two newly elected commisssoners. Thank you

Dear Commissioner Goldberg and Commissioner Peters,

My husband and I were very sad to hear about the sudden passing of our wonderful town Mayor Doug Hillman. He spent a tremendous amount of time helping our community begin to achieve what was once thought "the impossible". We would like to see these endeavors continue so that we have the very best fire, ambulance service etc.

Our newly elected commissioners will certainly need some time to learn all the ins and outs of running our town. This is not something they can be achieved in a day, week or even a month. John Shoemaker had been working closely with Doug and has had a positive influence in our community over his three year term. He is someone who can provide the needed knowledge and continuity to complete these projects successfully. We believe while resumes are important, actual experience is also essential

Unfortunately twice since we have lived here, the Vice Mayor has had to unexpectedly step into the role as mayor. People move, things change etc. This is another critical reason why John should be the one to fill the temporary position of Vice Mayor. He has the experience which no other candidate you are considering would have.

Thank you,  
Renee and Gary Foote  
Braemar Isle Apt 1508

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**Barbara James**

**From:** [Barbara Blamid James](#)  
**To:** [Lanelda Gaskins](#)  
**Cc:** [Marshall Labadie](#); [Evalyn David](#); [Natasha Moore](#)  
**Subject:** CLARIFICATION: COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPTY CHAIR  
**Date:** Friday, March 17, 2023 3:50:04 PM

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----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Barbara Blamid James <bocablamid@yahoo.com>  
**To:** Lanelda Gaskins <lgaskins@highlandbeach.us>  
**Cc:** Marshall Labadie <mlabadie@highlandbeach.us>; Evalyn David <edavid@highlandbeach.us>;  
Natasha Moore <nmoore@highlandbeach.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 at 03:40:55 PM EDT  
**Subject:** COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPTY CHAIR

Dear Lanelda,

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Thank you - Barbara James,

**PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING AS PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE APPROPRIATE COMMISSION MEETING:**

Dear Commission Members -

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My thoughts went to the necessity to sit the right person in the newly empty chair - needing a fifth member on our Town Commission. With the heavy duty projects hitting "home", and having been slotted in over the past two+ years, it is my recommendation that the Commission think strongly and consider reenlisting former Commissioner John Shoemaker to fill that seat while we catch our breath. His three years of having been on the

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Sincerely, Barbara James  
Resident since 2001

Barbara Blamid James  
3201 S Ocean Blvd PH-1  
Highland Beach, FL 33487

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**John Shoemaker**



**From:** [John Shoemaker](#)  
**To:** [Lanelda Gaskins](#)  
**Cc:** [Marshall Labadie](#); [Evalyn David](#); [Natasha Moore](#)  
**Subject:** Re: CLARIFICATION: COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPTY CHAIR  
**Date:** Friday, March 17, 2023 5:13:19 PM

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All,

Please know that I did not seek this endorsement although I am amazed at what she wrote - especially since I do not even know this woman! I Never met her!

Of course, I am ready to serve if you like. I am still in shock over both the election results and Doug's passing. Incredible.

*John Shoemaker*  
*President of the Clarendon Condominium Association*

**My Website:** <https://www.john-shoemaker.com/>  
**Click here to learn about our Veterans:** <https://highlandbeach.us/veteranheroes/>

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3201 S Ocean Blvd PH-1  
Highland Beach, FL 33487

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**Ron Reame**

**From:** [Marshall Labadie](#)  
**To:** [Lanelda Gaskins](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Endorsement  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:04:21 AM

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For meeting....

Sincerely,

Marshall Labadie  
Town Manager

Town of Highland Beach  
3614 South Ocean Boulevard  
Highland Beach, FL 33487  
(561) 278-4548 Office  
(561) 265-3582 Fax  
[www.highlandbeach.us](http://www.highlandbeach.us)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ron Reame <[rreame@outlook.com](mailto:rreame@outlook.com)>  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:35 AM  
To: evalyn-david@comcast.net; Natasha Moore <[nmoore@highlandbeach.us](mailto:nmoore@highlandbeach.us)>  
Cc: Marshall Labadie <[mlabadie@highlandbeach.us](mailto:mlabadie@highlandbeach.us)>; John Shoemaker <[shoerfid@yahoo.com](mailto:shoerfid@yahoo.com)>  
Subject: RE: Endorsement

Hello All,

Unfortunately I'm not going to be able to attend tomorrows meeting. I have my grandkid's in town.

I continue to endorse JS for the Commission and I'm also available to assist in any way that I can.

Thanks

Ron

-----Original Message-----

From: Ron Reame  
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 4:31 PM  
To: 'evalyn-david@comcast.net' <[evalyn-david@comcast.net](mailto:evalyn-david@comcast.net)>; 'nmoore@highlandbeach.us' <[nmoore@highlandbeach.us](mailto:nmoore@highlandbeach.us)>  
Cc: Marshall Labadie <[mlabadie@highlandbeach.us](mailto:mlabadie@highlandbeach.us)>  
Subject: FW: Endorsement

I would like to recommend and endorse John Shoemaker for the Town Commission for Highland Beach. I consider him to be among the most knowledgeable and experienced and reputable persons in our community. John would then continue to be a valued asset for our Town.

Ron Reame  
Dalton Place  
Boca Highlands

Sent from my iPhone

**03/21/2023**

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**Fred Rosen**

**From:** [Fred M. Rosen](#)  
**To:** [nmore@highlandbeach.com](mailto:nmore@highlandbeach.com)  
**Subject:** Upcoming meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, March 19, 2023 8:04:21 PM

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Natasha, please let me wish you nothing but success taking over as mayor under such difficult circumstances. I have no doubt that you will the expertise and much success in your new position.

With the passing of Doug and the election of two newcomers to the commission, I would like to recommend John, who has had experience on this commission for the past few years, to be nominated for the appointment of Vice Mayor.

Considering half the commission will be new to the job until your former position is filled, I strongly feel that someone with the needed experience is not only the best option for this position, but would be a prudent decision under these difficult circumstances.

Thank you

Fred Rosen  
732-614-1743

4740 South Ocean Blvd.  
Unit 1015  
Highland Beach Florida 33487

email

[fredrosen@icloud.com](mailto:fredrosen@icloud.com)

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**Elyse Riesa**



**From:** [Marshall Labadie](#)  
**To:** [Lanelda Gaskins](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Additional commissioner  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:04:52 AM

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For meeting....

Sincerely,

**Marshall Labadie**

Town Manager

*Town of Highland Beach*  
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**From:** Elyse Riesa <eriesa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 8:33 PM  
**To:** Evalyn David <edavid@highlandbeach.us>; Natasha Moore <nmoore@highlandbeach.us>  
**Cc:** Marshall Labadie <mlabadie@highlandbeach.us>; peg <peggygossettp@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Additional commissioner

Ofcourse like everyone else I was saddened to hear the news about Doug.

I also felt it important to let you know I have spoken with many candidates that ran or intended to run for office in this last election.

With regard to John Shoemaker I had no concerns if folks voted him in . The fact that he lost the election , however, would put unnecessary pressure on the current commission to appoint him after losing his election. It would have very bad optics to our residents.( Btw Don Peters seemed like a good team player that will serve the town well . )

With regard to David Goldberg , I did get to meet him and discuss his candidacy when he was running against Doug.

Please know what he wrote to you was false. He personally told me he told Doug to resign and become "mayor emeritus " which doesn't exist. He wanted no competition. He was not a team player . He was an intimidator. Please do not consider him in any role .

I believe David Stern would be a great asset to the town if you were to choose him or another candidate that has not run for office. Maybe even wait a week to get your thoughts together . It's so important you remain a cohesive team without being bullied by anyone. I wish you and the new commissioners well.

My Best Regards

Elyse Riesa

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**Jeffrey Kleiman**

**From:** [Jeffrey](#)  
**To:** [Natasha Moore](#); [Evalyn David](#); [Donald Peters](#); [judy@judithgoldberg.com](mailto:judy@judithgoldberg.com); [jgoldberg@judithgoldberg.com](mailto:jgoldberg@judithgoldberg.com); [Lanelda Gaskins](#)  
**Cc:** [Marshall Labadie](#); [John Shoemaker](#); [jahalpern@comcast.net](mailto:jahalpern@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** Next Mayor  
**Date:** Monday, March 20, 2023 9:24:07 PM

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Public Comment for March 21st Commission Meeting.

Vice Mayor, Commissioners,

What should the process be before our Commission appoints a candidate to a vacant Commission seat, especially the Mayor's seat?

Would giving our residents a couple of weeks' notice and a chance to comment before making an appointment be the correct thing to do?

Former commissioner Shoemaker would like a seat on our Commission. John Shoemaker and every eligible resident who may want a seat on our Commission, as Mayor, Vice Mayor, or Commissioner, should be allowed to apply and be heard at a public meeting.

Vice Mayor Moore would be my pick for Mayor. However, I would never want anyone appointed to our Commission without our residents afforded ample time to voice their opinions.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Kleiman  
3907 S Ocean Blvd.

**03/21/2023**

**Town Commission  
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**Peggy Brown**

**From:** [Peggy Brown](#)  
**To:** [Natasha Moore](#)  
**Cc:** [Lanelda Gaskins](#); [Evalyn David](#)  
**Subject:** John Shoemaker for appointment as Vice Mayor  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:21:30 AM

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Good morning Natasha,  
I am unable to attend today's meeting.

I support you, Natasha, be appointed as Mayor of Highland Beach and  
John Shoemaker be appointed as Vice Mayor of Highland Beach

Please note I do not support the Committee to Save Highland Beach and they do not speak for me.

Thank you,  
Peggy Brown  
4319 Tranquility Drive

Sent from my iPad

**03/21/2023**

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**Robin Furlin**

**From:** [richard.furlin](#)  
**To:** [Natasha Moore](#)  
**Cc:** [Lanelda Gaskins](#)  
**Subject:** John Shoemaker Nomination  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 10:12:40 AM

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Ms. Moore,

It is my pleasure to submit the nomination of John Shoemaker for the Vice Mayor of Highland Beach position.

I cannot recommend anyone more honorable and dedicated to Highland Beach with more integrity and commitment to excellence.

I have known and worked extensively with John in his position as President of the Clarendon. His attention to detail and caring for the owners is indeed rare and we at Clarendon have benefited and will continue to benefit from his dedication.

Highland Beach needs someone who will strive to improve our community in the future and continue the excellent performance of the town council in the past and hopefully with his participation more accomplishments in the future.

Sincerely,

Rich Furlin  
3407 S. Ocean Blvd. Apt. 4A

Highland Beach, FL 33487  
8327416238



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**Ron Brown**

**From:** [rdbrown1@aol.com](mailto:rdbrown1@aol.com)  
**To:** [Natasha Moore](#)  
**Cc:** [Lanelda Gaskins](#); [Evalyn David](#)  
**Subject:** Recommend John Shoemaker be appointed interim Vice Mayor & Natasha Moore be appointed Mayor  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:09:33 AM

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Good morning Natasha,

I am unable to attend today's Commission meeting.

I would like to make an input that I support Natasha Moore to be appointed interim Mayor of Highland Beach and I support John Shoemaker to be appointed interim Vice Mayor of Highland Beach.

I would also like to say that the Committee to Save Highland Beach does not speak for me. I have my own voice.

Thank you,

Ron Brown, Pres., Bel Lido Property Owners Association  
4319 Tranquility Drive

**03/21/2023**

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**Rose Zammataro**

**From:** [Rose Zammataro](#)  
**To:** [Laneida Gaskins](#)  
**Cc:** [nmore@highlandbeach.com](mailto:nmore@highlandbeach.com)  
**Subject:** appointment of Vice Mayor  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:08:45 AM

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Hi Laneida, I don't know if you remember me but this is Rose Zammataro I was running for commissioner a few years back. I am still working and so not interested in running for any position at the moment. However because I have been resident of Highland Beach for over 40 years am very much interested in the people that are going to run for office. I would like with this e mail show that I and my whole family who own the 4 apartments at 4324 South Ocean blv. would like to support Natasha Moore for Mayor and John Shoemaker for Vice Mayor. By the way we still have poor attendance in any election of course I was there voting for John but not many others that I know would like to see him in the administration. Thanks

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**Rose Zammataro**  
**561-441-2430**

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**Barry Donaldson**

21 March 2023

Barry Donaldson  
3700 S. Ocean Blvd 1608  
Highland Beach, FL 33487

To The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Highland Beach:

**RE: Commission Vacancies**

The town is still reeling from the sudden loss of Doug Hillman. He was not only Mayor of our small barrier island community, but was also a good friend to many of us who live here. His is a terrible loss at both a personal and public level.

Yet, it is comforting we have an active and seasoned Vice-Mayor to step into the role as Mayor, and I endorse **Natasha Moore** to be confirmed in that position. Her work on the Water and Sewage Rates, financial insights on the Fire and Rescue Building and promotion of the community-building signage contest outreach to residents are just a few of her many commendable actions.

The Commission will be left with consideration of completing the filling of the resulting vacancy with a new member. I can offer no better candidate than **John Shoemaker**.

Like Mayor Moore, John has gone far beyond his role as Commissioner to seek out and highlight the many stories of military veterans in our community, as well as enthusiastically supporting and expanding the community-building holiday food-truck gatherings at Town Hall. He has worked hard to build a solid working consensus with his fellow Commissioners on key issues of vital importance to the Town.

As the Town enters a critical period in the run-up to groundbreaking for the Fire-Rescue Station, personnel expansion to staff the new services, audit of Delray Beach finances related to the "true-up" cost controversy, formation of a new budget and approaching RRR FDOT and County Milani Park projects, the continuity of his beneficial insight is much needed.

John recently lost a very close election to newly-elected Commissioner Peters, garnering 47% of the vote, a substantial show of support from voters in Highland Beach. Please listen to the voters.

The community needs John, and I am hopeful the Commission will fully realize the benefits of bringing him to the Commission and work with you on the many important tasks you will be facing in the coming year.

Thank you,

Barry Donaldson

**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Resolution No. 2023-008

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, appointing the Vice Mayor-Commissioner as the Mayor-Commissioner until the next General Election, and providing for an effective date.



## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-008**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THE VICE-MAYOR-COMMISSIONER AS THE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Douglas Hillman ran unopposed during the March 2023 General Election cycle and shall be deemed to have voted for himself; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Hillman passed away on March 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-26 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, "Duty of vice-mayor," provides that "in the event of the death, absence, disability or disqualification of the mayor, the vice-mayor shall discharge the duties of mayor;" and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Code and the Town Charter, the Town Commission wishes to formally appoint the Vice Mayor to serve as Mayor until the March 2024 General Election cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission determines that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Highland Beach.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA**, as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** The Town Commission hereby appoints Vice-Mayor-Commissioner Natasha Moore to serve as Mayor-Commissioner until the March 2024 General Election.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.



**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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Natasha Moore, Vice-Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

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Lanelda Gaskins, MMC  
Town Clerk

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Glen J. Torcivia, Town Attorney  
Town of Highland Beach

**VOTES:**

Vice-Mayor Natasha Moore  
Commissioner Evalyn David  
Commissioner Judith Goldberg  
Commissioner Don Peters

**YES**

**NO**

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Town Clerk's Office  
3614 S. Ocean Boulevard  
Highland Beach, Florida 33487  
Phone: (561) 278-4548 Fax: (561) 265-3582

### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES APPLICATION

This information is for consideration of appointment to a Town Board. Please complete and return this form to the Town Clerk, along with your *resume and proof of residency such as a government issued identification or voter registration card.*

PLEASE NOTE: Florida Public Records Law is very broad. Documents relevant to town business is public records and is subject to public disclosure upon request. Your information provided within this application may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

NAME: MILTON H. BARBAROSH PHONE: 561-843-5757

HOME ADDRESS: 3740 S. OCEAN BLVD APT. NO. 609

SUBDIVISION: TOSCANA SOUTH EMAIL ADDRESS: MILTON@EMPIREGLOBALFIN

*MILTON@EMPIREGLOBALFINANCIAL.COM*

**PLEASE SELECT THE BOARD(S) / COMMITTEE(S) ON WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN NUMERICAL ORDER FROM 1 THROUGH 7, WITH 1 BEING YOUR FIRST CHOICE AND 7 THE LEAST CHOICE.** (A description of the responsibilities of each Board is on the back of this application.)

☐ Board of Adjustment & Appeals

☐ Code Enforcement Board

☐ Financial Advisory Board

☐ Natural Resources Preservation Board

☐ Planning Board

☐ Town Commission \*\*\***(If vacancy)**

1 ☐

Other Board /Committee - *VICE Mayor*

### **PLEASE MARK YES OR NO FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

Are you a resident of Highland Beach? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you a registered voter in Highland Beach/Palm Beach County, FL? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you currently serving on a Town Board? Yes ☐ No ☒

Have you ever served on a Town Board/Committee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, please indicate the Board(s)/Committee(s) and dates of service:

Are you willing to attend monthly board meetings? In (Person / Teleconference) Yes ☒ No ☐

Per Town Code of Ordinance, I understand any member absence from three (3) consecutive meetings will be considered as resignation from the board/committee. Yes ☒ No ☐

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Please list any special talent, qualification, education, or professional experience that would contribute to your service on the Board/Committee you have selected?

Please see my attached resume. I am an experience<sup>d</sup> Board member for non-profits; public and private companies. I am an active advisor to large and small companies and fund managers.

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Please summarize your volunteer experience(s):

I have been the VP Finance and Treasurer for my Temple in Boca Raton with approximately 1,500 active families. I was on the Board and Executive Committee for approximately 13 years. I was also on the Board and Executive Committee of a private local day school in Boca Raton for approximately 3 years. I am philanthropic and advise non-profit executives as requested.

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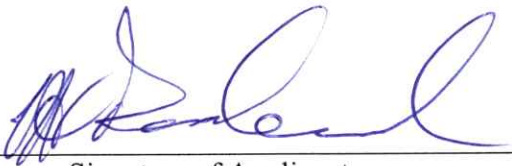
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Signature of Applicant

3/22/23

Date

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# MILTON H. BARBAROSH

## Professional Experience

2011 to present President

**Empire Global Advisory Services, LLC**

Full service financial advisory company with merchant banking capability. Activities include advising on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, public offerings, and implementing turnarounds, in addition to making select principal investments.

2010 to present Founder and Agent

**Empire Global Financial Services, LLC**

Florida licensed full service real estate and business brokerage company.

1989 to present Chief Executive Officer

**Stenton Leigh Valuation Group, Inc. and former parent Stenton Leigh Group, Inc.**

Florida licensed CPA company, activities include advising on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and related business valuations and fairness opinions services.

1987 to 1989 Chief Executive Officer

**JW Charles Group, Inc.**

This Company was a holding company which included a 200 person New York Stock Exchange securities brokerage company (JW Charles Securities, Inc.) an investment banking company (JW Charles Capital Corp.), a 200 person real estate brokerage company (JW Charles Realty, Inc.), a mortgage insurance company, a residential development company, combined annual gross transactions of over \$1.75 billion.

As CEO, a major restructuring was performed which involved selling core businesses, reducing staff, closing offices and enhancing revenues.

1986 to 1989 President

**JW Charles Capital Corp.**

Commenced employment to establish a full service Investment Banking group providing acquisition, divestiture, valuation, corporate finance and financial restructuring services, and continued to oversee this area after becoming CEO of JW Charles Group in 1987.

1983 to 1986 Manager: Mergers & Acquisitions - Merchant Banking (Canada)

**The Royal Bank of Canada**

Commenced employment as Assistant Manager and was promoted to Manager in early 1985 as a result of achievements and the comprehensive nature of duties performed. Instrumental in establishing The Royal Bank's Canadian M&A Group by applying professional and technical M&A expertise not previously available in this newly formed department. As Manager, responsible for conducting and directing all aspects of M&A assignment including acquisitions, divestitures, valuations, financing, leveraged buyouts, strategic planning, etc., for assignments in numerous industries with transaction values ranging from millions to billions of dollars, and being both domestic and international in nature.

1980 to 1983 Manager: Mergers and Acquisitions Services

**Ernst & Young (formerly Clarkson Gordon)**

Commenced employment as Senior Staff Member and was promoted to Manager in June, 1981 in recognition of outstanding performance. This included handling numerous high profile mergers and acquisitions and business valuations assignments.

Part of the founding team of Clarkson Gordon/Woods, Gordon Mergers and Acquisitions Services Group. Responsible for conducting and directing all aspects of business valuation acquisitions, divestitures, financing and Foreign Investment Review Act assignments in various industries, including: oil & gas; manufacturing; securities brokerage; and high technology.

1976 to 1979 Audit Senior Accountant

**KPMG Peat Marwick (formerly Thorne Riddell and Co.)**

Responsible for the completion of all aspects of audits in a diverse number of industries. Given special assignment to the Bankruptcy & Insolvency Department receiving exposure to a large variety of clients and receivership and insolvency matters.

***Educational/Professional Designations Earned (Not all presently active denoted by \*)***

2012 Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA)  
2004 Accredited Business Valuator (CPA-ABV)  
2003 Certified Public Accountant - Florida (CPA)  
2002 Canadian Chartered Accountant - Expert in Business Valuations (CA-CBV)\*  
1995 National Association of Certified Valuators\*  
1989 National Association of Real Estate Appraisers (RPM)\*  
1989 Certified Real Estate Appraiser (CREA)\*  
1989 Florida Real Estate Commission Salesman's License  
1987 The Institute of Business Appraisers, Inc., Member\*  
1987 Securities Licenses: Series 7 - General license; Series 63 - State license; Series 24 - General principal\*  
1987 American Society of Appraisers, Senior Member - Business Valuations (ASA)  
1985 York University, Fellow Canadian Institute of Chartered Bankers (FICB)  
1983 University of Toronto, Member Canadian Association of Chartered Business Valuators (CBV)  
1980 York University, Masters in Business Administration (MBA)  
Major in International Finance, with Distinction  
1978 Canadian Chartered Accountant Member in Ontario and Quebec (CA)\*  
1977 McGill University, Graduate Diploma in Public Accounting (DPA)  
1976 Concordia University, Bachelor of Commerce (B. Comm.)  
Honors in Accountancy, with Distinction Gold Medal in Accountancy  
Program completed on full tuition scholarship on accelerated basis.  
1974 Vanier College, Diploma in Business (CEGEP), Scholarship Winner

***Past & Present Memberships & Affiliations***

Chief Executive Officer Association  
World Presidents' Organization  
The National Center for Employee Ownership - Consultant Member  
The ESOP Association  
Presidential Business Commission - State of Florida (Congressional Committee)  
Honorary Chairman - Republican Party Business Advisory Council  
International Association of Consultants, Valuers and Analysts (IACVA)  
Fleet Bank - Director on Florida Advisory Board  
National Association of Certified Valuators  
Young Presidents' Organization  
World Presidents' Organization  
Chairman, International Mergers & Acquisitions Forum, Young Presidents' Organization  
Association for Corporate Growth  
International Business Brokers Association  
Florida Business Brokers Association  
American Society of Appraisers  
The Institute of Business Appraisers  
Florida Real Estate Association  
York University Alumni  
Concordia University Alumni  
McGill University Alumni  
University of Toronto Alumni  
Institute of Canadian Bankers  
Boca Raton Golf Club & Resort  
National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) - Membership Committee - Former Member  
Treasurer and Board Member of Charitable and Religious Institutions

***Publications***

HARRIS-BENTLEY LIMITED, MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS IN CANADA, founder and former editor

THE ACQUISITION DECISION, book published February, 1985 by The National Association of Accountants (United States) and the Society of Management Accountants of Canada (co-authored).

Author of numerous other short articles and frequent lecturer.

## **Milton H. Barbarosh**

Milton and his wife Ricki have three children and two grandchildren. Their daughter Marli lives in Boca Raton and has two post graduate degrees including one from Johns Hopkins University, and works in real estate. Their daughter Liana lives in Delray Beach, and graduated from University of Central Florida and works for a non-profit organization, and she is married to Kyle Konhauzer. Lori lives in Denver, Colorado and has a masters degree in special education, and she is married to Brad Rhein, and they have two children.

Milton is a former member of the YPO Florida and Palm Beach Chapters, and a former member of WPO and CEO. Milton has been an active board member for non-profit entities, is an active alumni with his alma maters, and through his family foundation supports charities including Johns Hopkins Medical Center and Apraxia Kids.

Milton runs his family office, Croft Investments Limited Partnership with active holdings in numerous private and public companies, and real estate. He continues to overseas a licensed real estate and business brokerage firm, and CPA and business valuation firm, acting either as principals or intermediaries in both domestic and international transactions.

Milton worked for KPMG, Ernst and Young, and at The Royal Bank of Canada where he was head of the mergers and acquisitions department. He relocated to South Florida to take over a group of companies, which included a NYSE member securities firm and real estate and development business, clearing a combined approximately \$1.5 billion in transactions annually. After this successful turnaround he launched his own companies and has been the CEO and President of both public and private companies.

Milton is a graduate of Concordia University, McGill University, University of Toronto, York University and University of Illinois, and he has written numerous articles, enjoys teaching, and has co-authored a book and publication.



# Sun-Sentinel

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## Business Issues

### Analyze company closely before launching an IPO

By **MILTON H. BARBAROSH**  
SPECIAL TO THE SUN-SENTINEL

#### COMMENTARY

It was just four months ago that business owners in South Florida were reaping huge rewards by taking their companies public with little more than an idea and a dot-com after their name. The companies rarely had revenues or profits.

Then, the March 8 correction occurred, and the market for initial public offerings weakened. Lessons were learned from the recent IPO craze. Analysts and investors, for example, are back to looking at fundamentals and adhering to age-old business philosophies and practices. Entrepreneurs must now offer concrete plans and companies with real substance. Business owners wishing to take their companies public should analyze a wide range of factors:

■ **Management.** The biggest problem with many aspiring public companies is the founder. This person may be a great promoter, but a poor manager. Many start-ups also have weak financial departments and little discipline. Business owners must make an honest valuation of themselves and their management teams.

■ **The product/service.** Is it different? Is there an established niche?

■ **Use of funds raised in**

an IPO. Will you concentrate on research and development? Acquisitions? Increasing working capital? If it isn't clearly spelled out, it's likely Wall Street will turn its back.

■ **Prospects for restructuring.** Underwriters likely will want to restructure start-ups. They may want to add a chief financial officer, implement tighter reporting systems, bring in a board of directors and modify the business plan.

■ **Value to investors.** This is perhaps the most important issue. Investors expect a return for the risk they are taking in financing an IPO company. These companies should be able to generate a return of 20-plus percent per year for investors within two to three years.

■ **The business model.** The aspiring public company must have accurate timetables for revenues or profitability.

There are pros and cons to going public. The following are advantages:

■ **More working capital.** Stock is a currency to make acquisitions, hire key employees and expand.

■ **The ability to fund expansion, research and development and acquisitions with stock rather than cash reserves.**

■ **Improved net wor**

through stock, improving the ability to obtain capital or borrow.

■ **Enhanced corporate image.** Because attention is focused on a company as it goes public, the company will receive publicity and word-of-mouth advertising from investors.

■ **The potential to attract and retain personnel with stock options.**

■ **Liquidity for founders and existing shareholders.**

The following are challenges to consider:

■ **Loss of control.** Depending on the proportion of stock shares sold to the public, founders risk losing control of their company at some point.

■ **Sharing success.** Investors contribute capital and thus share the risk, so they will also share the success. But is their share disproportionate? Also, if the company anticipates high earnings, a public offering may be delayed until those earnings are realized, so the shares demand a higher price at the time of the offering.

■ **Loss of confidentiality.** Prospectuses and ongoing reporting will disclose much information about the company, such as its sales, profits, losses and compensation of officers and directors.

■ **Initial and ongoing expenses.** The largest single cost

in an IPO is the underwriter's commission, which ranges from 5 percent to 10 percent of the offering price. Also, you will encounter legal and accounting fees, printing costs, underwriter expenses and so on.

■ **Shareholder expectations.** Investors will expect you to maintain and improve the company's performance. If they become disillusioned, share price will suffer.

■ **Fiduciary responsibilities.** For owners of private businesses, the money invested and risked was their own. Once public, directors or officers must realize the money invested is that of the shareholder. You are accountable to them, and potential conflicts of interest must be approached with caution.

It's clear that going public takes careful assessment and planning and must be approached with caution and education in today's climate.

*Milton H. Barbarosh is president and founder of The Stenton Leigh Group Inc., a Boca Raton-based financial advisory firm.*



Barbarosh

# Boca Raton News

FINANCE & STOCK MARKET Sunday, September 13, 1998

## The art of the deal

More goes into a merger than some guys on a golf course, says a Boca Raton expert

BY JOHN HARRIS  
STAFF WRITER

What goes into cobbling together a multi-million dollar deal?

The forces that come into play can be very different, as South Floridians have seen recently.

The more traditional deal is illustrated in the sale of the South Florida News Network. The dealing was done quietly, behind the scenes, and then a public announcement was made upon completion.

A distinctively different type of dealing was underway as two parties very publicly competed to buy the Florida Marlins baseball team.

Buyer John Henry, a multi-millionaire Boca Raton commodities trader, had called a news conference to announce his intentions to try to buy the team when owner Wayne Huizenga reportedly failed to return his calls.

Marlins' president Don Smiley had spent the past 14 months trying to assemble an investment group but was more than \$50 million short of meeting Huizenga's \$165 million asking price.

There has been play-by-play press coverage of every detail of every move since Huizenga put the team on the market more than a year ago.

The Marlins' method of such public dealing is unorthodox, said a Boca Raton expert in handling merger and acquisition deals.

"It's highly unusual unless it's a hostile takeover," said Milton H. Barbarosh, chief executive officer of the Boca Raton-based Stenton Leigh Group, a merchant banking and business brokerage firm. "And you can't conduct a hostile takeover of a private or closely-controlled company."

While manager of the merger and acquisition services department of the Woods Gordon firm, Barbarosh authored a study of how deals are made, titled "The Acquisition Decision," which was published by The Society of Management Accountants of Canada.

In the study, he interviewed many chief executives about factors going into their deal-making.

Barbarosh said the Sun-Sentinel's deal to purchase the 33-paper South Florida Newspaper Network more closely fits the traditional manner in which a deal is consummated.

### Anatomy of a deal

In an interview with the Boca Raton News, Sun-Sentinel president Bob Gremillion outlined how that deal was put together.

"These guys (Network officials Bruce Warshal and Scott Patterson) approached us in May and gave us a hell of a sales pitch," he said.

"Then we spent two months studying their operation. We found it a very healthy, well-run operation with a hard-working management team.

"Then in July we went through a bidding process and they convinced us to buy them."

Barbarosh said many deals take more than the three or four months involved in the News Network sale.

"When news of a big deal hits the media, it's usually completed," he said. "People tend to think that it's the result of a few guys getting together for a round of golf and dinner and then having a follow-up meeting next day.

"It doesn't happen that way. The biggest deals are often years or decades in formation."

### Bravery required

Forging a successful multi-million or multi-billion deal is not for the faint of heart.

"Every potential deal has obstacles, some of them daunting," said Barbarosh.

"In every deal there are major legal, accounting or tax situations that must be addressed. And there are regulatory and human issues which must be dealt with."

Nor is hammering together a big-buck deal for the inexperienced either, Barbarosh said.

"You don't start out doing a billion-dollar deal," he said. "Unless you're a Bill Gates and can pull the cash out of your pocket, you're going to be dealing with investment bankers to come up with funding. And they're going to want to know your track record."

OK, so who can successfully put together a mega-million deal?

"It takes a highly motivated champion of the cause with the drive to persist and push it through to reality," he said. "It should be the CEO or, if not, the champion should have the complete and enthusiastic support of the CEO."

"If the CEO is wishy-washy, he may look at the opportunity, but he is not going to drive it through to reality."



RIMALIO L. ROLON/BOCA RATON NEWS  
Milton H. Barbarosh in his Boca Raton office. He says most deals and mergers take years or decades to consummate.

Some proposed deals are doomed to fall through, Barbarosh points out.

A recent example was the already announced \$5.5 billion proposed stock swap that would merge HMO giants United HealthCare Corp. and Humana.

The deal fell through after United took \$900 million in pretax charges in the second quarter to restructure and cut back in some Medicare and commercial markets.

But not every problem which arises in the process of making a deal is destined to doom it.

"In some cases, a problem may be recognized and factored into the valuation and terms of the deal which is then moved on to fruition," Barbarosh said.

■ The Associated Press contributed to this report.





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NAME: Roberta M. Kruta PHONE: 561-350-8850

HOME ADDRESS: 1101 Highland Beach Drive APT. NO. #C

SUBDIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: trugems@aol.com

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Art of Diplomacy, mastered after years of working with the public. I'm a long time resident of Highland Beach and believe I can offer an energetic additive to our city council. Very interested in the beautification of our town, my professional career involves the makeover and design of fine jewelry and watches.

Please summarize your volunteer experience(s):

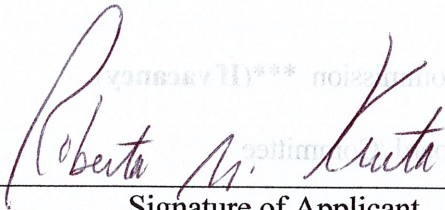
Boca Raton Community Garden, junior league, provide food to Boca Helping Hands

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Signature of Applicant

3/23/23

Date

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# ROBERTA M. KRUTA

## CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHLAND BEACH

### **Education:**

American University, Washington, D.C  
Queens College, NY BS in Mathematics

### **Work Experience:**

1969-71  
New York district representative, Helen Curtis Industries  
Accounts included Macy's, Abraham and Strauss  
Lord & Taylor's introduced wig and hair fashion salons  
in these companies.

1972-present  
Vice President of Tru-Gems, Inc. a Florida Corporation.  
In a 33 year history, I have constructed, owned and operated  
7 jewelry stores. My current store is Jeweliards, located in  
the Polo Club Shoppes of Boca Raton, which employs several sales  
personnel, we are fine jewelers and offer excellent repair and  
customer service

### **Interests:**

#### **Fund raising for a variety of Florida Philanthropies:**

Morse Geriatric  
Boca Raton Museum of Art  
Hospice  
Florence Fuller Child Development Center  
Juvenile Diabetes  
Andy Roddick Foundation  
Breast Cancer  
Lance Armstrong Cancer Foundation  
I attended and graduated from an Orlando Auctioneer Academy  
Have volunteered my auctioneering and knowledge of fine  
Jewelry services to raise funds for several organizations.  
My passions include theatre, music, art and tennis.  
Ultimate relaxation is boating, fishing and biking this is why  
Highland Beach was my choice of Residence.

#### **Tennis:**

I am the Palm Beach County representative for USTA  
I am on A1 tennis league in Palm Beach County.

### **Personal:**

I was born in Kew Gardens, New York and have been a full time resident  
of Florida for 30 years and a resident of Highland Beach for 12 years. I  
am the oldest of 3 sisters, Linda and Sherry. We have been working  
together since childhood and our abilities compliment one another and  
have contributed to our success.

### **Why I decided to run for commission of Highland Beach?**

There are many beautiful communities in South Florida, however this town has a  
certain beauty and charm that all of its residents have discovered. I believe that my  
extensive business, diplomatic skills and energy make me qualified to be your choice for  
Highland Beach Commissioner.



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NAME: J. Burke Murray PHONE: 240-810-6411

HOME ADDRESS: 3505 S. Ocean Blvd APT. NO. 6N

SUBDIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: murray1956@gmail.com

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Master of Science in Ocean Engineering, Professional Engineer (Virginia), Knowledge of Ocean processes including waves, storm surges, and coastal erosion. 15 years experience with the US Navy (civilian) at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in Bethesda, MD

Please summarize your volunteer experience(s):


Mentor to Human Powered Submarine Club at FAU,  
Volunteer at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center

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Signature of Applicant

23 March 2023  
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23 March 2023

Lenalda Gaskins  
Town Clerk  
Town of Highland Beach

Re: Letter of Interest in Commission Vacancy

Dear Ms. Gaskins:

I am interested in applying for the position of Vice Mayor, starting in March 2023. I retired to Highland Beach in 2021 and have been participating in local government since then. I serve on the Highland Beach code enforcement board, volunteer at the Gumbo Limbo nature center, and act as an advisor to the Florida Atlantic University human powered submarine club.

As a former federal employee, I have experience with project management, engineering, and the processes involved in large acquisition projects. As a profession engineer (licensed in Virginia), I am familiar with water flow, civil engineering, and structural engineering.

My experience with project management and engineering will benefit the commission as the A1A project and the new firehouse are started in the next year.

Thanks for considering my potential appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Burke Murray", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. Burke Murray, PE



**J. Burke Murray, Professional Engineer**  
**3505 S. Ocean Blvd, Apt 6N**  
**Highland Beach, FL 33487**

**Summary**

Retired submarine designer for US Navy. Experienced in engineering design (specifically water flow), project management, and team leadership.

**Experience**

2004-2020

**HEAD, HYDRODYNAMICS AND MANEUVERING SIMULATION BRANCH,  
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER, BETHESDA, MD**

Supervised 25 engineers who performed modeling and simulation work related to submarine design and performance. Supervised design, maintenance, and upgrade activities for submarine ship control trainers in Virginia, Connecticut, California, Georgia, Hawaii, and Guam.

1991-2003

**ENGINEER, ANALYTICAL METHODS, INC**

Performed engineering analysis and computer programming related to computational fluid dynamics and marine vehicles

1984-1991

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT, SELF EMPLOYED**

Performed engineering analysis and computer programming related to computational fluid dynamics and marine vehicles for multiple clients in the United States. Managed contracts, taxes, and accounting for the business

1981-1984

**ENGINEER, GENERAL DYNAMICS ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION**

Performed engineering analysis and design of submarines

**EDUCATION**

JUNE 1981

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCEAN ENGINEERING, FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

Specialized in hydrodynamics

MAY 1978

**BACHELOR OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**

Physics



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SUBDIVISION: CLARENDON CONDO EMAIL ADDRESS: shoerfid@yahoo.com

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COMMISSION for 3 years

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US ARMY OFFICER 4 YEARS  
BBAC 20 MASS AMHERST  
MBA SUFFOLK UNIV BOSTON  
45 YEARS IN CORP. HIGH TECH. BUSINESS

Please summarize your volunteer experience(s):

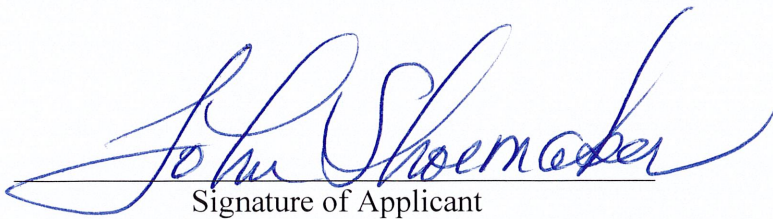
3 YEARS AS COMMISSIONER for H.B.

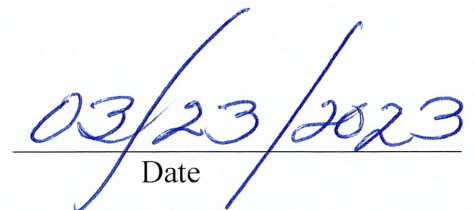
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Signature of Applicant

  
Date

☐ Resume Attached



## Resume' Summary

John Shoemaker  
3407 S. Ocean Blvd., Apt. 8B  
Highland Beach, FL.  
443-255-7268

John Shoemaker was elected to the office of Commissioner in March of 2020 and fulfilled duties until March, 2023

John and his wife Paula have lived in Highland Beach since 2006. They have two grown children and five grandchildren. Their son, Eric, lives in the Boston area and their daughter, Lisa, in the Miami area.

John graduated with a BBS in Management from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, before enlisting in the Army. He completed infantry training, graduated from Airborne School and Officer Candidate School before going to advanced jungle training in the Panama Canal Zone. Lieutenant Shoemaker went to Vietnam and became a combat Platoon Leader and Company Commander in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade of the "Americal" Division in Chu Lai. He was awarded 3 Bronze Stars, 2 for Valor, the Air Medal, 2 Army Commendation medals, one for Valor, and the Purple Heart.

Returning from Vietnam, he was in the Army Reserve, completed his MBA from Suffolk University in Boston and worked for Xerox Corporation as a sales and marketing executive. After 12 years, John went on to become a senior executive at VP/EVP levels in several high technology companies, including BBN Cambridge, Symbol Technologies and Transcore, Inc. Much of his career included sales, marketing, customer service and engineering support for such technologies as advanced manufacturing and robotics, computer software applications, data collection and solutions, bar coding and radio frequency identification (RFID). John has been a technology evangelist, consultant, and speaker at events around the world.

John's hobby is writing and has had hundreds of articles published in newspapers and magazines covering a wide range of topics. He is an avid mountain hiker and environmentalist. John also is a Director on the Board of the Highland Beach Club condominium community.



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NAME: David I. Stern PHONE: 561 702 3655

HOME ADDRESS: 2901 South Ocean Blvd H.B. Florida 33487 APT. NO. 804

SUBDIVISION: Highlands Place EMAIL ADDRESS: distern1043@aol.com

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\_\_\_\_\_ Natural Resources Preservation Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning Board

1 Town Commission **\*\*\* (If vacancy) VICE MAYOR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Board /Committee

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Signature of Applicant

3-21-2023

Date

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**DAVID I. STERN**

**2901 South Ocean Blvd. # 804**

**Highland Beach, Florida 33487**

**(561) 330-8349 Cell (561) 702-3655**

**E Mail - distern1043@aol.com**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**1995-2000: ROSS STORES, California - Volume – 2.5 Billion Dollars.**

**1998 - 2000 Vice President Store Administration, Communications & Store Planning.**

**1992-1995: MORE FOR LESS INC. Florida - President, Owner**

**Six Ladies Casual Clothing Specialty Stores with an annual volume of Over 2.5 million dollars.**

**1988-1992: BYRONS, Florida - Executive Vice President, Stores and Operations**

**Responsible for 57 Stores, Visual, Distribution Center and Operations. Over 280 Million Dollars in volume.**

**1963-1988: ABRAHAM & STRAUS – New York**

**1987-1988: Senior Vice President Sales Promotion/Advertising.**

**1984- 1987 – Senior Vice President and Director of Stores.**

**EDUCATION:**

**Pace College, New York City BBA. Major – Marketing**

**AMA course in Justification for funding Capital investment funding.**

**AMA course in Finance & Accounting for non-financial executives.**

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

**Current:**

**President of Highlands Place Condominium Association – Highland Beach, Fl.**

**Co - Treasurer, Trustee - Temple Sinai, Delray Beach, Fl.**

**Arbitrator for FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority).**

**Past:**

**Nov 2022 – March 2023 Highland Beach Commissioner**

**2018 – 2022 Member and Chairman of Highland Beach, Financial Advisory Board**

**President of Temple Sinai, Delray Beach, Florida. 2006 – 2009.**

**2013 - 2017 Member and Chairman of Code Enforcement Board – Town of Highland Beach, Florida.**

**2009- 2013 Member and Chairman of Board of Adjustment and Appeals Board –  
Town of Highland Beach, Fl.**

**2007 – 2009 – Member of Financial Advisory Board - Town of Highland Beach, FL.**

**2012 – Member of Charter Review Board – Town of Highland Beach, Florida.**

**2005 – Member of three person Highland Beach Water Plant Audit.**

**1990-1992 - Board of Directors - Florida Retail Federation.**

**1985-1988 - Board of Regents and a Trustee - Long Island College Hospital.**

**1980-1984 - Board of Directors - Better Business Bureau.**

**PERSONAL:**

**Date of Birth: October 8, 1941**

**Married to Judy Stern 58 years – Retired - Real Estate Broker**

**Two Married Children and five Grandchildren:**

**Brian - Superior Court Judge - Rhode Island. Wife - Jennifer School Teacher**

**Russ – Real Estate – Florida. Wife - Lisa Real Estate - Florida**



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NAME: Christine Viegas PHONE: 248-953-9522

HOME ADDRESS: 3407 South Ocean Blvd APT. NO. 3A

SUBDIVISION: Clarendon EMAIL ADDRESS: viegaschris@outlook.com

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Practicing Michigan Corporate Attorney - 32 years culminating in 26 years @ The Auto Club Group

~~Office of General Counsel retiring as Vice President in 2012~~

~~City Commissioner Birmingham, Michigan 1986-1989 (Down-zoned Business District height)~~

~~Mayor Pro Tem/City of Birmingham 1988-1989 (Worked on Revision of Master Zoning Plan)~~

Please summarize your volunteer experience(s):

Board of Zoning Appeals/City of Birmingham MI 3 year Term

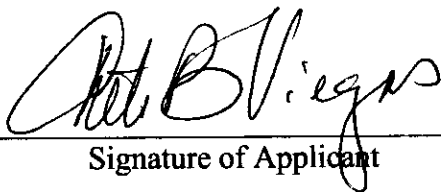
~~President of PLPOA - 2003-2022 <https://www.pinelakemi.com/> - developed a lake board, maintained water quality for Pine Lake, Oakland County, Michigan for its 166 residents, 7 Association and 2 businesses.~~

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Signature of Applicant

March 23, 2023

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Date

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## CHRISTINE BERNHARD VIEGAS

(Unit # 3A)



As a Clarendon resident for over 10 years, I believe my skills can help improve the Clarendon and the method it's Board uses to implement projects as we approach the FL Mandated Phase One Milestone and Structural Integrity Reserve Study (SRIS) due in 2024.

### PERSONAL

#### Clarendon Related:

- **Resident** since 2011
- Clarendon Rules Committee Member
- Clarendon Social Committee member

#### Other:

- **President/Treasurer/Board Member** ( 15 + years) - : Pine Lake Property Owners Association <https://www.pinelakemi.com/> Developed Lake management plan for Pine Lake.
- **City Commissioner** ( 3-year term) Birmingham, Michigan City Commission 14-million-dollar budget/oversight of all city departments
- **Mayor Pro Tem** ( 1 year) Birmingham, Michigan
- **Board of Appeals** ( 3-year term) City of Birmingham, MI Board of Zoning Appeals (quasi-judicial function for zoning appeals from residents)

### WORK/EDUCATION/TRAINING

<b>Retired Position</b>	<b>Vice President/Deputy General Counsel</b> , Office of General Counsel The Auto Club Group- 6-billion-dollar insurance/auto club Dearborn, Michigan, operating in eight states. (33 years) <b>Board Member</b> , Auto Club Trust, FSB
<b>Previous Positions</b>	<b>Attorney</b> , Private Corporate Law Practice in law firm for 6 years
<b>Education/Degrees</b>	New England School of Law, Massachusetts, <b>J.D (MA/MI)</b> Newton College, Massachusetts, <b>B.A</b> University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Mergers and Acquisitions University of Michigan Business School Executive Education Center, Leading Change

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/BOARDS

- Former **Chair, Laws Committee**, Property Casualty Insurers (PCI)
- Former **Secretary and Treasurer** Automobile Club Political Action Committee
- Former **Board Member**, Association of Corporate Counsel – Michigan Chapter and ACC-MI Foundation
- Former **Member** of the Wisconsin Diversity Counsel Program
- Former **Board Member**, Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan
- Michigan and Massachusetts (retired) Bar Associations

**File Attachments for Item:**

B. Resolution No. 2023-009

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, filling the vacancy of the Office of Vice Mayor-Commissioner until the next general election; and providing for an effective date.



## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-009**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF VICE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, through the adoption of Resolution No. 2023-008, the Town Commission formally appointed Vice Mayor-Commissioner Natasha Moore to serve as Mayor-Commissioner until the March 2024 General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, this appointment has created a vacancy in the office of Vice Mayor-Commissioner, and the Town Commission wishes to fill this vacancy on the Town Commission in accordance with Section 1.06(11) of the Town Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission determines that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Highland Beach.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA**, as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** The Town Commission hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as Vice Mayor-Commissioner until the March 2024 General Election.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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Natasha Moore, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

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Lanelda Gaskins, MMC  
Town Clerk

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Glen J. Torcivia, Town Attorney  
Town of Highland Beach

**VOTES:**

Mayor Natasha Moore  
Commissioner Evalyn David  
Commissioner Judith Goldberg  
Commissioner Don Peters

**YES**

**NO**