



Austin Arthur to Announce his Candidacy for District 01 Orange County Commissioner.

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Longtime West Orange resident and community advocate, Austin Arthur will file to enter the 2024 election for Orange County Commissioner in District 01. He will file at the Orange County Supervisor of Elections on Wednesday February 1st, 2023. Arthur is the first to announce a challenge to the current sitting commissioner, Nicole Wilson who is expected to likely run for another term.

“West Orange County is my home, it is where I started my business and where I decided to start a family,” stated Arthur. “Our community on the west side of the county needs real representation on the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, someone ready to speak on behalf of all its residents on issues relevant to the commission’s duties. We need someone who believes in preserving the character of our communities and protecting our natural resources while simultaneously working on other issues our residents face.”

Austin Arthur works heavily in the community and serves on many boards such as the City of Winter Garden’s Architectural Review and Historical Preservation Board, West Orange Habitat for Humanity, Eight Waves Children & Family Services, Challenge 22 Veteran Suicide Awareness, Winter Garden Rotary Club, The West Orange Scholarship Foundation, One Winter Garden, and others. He is also a past board member of the West Orange Political Alliance and is an active supporter of both the Lift Disability Network and Friends of Lake Apopka.

“I believe diversity of communities is important, not every area of the county is the same,” said Arthur. “We need to work closely with our municipalities and unincorporated areas to understand their different needs. Some of which have a rich history to preserve and some of which are forging their character now in newly developed areas. I am running to keep the charm of West Orange with managed growth that the residents want. The community is weary of distracted leaders who think and act like divisive national politicians, we are a community of neighbors down here, who have shared values and principles.”

Arthur was a firefighter/paramedic prior to becoming a successful business owner in West Orange County. Along with his brother Zander Arthur, he opened Stars and Stripes Management Systems in 2012, a digital marketing and website design company located next to the West Orange Chamber of Commerce. In 2014 they opened the successful Gymnastics USA in Winter Garden, the largest gymnastics center in the state of Florida. A faith-filled promoter of family and community values, he has been active in West Orange County for some time, writing for several local publications about West Orange, hosting a video series about West Orange called After Thought, and doing an editorial styled podcast for the West Orange Times and Observer. He and his wife live in Winter Garden with their three young children.