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BRADENTON, Florida - The Eleuterio Salazar, Jr. Campaign for City of Bradenton City Council Ward 5 would like to congratulate and welcome Mr. Keenan Wooten into the race for Ward 5! "We look forward to a good race and to allow the voters of the City of Bradenton to choose between an activist who has been an active part of the community and a Republican pawn who only cares about his own advancement," said Salazar. Mr. Wooten ran for this seat in 2016 and the voters chose to reelect Mr. Harold Byrd, a respected and long serving City Councilman. In 2020 voters will be able to choose between the first LGBT Latino candidate who has been an outspoken activist and strong supporter of the residents of Ward 5 and a pawn placed by the Republican Executive Committee of Manatee County. In a recent Black Block meeting Mr. Wooten told the audience that "I always have to beg the local Republican Party to step foot into Ward 5." The Salazar Campaign has no problem stepping foot in Ward 5 and we do not associate ourselves with groups that would consider our residents second class.

Additionally, in 2016 Mr. Wooten chose to attack his opponent, Mr. Harold Byrd, by sending a text message to the current President of the NAACP, Tarnisha Cliatt, referring to Mr. Byrd as a "faggot". Interestingly enough Ms. Cliatt has now awarded Mr. Wooten the Community Service Recipient of 2019. That is not the inclusion that our campaign supports or tolerates. If elected it is clear that Mr. Wooten would only represent his own interests and not be inclusive of all residents of Ward 5. Ward 5 needs a leader and an advocate that is dedicated to their Ward, this is not what Mr. Wooten brings to the table and we are certain the voters will agree in 2020!

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