

Art Mayor of Sanford Woodruff

Dear Neighbor,

As your mayor, my highest purpose is to improve the quality of life for all of the residents of our wonderful city. This means making sure that everyone is well represented and that their input is valued.

That is one of the reasons I worked to create the Race, Equality, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee. My record on the City Commission for over 16 years shows that I have always placed importance on meeting the needs of all residents in all neighborhoods.

In 1983, under court direction, Sanford changed from city-wide voting to single-member districts to elect commissioners. Since then, District 2 has been drawn to connect core African American neighborhoods, assuring the powerful influence these neighborhoods have had through Commissioners Bob Thomas, Velma Williams, and now Kerry Wiggins.

We will soon decide on six districts. When we have proposed district maps to view, I will carefully consider if six districts will improve representation or, instead, dilute the influence of a single minority commissioner. I will keep in mind that the voters made the decision to allow the change to six districts and that we must maintain minority success in the election process.

Diversity is our greatest strength, and I am proud and exceedingly grateful to be your mayor.

Sincerely,



Art Woodruff

P.S. If you have any questions about six districts, the process, or my position, please contact me at 407-322-6968 or woodruff_a@yahoo.com.