



*Keith Dameron says:*

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The candidacy of Jim Richards and Jerry Swiacki for Marco Island City Council proves me wrong! I had come to believe that the lack of leadership and competency by the majority of City Councilors over the 18 years since Barbara and I moved to Marco Island full time would discourage truly competent residents from seeking an elected position on our council. In my opinion, there has been a handful of dedicated, professional and passionate City Councilors who worked hard to seize many opportunities to continue and improve the quality of life in our city only to be stymied by so many self serving, publicity seeking, narcissistic, unprofessional City Councilors who morphed right in front of our eyes into something different than the policies and advancement agendas that got them elected. As a citizen of Marco Island, I am not looking to be enamored by the individuals making up our City Council, rather I am looking for solid, meaningful and positive actions/results benefiting our wonderful city. Marco Island has prospered despite this lack of overall leadership. Think how much better Marco Island could have been with inspirational leadership!

In my business career, when an office, region or district deteriorated to the point of non-productivity such as is the current state of the Marco Island City Council, I would step in, shut it down then begin with a totally new organization. Alas, that is not likely to happen here so we must encourage quality residents such as Jerry and Jim to put their personal lives aside for the betterment of their city. I hear there are more candidates yet to announce so let's hope they are as qualified, dedicated and driven to make the sacrifice necessary to "righten" the ship.

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