

WHAT TO DO

WHAT CAN IRNA MEMBERS DO FOR US TO SUCCEED ON NOVEMBER 2ND

1. Request an absentee ballot if you may be away on November 2nd by calling the Supervisor of Elections at 772-567-8187 or by sending in the enclosed application form.
2. Contribute money to the IRNA Political Committee. Send your check to:

IRNA Political Committee
P.O. Box 643623
Vero Beach, FL 32964

3. Contribute money to the Richard Baker Campaign. Send your check to:

The Richard Baker Campaign
522 North Blue Island Lane
Sebastian, FL 32958

4. We intend to run an ad just before the election – “Republicans for Dick Baker”. We want as many names as possible so if you are a Republican please sign the enclosed permission card.
5. Volunteer to help us achieve our goals. Send your name to:

Diane Macgowan
555 Bougainvillea Ave
Vero Beach, FL 32963
772-234-0139

As in the primary, volunteer effort can make the difference!

Your IRNA has been effective in awakening the County to the threat of uncontrolled growth.

We appreciate your support and believe that if we work together we can keep Indian River County the best place to live on the Treasure Coast.

The hurricanes brought everything to a halt; until then it was business as usual.

- a) The Growth Task Force that the Commissioners said was to bring the community together to find a common ground on the growth issues was a failure. The Task Force was told they could not discuss any major growth issues. They were limited to reviewing the land development regulations. After much hard work the Task Force reached consensus on a number of useful changes. After some false starts, a majority of the Commissioners referred the Task Force recommendations to the staff for study!

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- b) The revised tree ordinance, introduced by the Audubon Society under Dick Baker's leadership last April, is still under staff review!

- c) The new development on the Disney property received a green light from the Planning and Zoning Board and awaits Commissioner action!

- d) The 43rd Avenue FIVE LANE expansion still has a green light, but through the yeoman efforts of Commissioner Tom Lowther it may be reconsidered.

All this and more highlights the need for a new Commission majority.

We apologize for this abbreviated newsletter but time is of the essence.

Sincerely,

THE IRNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Grant Beadle	Richard Donnelly	Ralph King	John Vanderzee
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Indian River Neighborhood Association, Inc. **NEWS**

Dedicated to Quality Growth



The Indian River Neighborhood Association is pleased to send you our third newsletter and to present some of our accomplishments.

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IRNA STILL HAS SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE AHEAD

We hope you, your loved ones and your home fared well in the two hurricanes. We know it is hard to think about county elections and growth issues, but it is important that we do. Your Indian River Neighborhood Association is almost six months old and we now have over 5,000 dues paying members representing some 400 neighborhoods throughout Indian River County. We have accomplished a lot by winning in the primary but we have a significant challenge in the general election on November 2nd.

THE PRIMARY

What Have We Accomplished In The Primary?

The Press Journal said it best in its lead editorial the day after the election. “The Indian River Neighborhood Association also came out a winner, as both of its endorsed candidates-Bowden and Wheeler prevailed in their commission races. IRNA's clout will be tested when its third hopeful, Democrat Dick Baker, faces Davis this fall.”

Sandra Bowden won the Republican District Five primary over her closest rival Bob Solari. Solari had the support of the pro growth lobby, the Concerned Citizens For The Future of The Indian River County and the Chamber of Commerce, and outspent Sandra.

Gary Wheeler won the Republican District Three primary over the incumbent Ken Macht. Macht also had the strong support of the pro growth lobby.

We believe that the IRNA financial and volunteer support were quite important in both of these contests. We raised money for both of these candidates and ran aggressive direct mail and advertising programs. IRNA volunteers did an outstanding job and may have made the difference. We established a phone bank and made over 1,000 calls in the last week, we waved signs on the bridges and had volunteers at the key polling places handing out our literature.

NOVEMBER 2

What Is The November 2 Challenge?

**ELECT DICK BAKER
ELECT SANDRA BOWDEN**

Wheeler has no Democratic opponent so he is the new Commissioner for District Three. Bowden should prevail against her Democratic opponent because she is a very strong

candidate and Republicans have a big advantage.

As the Press Journal editorial indicates the IRNA clout will be tested as our endorsed candidate, Dick Baker, faces Republican Wesley Davis. Republicans outnumber Democrats by over 50% in Indian River County so Baker will need many Republicans to vote for him in order to succeed. He is an outstanding candidate and we are proud to endorse him. Most recently Dick was appointed by Governor Bush to the Committee for a Sustainable Treasure Coast, chaired the Indian River County Land Acquisition Committee and is President of the Audubon Society. We, and Dick believe that County issues should be non-partisan and Dick has pledged to play no active role in Democratic politics during the election and afterwards. Dick is a mature and, experienced person with a forty-year record of accomplishment in his scientific career and in his extensive civic and environmental activities. It is essential for Dick to be elected so our goal of a three-commissioner majority can be achieved.