

In the past month, several people have inquired about my run for Port Commissioner with the question "Who is he"?

I am known as a responsible person. I enjoy problem-solving and that has probably helped make my career successful. I am only 77 years old and am fortunate to have excellent health and genes that will probably see me through another 20 years. I have had a successful career in shipbuilding and repair, offshore marine heavy construction and also design, construction and commissioning of electric power plants; more recently, over the past ten years, I formed and operated a corporation providing engineering and project management services for industrial port facilities rehabilitation, completing six major port projects that had an aggregate value over \$50 million. Throughout my career, I have been known for getting projects done right the first time, as part of a strategy for overall least life-cycle cost; many of these projects were in or near environmentally sensitive areas and one was even in a World Heritage Site.

I am also known among some of the marine trades folk as the person responsible for the ongoing restoration of schooner Elsitá. I believe this project demonstrates my commitment to our wooden boat community.

Several county residents recommended that I run for the Port Commissioner position because they believed I was qualified and attentive. I was flattered to be considered for the position, but then realized that I have the right experience. I initially considered running because I was not in agreement with the Short's farm acquisition, but that is not really an issue for me; farming is a critical element of our community. My ultimate decision to proceed as a candidate for Port Commissioner is based on the belief that I can provide better guidance than the incumbent.

My motivation is the hope to use my extensive experience and training to help improve our Port's position in the overall market and to improve Port revenue and marine trades revenue, not so much by expansion as by simple improvement of process. I began attending Port Commission meetings earlier this year and am already getting involved in the work of what a Port Commissioner does. I have lived in this community for over 20 years and have no plans to reside elsewhere. I am not beholden to or owe allegiance to any party or other organization or individual. I will consider input from all parties and make decisions that I believe are the best outcome for the county taxpayers and the marine trades, consistent with triple-bottom-line criteria.

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