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Election Year is Upon Us!

The season opens in April with Municipal Elections. Voters who reside within the six city limits of Pasco are given the opportunity to elect their local leadership. Think about it - the opportunity to decide on the leadership that has the most direct impact on your day-to-day living. These are the folks that make decisions about land use, community development and zoning, the services you receive, and whether or not your infrastructure is improved. The local elected positions are sometimes fertile grounds for aspiring politicians, and they are in position to learn your values, concerns and needs.

Unfortunately, Pasco has historically low turnout for municipal elections, with less than 18% turnout in 2017 and just over 13% in 2016. Let's give pause to the implication of this ... over 80% of voters in these municipalities waived their right to elect officials that make decisions for the community where they have chosen to live, raise families, own property, work and worship.

With the start of the new year, I look forward to an election year in which, collectively, the voices of the voters possess power. Beginning with the tagline "BeVocalVoteLocal" and the Municipal Elections, my hope is that the passion from 2016 will continue with momentum that reflects Pasco's election year slogan "MyRightMyVote."

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