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Mark Venzke For Gainesville Mayor Campaign

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Gainesville, Florida, U. S. A.– Yesterday afternoon, Mark Venzke, candidate for Gainesville mayor, attended a three-hour workshop entitled, “Public Officials' Workshop.” The Alachua County League Of Cities sponsored the workshop that occurred at the Alachua City Hall. Marilyn Crotty, the Director of the Florida Institute Of Government conducted the workshop, which focused on laws and regulations that deal with local government charters, with open government and with ethics.

“This was excellent preparation for assuming public office. The content will enable me to not only fulfill the spirit of three of the eight tenets of my political credo, integrity, clarity and accessibility, it will enable me fulfill the letter of the law,” Mark said. “Peter Larson, one of my fellow candidates for mayor, attended the seminar for about an hour, but none of the other candidates for either mayor or district four commissioner attended.” Mark said.

Mark Venzke has been a politically active centrist through most of his adult life. He studied landscape architecture. He has worked as a designer, draftsman and technical illustrator in architecture and engineering practices and has worked in most sectors of the landscape industry. He is currently an entrepreneur with ties to the innovation community who is working to establish an electric taxi business in Gainesville. He is fifty-five years old and has has been living in Gainesville for seven and one-half of the past nine years.

The three, major governance objectives of his campaign are:

- **the establishment and pursuit of a forward-looking and fully responsible energy policy**
- **the establishment of open and responsive government**
- **the empowerment of socially and economically disengaged citizens and the revitalization of struggling neighborhoods through public-private collaborations**

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