



January 6, 2017

Dear Mr. Jonathan Lewis

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce would like your consideration and approval for use of the Commission Chamber at North Port City Hall in order to host two Commissioner Candidate Forums for the upcoming Special Election. One would be for the Primary Election on March 14, 2017 and the other for the General Election on May 9, 2017. The dates that we are requesting for the Candidate Forums are Thursday, February 2, 2017 for the Primary Elections and Thursday, March 30, 2017 for the General Election. Both dates are before the mailing of the Absentee Ballots. We will host a Meet & Greet from 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm and hold the Candidate Forum from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The Candidate Forums will provide our citizens the opportunity to become better acquainted and informed with the Candidates running for office.

The North Port Chamber has held these Forums for many years now using the civic minded venues of South Biscayne Church and The VFW Post. We feel, though, the perfect venue is the City of North Port Commission Chamber as it provides the most adequate venue for the Candidates and public.

The Chamber is very appreciative of the City Commission's decision to allow City Hall for public usage.

Your prompt time and consideration in regards to this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or require any further information, please call me at the Chamber office at (941) 564-3040 or e-mail me at wgunnin@northportareachamber.com.

Sincerely,

William J. Gunnin

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