



TOM TAYLOR, CANDIDATE FOR JACKSONVILLE BEACH CITY COUNCIL SEAT 3

Tom Taylor is a life long resident of Jacksonville Beach, and currently a candidate for the Florida House.

Tom grew up in Jacksonville Beach, his father, Roger C. Taylor was a First Class Petty Officer in the United States Navy, was stationed at Mayport Naval Base, and after 22 years of service he retired. Taylor attended Duncan U. Fletcher High School and graduated in 1980.

After graduation Taylor began his career. For over 30 years he has worked in the concrete industry. Tom began driving concrete trucks, worked his way into sales, and is now the general manager at Griswold Ready Mix, in Jacksonville. Throughout his career he has served in several

leadership positions including serving as Northeast Region chairman of the Florida Concrete and Products Association, and the Northeast Regional chairman of The Masonry Association of Florida.

Although he has served in leadership roles throughout his career, he has always managed to put his community first. Tom and his family are active parishioners at St. Paul's Catholic Church. For nearly six years he served as the chairman of the St. Paul's Carnival, past vice president of the Dad's club, volunteer for the cold night shelter, and for five years he served as the church's mission trip director. Tom is a past chairman for the Rhoda L. Martin Golf Tournament. He is the immediate past president of the Beaches Exchange Club, a local group that works to raise money and awareness for child abuse prevention. Taylor is an active volunteer with the Beaches Emergency Assistant Ministry (BEAM), helping with their "*Back to School with BEAM*". This annual event is a local initiative that helps nearly 1000 students from the beaches community, to go back to school with backpacks, school supplies, and clothes. And lastly, Tom is active with Dial-a-ride, a bus that helps seniors in

the beaches community to feel independent. Seniors can use this bus to get to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, or even to attend events in the community. For the past eight year, Tom has served on the Jacksonville Beach City Council. In his final two years, he was elected by the council, to serve as the Mayor Pro-Tem. In his time as a council member he always asked questions, spoke with residents, and voted in the best interest of the Jacksonville Beach's tax payers. He never voted for a tax increase, they balanced the budget every year, the council worked closely with the unions to ensure the fire and police pensions were in everyone's best interest, and most important they were able to put money in the rainy day fund every year. During his time on the council, Tom served on the transportation board for the Florida League of Cities and in 2015 he was appointed by Council President, Bill Gulliford, to the Jacksonville Consolidate Government Board.