

ST. JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE QUESTIONNAIRE

Robert E. Olson, Candidate for Airport Authority – Group 4

1. **My qualifications for this elected position:**

- Served on airport's Master Plan Advisory Committee, 2018-2020.
- Authored two guest editorials on the airport's importance and future which appeared in the *St. Augustine Record*, 2017 and 2019.
- Prior experience as chief executive of two governmental authorities.
- Attended the monthly airport authority meetings throughout 2018 and 2019.
- Vice chair, St. Johns County Cultural Resources Review Board.

2. **My goals for this office and what I would like to achieve, if elected:**

Our growing region demands more from its airport. Among the priorities that I will advocate as a member of airport's governing board:

- Adoption of a long-term vision and goals for future airport services to our region.
- Publication and posting comprehensive annual reports.
- A return of scheduled airline service into St. Augustine - following up on the authority's recent investment in the new (now vacant) passenger terminal.
- Make the airport a catalyst for attracting high-wage jobs.
- Explore the feasibility of an aerospace technology park on adjacent airport land.
- Position the airport for coming advances in air passenger and cargo transport.

3. **What is your vision for the County?**

St. Johns County can prosper by embracing the future in a way that preserves its beauty, natural assets, history and overall livability. In the coming years the county must diversify its economic base by reaching beyond its dependence upon tourism promotion, real estate and being a bedroom community for Jacksonville.

4. **What is your educational background?**

- Master of Public Administration, Harvard University
- Master of Architecture and Urban Design, Washington University
- Bachelor of Architecture, North Dakota State University