

# City Council Vacancy Application: Submission #17

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## Date of Application:

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Your Name:

### Last Name

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### First Name

DAVID

### Middle Name

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Address:

### Number and Street

1076 GAYER WAY

### Apt. Number

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### City

MARCO ISLAND

### State

FL

### Zip

34145

Phone Numbers:

### Home

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### Cell

8479210991

### Business

Retired

## Email Address

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## Organization

City Council

Background

## How long have you been a resident on Marco Island?

10-15 Years

## Are you a qualified elector of the City?

Yes

## Have you previously served on the City Council for more than eight [8] years?

No

## Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of a criminal offense (any level felony or first degree misdemeanor only)?

No

**Would you (or any organizations with which you are affiliated) potentially benefit on a personal level from decisions or recommendations made by this board?**

No

**Do you currently hold public office?**

No

**Do you now serve, or have you ever served on a Collier County or City of Marco Island board or committee?**

Yes

Qualifications

**Please list your community activities and positions held (Example: Civic clubs, neighborhood associations, etc.):**

Member and former Chair of the Waterways Advisory Committee

**Why do you want to serve on the City Council?**

- Water quality in our canals continues to be a major issue for me and I believe the vast majority of Marco Island residents. I have of 38 years of experience in the water, wastewater and stormwater industry, dealing with Environmental Engineering firms as well as local water and wastewater personnel at the plant level.

**What issues do you think should be addressed by the City Council?**

- Lack of funding from State of Florida legislators, Governor and Federal funding sources need to be identified and lobbied for assistance is dearly needed for improving water quality in our canals. Monroe County's (Fl Keys) Canal Restoration project stands as an example of how to achieve improvements in canals, using such sources.

**Resume**

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## **OVERVIEW**

Carol and I have been married for 48 years. We have 2 sons, one living here on Marco Island and the other living in Barrington, Illinois. I first visited this island in 1974, also visited with my bride on our honeymoon in 1976 and spent many spring breaks with our family here. It was always our goal to one day be able to live on this beautiful island. Over the years, my company and I have received numerous awards for top sales nationwide from many of the companies we represented.

I was selected by Howard Reed for The Water Advisory Committee in 2018, and again selected to serve by Rich Blonna in 2020. I am honored to have been Vice Chair and Chair during my tenure. Improving the water quality in our canals is my number 1 reason for applying for this vacant Council position.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

While currently retired, I worked for over 38 years as a Manufacture's Representative in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, specializing in municipal water, wastewater and stormwater equipment sales. As such, we were responsible for educating and selling Municipalities, Consulting Engineers and Contractors on the virtues of the products we represented.

## **PRESIDENT AND MAJORITY STOCKHOLDER OF LAI, LTD. 2001-2014**

LAI, Ltd. is a Manufactures Representative company, specializing in Water, Wastewater and Stormwater equipment sales & service. Located in Rolling Meadows, Illinois and covering Northern Illinois, Northwest Indiana, and most of Wisconsin. We represented a wide variety of equipment manufacturers, such as valves, pumps, gates, process equipment including odor control, clarification, UV, Ozone, digester equipment, stormwater separation, etc. Please refer to LAI's company website at [www.LAI-Ltd.com](http://www.LAI-Ltd.com).

I began working at LAI, Ltd., a manufacturer's representative firm, specializing in water, wastewater and stormwater equipment in 1995. At that time, company was named Ley & Associates, Inc. When I and another employee (Timothy A. Tack, P.E.) purchased the company in 2001, we changed from a C Corporation to a Sub Chapter S Corp and changed the name to LAI, Ltd. I sold my majority interest of the company to my partner and 2 salesmen in 2014, and retired in 2016.

## **PRESIDENT OF D.A. CRAIN& COMPANY – 1991-2005**

Began my own Manufacturing Representatives firm, specializing in Water, Wasterwater and Stormwater equipment. Merged this company into Ley & Associates, Inc. in 1995.

## **VICE PRESIDENT FRABIMOR EQUIPMENT AND CONTROLS – 1977-1991**

Started my career at Frabimor Equipment & Controls, Inc. a Manufactures Representative firm, as an inside salesman. Intitiated a Service Division to start-up and repair equipment we sold, such as flow measurement, motorized valves, sluice & slide gates, etc. Promoted to outside Industrial sales in 1980. Became Vice President, in charge of Municipal sales in 1984. I left in 1991 to establish my own company, specializing in equipment sales for the Municipal Industry.

## **AFFILIATIONS: (Prior to retiring)**

**American Water Works Association (AWWA)\**

**WEF (Water Environment Federation)**

**CSWEA (Central States Water Environment Association)**

**Groundhog Club of Chicago**