

# Save Folly's Future

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Mission: Reverse Island's Population Decline



## A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



### **Voting Tip**

**You do not have to vote for three candidates.**

**Voting for only one or two candidates is allowed.**

# **Editorial - My View from the Hill**

*by John Mc Farland*

## **The Tail is Wagging the Dog**

**In my opinion, a few real estate agents and property managers aligned with investors from near and far would like to erase the Referendum and turn the clock back to a time of unbridled and unregulated ISTR growth.**

## **ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS**

**Both Katherine Houghton and Chris Bizzell signed the petition last August and voted yes for the Referendum. Katherine Houghton has supported the Referendum on all city council votes and should be returned for a second term. I think Chris Bizzell will bring new blood to the council and will certainly protect the cap, if elected.**

## **How Important is Character in this Race ?**

**I have come to realize that there's more to picking a candidate than meets the eye.**

**A candidate's position on the Cap and other STR issues is very important but that's only half of the selection process. The other half is to find a candidate with a suitable temperament for governing.**

**An effective city council member needs traits like: civility, honesty, the ability to compromise and above all, the ability to work with others, while still maintaining ones principles.**

**Based on recent events, I think some candidates in this race are simply not suited to be city council members.**

**The last thing Folly needs for the next four years is an acrimonious city council meeting every month.**

**Please consider a candidate's stand on the Cap, as well as their character, when you vote on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## **The Referendum is Incomplete**

**The ISTR cap of 800 is in place.**

**The wait list is not in place, yet.**

**Let's wait until the wait list is in place and all the tweaks are done before judging the Referendum's effectiveness.**

## **Q & A with John McFarland**

1. Were you surprised about the success of SFF's Petition Drive and Referendum?

**No, I thought our message would resonate and am gratified that the residents felt a Cap of 800 on Investor STRs and a waitlist was a good idea.**

2. Do you really think the Cap is in danger?

**Absolutely ! A number of property owners are unhappy with the Referendum results and would like to see the CAP repealed or altered significantly.**

3. What do you say to the property owners that want to undo the entire Referendum.

**The Referendum was approved by a majority of the voters. The council should honor the wishes of the majority and create the wait list ASAP. Let's give the Referendum with its 800 cap a couple of years to work before passing judgement on its effectiveness.**

4. What's your thoughts on the wait list?

**The sooner it's created the better. Property owners should be able to create trusts and gift property to others without losing their place on the wait list.**

5. What are your thoughts on eight candidates running for only three council seats?

**I think it's great. There are candidates on both sides of the ISTR issue and some that claim to be in the middle. There's a choice for everyone and every resident should vote.**

6. If the community means so much to you why don't you move to Folly and run for public office.

**Point well taken. Family comes first and up to now, moving was not an option. However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and you might see my name on the 2025 ballot.**

## **Visit the SFF Table**

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting)**

**Location: Folly River Park**

**For: Yard Signs, Magnets & Conversation**

# Support the Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Decision to cap ISTRs at 800

**Keep the Cap**



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**Pick up a Yard Sign or Fridge Magnet  
at our Table in Folly River Park  
(Directly across from the Post Office)**

*Please display yard signs on your own property.*

## **What's Next for SFF ?**

- Support a family friendly waitlist
- Work to Keep the Cap at 800
- Offer Ideas for Population Growth
- Promote more Long Term Rental housing
- Push for workforce housing -  
(Starting with Folly Beach Public Safety employees)
- **Continue our mission to:**  
**Reverse the Island's Population Decline**



# Meet The Candidates Across from the Post Office Saturday Mornings Only one Saturday left before Nov 7th

(Photo taken on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>)



# **Contact Info for Folly Beach Council Candidates (updated on Oct 29, 2023)\***

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