

## **An Open Letter to the Leaders of the City of Bonita Springs**

The Council congratulates the winners in Tuesday's election and wishes them well as you assume your responsibilities to the residents of Bonita Springs. We look forward to a mutually beneficial and cooperative working relationship with all of the members of the City Council as we all tackle the challenges of growth in Southwest Florida.

As we look forward, we believe that the extraordinary growth we are experiencing must be managed with the following constituencies in mind: our permanent and "snow-bird" residents, our environment and our economy. Balancing the interests of these constituencies is not a simple task but one that must be accomplished if we are to maintain and improve the quality of life for all.

The Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL) invites the newly constituted City Council to periodically meet with the leaders of Estero's four civic groups (the ECCL; the Estero Civic Association; the Estero Community Planning Panel; and the Estero Design Review Committee) to achieve these important goals. Identification of our common concerns will allow us to better represent all residents of South Lee County before County, Regional and State decision-makers.

We look forward to working with the new Council in tackling the problems associated with growth, including; transportation, the DRGR (protecting water supply, wild life, sheet water flow, etc.), compatibility, parks and more.