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Dear fellow Martin County voter,

You just opened perhaps the most important envelope you'll receive this year, unless you're a Publishing Clearing House winner! Although this letter does not bring you a windfall of cash, it may bring the promise of better future for Martin County. It is not a scheme, neither is it an empty promise. Please take a minute and read just a little more, and I'll show you what I'm talking about.

Right now, Martin County stands at a crossroads that directly affects your wallet. It doesn't matter if you own your home, rent or lease. Every resident who pays an electric bill also pays a 6% franchise fee as part of that bill. That money goes to Martin County not FPL. The fee raises about \$9 million a year to go toward our deferred maintenance backlog, (your road, drainage and facilities maintenance), which commissioners say is around \$250 million.

The reality is that the backlog is nearly double that, and \$9 million does not go far when regular road maintenance and drainage costs taxpayers \$15 million a year. And the only plan now is to kick that "backlog" down the road ... again ... until a crisis occurs. Then it will cost you **far more!**

In addition, the taxable value of property within the county did not increase as much as expected this year by the county's money managers, yet commissioners' list of "wants" for the 2019 budget year has yet to be reduced. If that list of "wants" is not replaced by a list of only "**needs**", we could be looking at a tax increase. You will not know the amount of the increase until after the August 28 election, because the 2019 budget is not set until September. Let's not forget the school board has its own plans to increase your taxes!

How can you stop this irresponsible trend, so you can make sure your tax money is spent where it's needed most?

You need someone "on the inside" to protect your interests and your wallet – someone with the knowledge and expertise to discern the county's **true needs** instead of commissioners' wants. You need someone who understands how to make the county's various departments truly transparent, efficient and accountable for the money it spends. Someone with a positive track record for doing all this and more.

My name is **Harold Markey** and I want to work for **you**, because I worked "on the inside" of the county for 28 years before retiring last October as General Services Director. I am the **only** county commission candidate with the "inside" knowledge to make a real difference. I spent decades gaining valuable experience, while at the same time saving you millions in unneeded expenses. Now I want to work full time for you fixing what is still broken.

The county budget isn't my only concern, although it is a very big concern. However, we have other concerns that need to be addressed as well.

Our Water: I will be your advocate in demanding that the state and federal governments step up to the plate to fund the projects critical to the health of our waterways and our coastal reef. We can't do it alone.

Brightline: I will continue to advocate for moving AAF and Brightline to the west, away from our coastal communities. If that doesn't work, I will fight for the least negative impacts to Martin County.

Our Economy: I will ensure that our businesses can thrive and any new businesses will meet citizens' needs and "fit" the culture of Martin County.

You also need to know that I am neither “pro-growth” nor “no-growth.” I am someone who believes in the thoughtful, managed growth offered in our Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, as well as someone who will listen to you. In fact, you can come meet me an hour before every county commission meeting, no appointment needed, to talk, to ask questions, and to make sure I understand your concerns.

Perhaps, most of all, I am not financed or tied to special interests. I am a simple man, running a grass roots campaign. I want to fix what is broken in our county government, **now**, before it gets worse. That's why you are getting a simple letter from me.

If you want to know more about me, please call 772-260-6712 or email me vote4markey@outlook.com to arrange a time. I would appreciate hearing what you have to say. You also can go to my website www.vote4Markey.com or Facebook page Vote4Markey to learn more.

Admittedly, the news in this letter cannot compete with a Publishing Clearing House winner's notification, yet I hope you are excited at the possibility that you've found a candidate with the skill, expertise and ethics to keep your money in your wallet instead of forking it needlessly over to the county.

I know I am excited at the chance to make a real difference in **our** county we both love. Now, it's up to you.

I humbly ask for your vote for **Harold Markey, Martin County Commission District 4.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Harold Markey



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FOR
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Bringing Trust Back to Martin County