

# KEN RHODEN

## FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER OF BREVARD & SEMINOLE COUNTIES REPUBLICAN

### THE OFFICE

The Public Defender is elected every 4 years and heads an office covering all of Brevard and Seminole Counties. The office has more than 100 employees and a budget of over 8 million dollars. In Brevard 70% of all criminal defendants are provided an attorney by the Public Defender at taxpayer cost. The incumbent has held the Office for over 30 years being unopposed for most of that time. Straying from its noble Constitutional purpose, the Office has become a wasteful entitlement program for people working the system.

### THE CANDIDATE

Ken Rhoden has been an attorney in Brevard County for over 25 years. For 12 years he worked in the Public Defender's Office serving in every division of the office. For the last 13 years he has been a partner in private practice and a small business owner. Before becoming a lawyer Ken worked for over 10 years in the construction trades and put himself through BCC, UCF, and FSU.

Raised in humble circumstances Ken had his first job at 14. Hard work and thrift are ingrained values that he will put to use as the Public Defender.

### THE PROGRAM

- ✓Reduce the size and cost of the office.
- ✓End the something-for-nothing attitude that is too often abused.
- ✓Make the Public Defender's Office the attorney of last resort, not first choice.
- ✓Be more aggressive in ensuring clients are actually indigent.
- ✓Institute payment plans for clients that will allow them to pay their costs in weekly or monthly installments.
- ✓Use paralegals at half the cost of attorneys whenever possible.
- ✓Utilize a Rocket Docket to move cases efficiently.

### VOTE RHODEN

- QUALIFIED
- STRONG LEGAL VISION & EXPERIENCE
- FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP
- TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- REFORM FOR A BROKEN SYSTEM



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## WHY AM I RUNNING?

Like many, I am concerned about the competence of government. While costs soar the quality of service declines. Inefficiency, complacency, lack of innovation, and arrogance pervade our government. I love this country and “We the People” deserve better.

The Public Defender is an ideal office for my skills and experience. With my knowledge of the Public Defender’s Office, my business skills, and a get-the-job-done working man’s attitude I can create a lean, efficient organization.

With me leading the Office of Public Defender the taxpayers will get a good deal and clients will receive good service.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Serving is a way to give back to our communities and it is an important part of service for our elected officials. I am grateful I have been able to help our local community. The groups I give my time to include: Justice Teaching, Women’s Center, Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition, my church, Military Affairs Council and the Cocoa Beach Chamber. I also speak to students at Florida Institute of Technology and other schools.

The Public Defender should be a community leader and not just a low-profile agency head. The terrible trinity of crime, drugs, and violence is the worst plague to ever hit our community. Prevention is key and as the Public Defender I will be able to play a crucial role in that fight. By speaking to student groups, youth groups, or other citizen groups I can be an active voice and resource to help our community.



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