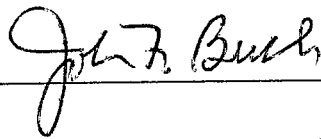


# Person Completing Nomination Form

Please print or type.

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Title Mayor

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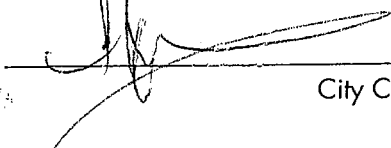
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## Nomination Certification

This nomination has been voted on and approved by a majority of the city council/commission.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



City Clerk

The judges will use the narrative and supportive information to select the award winners. Nominators/nominees are asked not to contact the judges directly.

## Narrative

In the narrative, please be clear and concise, using the Award Criteria to support the selection of your nominee. Please type (or print in black ink), up to 1,200 words, double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

## Supportive Information

Up to 10 pages of supportive information (newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, etc.), on 8-1/2" x 11" paper (single-sided) may be provided. Please do not include videotapes, DVDs, CDs or Power-Point presentations.

Submit nominations by **August 18, 2006:**

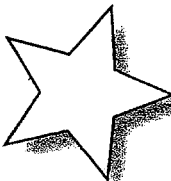
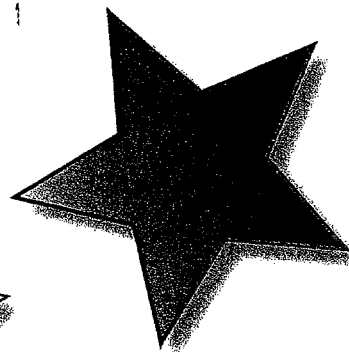
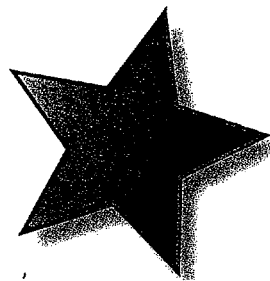
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## **CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

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### **FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES 2006 FLORIDA CITIES OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM MAYOR OF THE YEAR**

**MAYOR JOHN F. BUSH, CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

## **NARRATIVE**

Here are some of the more notable things I have accomplished this past year as Mayor of the City of Winter Springs. I firmly believe that any city's Mayor should exhibit leadership, civic commitment, public outreach, service to the city, and involvement in the community. I worked hard this year to make sure that my activities as Mayor of Winter Springs reflected those values.

### **Civic Commitment**

I continued my longtime service on the Board of Directors of the *Seminole Work Opportunity Program (SWOP)*, a sheltered workshop for mentally disabled citizens. I was instrumental in initiating the effort to expand the service of SWOP by working with the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners to expand the capacity of the workshop to serve an additional 140 clients. My leadership on this matter resulted in the Seminole County Commission providing funds to start the building process and we are now in the process of building our additional facility.

I also serve as the unpaid administrator for the First Baptist Church of Winter Springs. I have been actively involved in my church as a Sunday School teacher and as the Chair of the church's finance team.

I'm actively involved with the Winter Springs Rotary Club and serve on the Board of Directors for both the Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce. A special project I am involved in now is the formation of a new chamber of commerce for the businesses community of Winter Springs.

### **Leadership**

Earlier this year, I took the lead in resolving an ongoing legal impasse between the City of Winter Springs Commission and the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners. Through my leadership, the two commissions resolved the issue to the satisfaction of both parties and agreed to terminate the long-standing legal dispute.

I was recently elected as chair of the Mayor/Manager Committee of Seminole County where I energetically represent Winter Springs. I was also elected chair of the *Envision Seminole* organization that brings community leaders together from all over Seminole County in a spirit of equality, trust, and collaboration. *Envision Seminole* identifies needs, then creates and delivers

community-wide initiatives to improve the quality of life in Seminole County, developing innovative partnerships to capitalize on opportunities and challenges faced by the county.

I believe my leadership is also exemplified by my involvement with the *myregion.org* initiative in Central Florida. I am a trained presenter for this effort and have taken a leadership role not only for the City of Winter Springs but also for Seminole County. I serve on the Board of Directors of *myregion.org* and also represent my city on Central Florida Council of Mayors.

### **Public Outreach**

I work consistently to make sure the citizens of Winter Springs are well informed about any issues, news, or initiatives that impact the city. Through my "Mayor's Letter," I address the concerns of citizens and explain the workings of the City government. I make my home and mobile phone numbers available and encourage citizens to contact me personally with questions or concerns. I am an active e-mail correspondent and have a reputation for responding to questions or concerns in a timely manner with thorough and helpful information.

### **Service to the City**

Even though the Mayor's job is nominally a part-time position, I am on the job almost every day. I represent the city at all sorts of events, from ribbon-cuttings

to state-wide meetings. I am personally known by all of the elected officials in Seminole County and those members of the state legislature that serve our area. I work closely with these individuals to find opportunities to better serve the citizens of Winter Springs. I have a positive, "can do" outlook for my city's future and have earned the respect and confidence of other elected officials and community leaders in Winter Springs and Seminole County.

Here are the committees and organizations in which I have been actively involved over the past year.

### **Committees and Organizations**

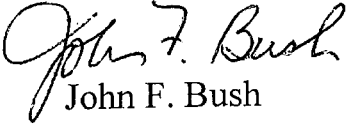
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- 7 Myregion.org Board of Directors
- 8 Central Florida Council of Mayors
- 9 Council of Local Governments for Seminole County
- 10 City/County Advisory Committee
- 11 Rotary Club of Winter Springs

12 Member of First Baptist Church of Winter Springs

13 Drivers' Education Task Force for Seminole County Schools

I am honored that the Winter Springs City Commission recommended me for the Mayor of the Year in the State of Florida and genuinely appreciate their endorsement. Thank you for considering me for this honor.

Sincerely,

  
John F. Bush