

Shari Thornton Bio

In 2009, Venice and Sarasota County stole my heart. I was fortunate enough to be able to buy a place in Venice with the intent that this community would be my future home. Sarasota County is a wonderful place to live and work. Whether it's our gulf beaches and waterways, arts and culture, historic downtown Venice, more cosmopolitan downtown Sarasota, natural areas, bike paths, golfing, fishing, and more, Sarasota County has broad appeal. We need to maintain and enhance all of the positive aspects that draw people to live and visit here.

My promise to you once elected to the Sarasota County Commission, District 3, is that I will be the commissioner for all, listen to the citizens of Sarasota County, maintain quality healthcare for the county, and ensure we have sound county policies for the community.

With more than 30 years experience as an executive in the healthcare industry and community leader, I would use my experience to benefit the citizens of Sarasota County. For the last 17 years of my career, I worked for a large regional health system, serving in several executive capacities and partnering with community organizations. My roles included the CEO of a subsidiary company, a system vice president of laboratory services, and system vice president of IT business applications.

As a resident of Sarasota County, I have served at the Sarasota County Polls for multiple elections, currently serve as the President for my community HOA, and work with businesses and nonprofits to enhance our community. I now want to use my experience as your county commissioner.