

# A Message From the President of COTI

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Dear Carol and Tom,

There will be an important Sanibel municipal election in March 2009. Since its inception in 1975, COTI has supported candidates who are committed to ensuring that the sanctuary quality of the Island is sustained. Serious economic and redevelopment challenges confront the City if we are to perpetuate the vision of Sanibel's incorporators. For the first time in history municipal tax revenues are falling because of decreasing property values. The Island is almost 'built out' so the tax base will not grow to compensate for the loss of tax revenue. Despite the two enormous mansions on Captiva, there is great pressure being exerted to eliminate the proposed guidelines which would define reasonable home size on Sanibel. Finally, we have aging resort properties which need to be redeveloped within the context of the Sanibel Plan.

Before COTI throws its support behind any candidate we would like to know whether you know anyone who shares our values who would consider running for City Council. If so, please give me a phone call (395-0030). In addition, I would ask you to encourage your friends and neighbors to join COTI - a membership form is available on our website ([www.coti.org](http://www.coti.org)) .

Thanks for your help and continuing support.

Send an Email directly to  
a committee chairperson.

Find Out More At:

[www.COTI.org](http://www.COTI.org)

Sincerely,

John Harries, President of COTI