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Edward Bailey Announces Candidacy for Manatee County Commission, District 2; Launches Official Campaign Website; Reveals Prominent Endorsement.

BRADENTON, FL — February 3, 2026, Edward Bailey officially announced his candidacy for the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners, representing District 2. A resolute young professional with deep roots in the community, Bailey is running on a platform of "Stopping Growth and Community Empowerment." Along with the launch of his campaign website, electedwardbailey.com, Bailey is proud to announce the formal endorsement of Commissioner Dr. Bob McCann as a private individual, signaling a new chapter of leadership for Manatee County and District 2.

A product of Manatee County schools and a professional known for his work as a Manatee County Commissioner Aide, Bailey offers a fresh perspective rooted in the values of community involvement and giving the Manatee County government back to the people of Manatee County.

"District 2 is where I grew up, lived all of my life, and it's where I see the most potential for our county's future," said Bailey. "But to reach that potential, we need leadership that listens. My campaign is about making sure our infrastructure keeps up with our population and that every resident feels valued at the county level. It's time for a cooperative approach (not a political tactic) to the challenges facing our neighborhoods in District 2."

Platform Highlights

Bailey's campaign focuses on three strategic priorities for District 2:

- **Targeted Infrastructure Investment:** Modernizing local roads and drainage systems to protect neighborhoods from the pressures of rapid over-development.
- **Affordable Quality of Life:** Advocating policies that keep Manatee County affordable for working families and young professionals.
- **Youth & Community Engagement:** Expanding recreational and educational resources for the district's youth to foster the next generation of local leaders.

Early Momentum & Endorsement

The campaign kicks off with a significant endorsement from Commissioner Bob McCann as a private individual, who highlighted Bailey's energy and commitment.

"Edward Bailey represents the future of Manatee County," said Dr. McCann. "He possesses the unique ability to honor our community's history while navigating the complexities of advocating for the people with the county government. He is the right voice at the right time for District 2."

Engage with the Campaign

The new website, electedwardbailey.com, provides a platform for voters to learn about Bailey's vision, contribute to the campaign, and sign up to volunteer to help Edward Bailey get elected. "This campaign isn't just about a seat on the Commission; it's about a partnership with the people of District 2," said Bailey, "I'm ready to get to work."

About Edward Bailey.

Edward Bailey is a lifelong resident of Manatee County, District 2, and has a unique knowledge of county government as he has spent his time solving problems and advocating for community-centric solutions. He is committed to bringing change, accountability, and fresh energy to the Manatee County Board of Commissioners. "It is time to give the Manatee County government back to the people of Manatee County."