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## **Commissioner Shannon Staub announces year-end retirement**

Sarasota County Commissioner Shannon Staub announced today, during the afternoon portion of the county commission meeting, that she will retire at the end of the year with almost two years left in her current term.

“In 1996, I began one of the most rewarding times of my life when I was elected county commissioner,” said Staub. “Now, 14 years later, I find that it is time to end this journey and will retire at the end of this year.”

Staub cited the fulfillment of two campaign pledges she made in 1996 as the reason for her decision to retire. Those pledges were a change in the direction of county government, which was achieved by the hiring of County Administrator Jim Ley, and increasing public input into the decision-making process. Staub said before she became a county commissioner, the commission would typically debate and issue, make a decision, then take public input.

“That’s completely changed now and we seek as much input as we can,” Staub said. “I am proud being part of making those two things happen.”

Staub was elected to the county commission in 1996 and is serving her fourth term. She represents District 3 on the commission, which is the area of the county south of Center Road and includes North Port, Englewood and South Venice.

Under state law, the governor will appoint a successor who lives within the district to complete the remainder of Staub’s term.

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