Bill Miller

Sanderling Neighborhood St. James, North Carolina

To the Residents of St. James:

I'm Bill Miller, and I'm proud to announce my candidacy for a seat on the St. James Town Council.

My wife Chrissy and I purchased our home in the Sanderling neighborhood in 2021 and moved here full-time in 2023 following my retirement from the United Nations. Chrissy is a former teacher, and I am a former U.S. Marine, federal law enforcement officer, diplomat, and senior official with the United Nations. My career allowed me to represent our country in over 100 nations and develop a leadership style rooted in strategic thinking, crisis management, and cross-cultural collaboration. Now I'm eager to bring my experience home to serve our community.

St. James recently celebrated 25 years since its founding—a vision born in the 1980s as a planned, gated residential and golf community. As we honor that legacy, we must prepare for the future with practical leadership and thoughtful planning.

Key issues I hope to address include:

- Traffic and Emergency Planning: Regional growth has strained evacuation routes and raised concerns, especially with nearby critical infrastructure like the nuclear plant and munitions depot. We must prioritize safety in all emergency scenarios.
- **Flooding and Stormwater**: Increasing development has led to flooding and runoff concerns that must be addressed sustainably.
- **Responsible Growth**: As our region expands, we need to preserve the quality of life that drew us here while managing growth responsibly.

I bring a strategic, disciplined, and collaborative approach to problem-solving and would be honored to represent you on the Town Council. Let's work together to protect what makes St. James special—while building a secure, thriving future.

Sincerely, **Bill Miller**

Bill Miller is a focused, strategic, and internationally respected leader with over four decades of service in global security, law enforcement, and crisis management. He brings deep experience from senior roles in both the United Nations and the U.S. Government.

Until his retirement in 2023, Bill served as Director of Regional Operations for the UN Department of Safety and Security, where he oversaw the organization's global field security operations. In this role, he led teams responding to some of the world's most pressing crises—including in Ukraine, Sudan, Afghanistan, Yemen, Somalia, Libya, and Haiti—ensuring the continued delivery of life-saving assistance under extreme conditions.

Prior to the UN, Bill served for 30 years with distinction in the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service. Starting as a Special Agent, he rose to become Director of the Diplomatic Security Service and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. He protected four Secretaries of State and held key leadership roles, including the first Deputy Assistant Secretary for High Threat Programs and Chief of Security and Law Enforcement Training. His long-term overseas assignments included Egypt, Iraq, the Philippines, Jerusalem, and Pakistan, with short term assignments in more than 100 other countries.

Early in his career, Bill played a pivotal role in the arrest of Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind behind the 1993 World Trade Center bombing—an act that foreshadowed 9/11. For his service, he received numerous honors, including the Department of State Award for Bravery.

Bill's foundation in leadership began with the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served as an infantry officer from 1982 to 1987 after enlisting in 1977.

Now a full-time resident of St. James, North Carolina, Bill is a proud husband, father, and grandfather, who remains dedicated to sharing his expertise in ethical leadership, crisis response, and deliberate planning for the benefit of others. He is honored to seek the opportunity to serve the citizens of St. James as a member of the Town Council, offering leadership rooted in service, integrity, and experience.