## **FULTON FOR BRUNSWICK C OUNTY**

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## MEDIA ADVISORY: BRUNSWICK COUNTY UNAFILLIATED CANDIDATE WORKS TO GET ON THE BALLOT

Robert "Bob" Fulton has had a remarkably diverse career, ranging from management positions at a U.S. airline to running a union to president of a Brunswick County Home Owners Association.

Now he's embarking on a run for political office, and he's finding it's a sharp and challenging departure from his previous positions. Fulton didn't register to run for a seat on the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners by last year's deadline. So he's trying to get on the November ballot as an unaffiliated candidate. In order to do that, he must get the signatures of more than 5,000 Brunswick County residents by the March 5 primary election.

Fulton is on a mission. He and his supporters want people to know it's time to speak out against the free pass developers in fast-growing Brunswick County are receiving. "Over development, unregulated open burning, and the under-supervised draining of our wetlands is hurting us in our pocketbooks and destroying the reasons why so many folks moved here," he says. "We need growth, but it has to be smart growth, and none of the commissioners is willing to address it."

What's it been like to buttonhole residents and ask them to sign his petition? "It's a challenge," he says. "We're using all kinds of approaches to convince folks — Democrats, Republicans and unaffiliated residents — to join us in our campaign to protect the beauty and environment in Brunswick County."

The strategies the Fulton campaign is using to get voters' attention are staffing primary polling locations, attending festivals and other public functions, phone calls, emails and good, old-fashioned door-to-door canvassing. "They're all great ways to energize people and build momentum for our cause," he said, as he hustled off to obtain one more signature.

If you want to join Fulton and see how street-level politics work from Leland to Southport to Calabash, contact Lon Anderson or Art Hill (see above).

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