

# Press Release

## Former Speaker Newt Gingrich Supports Matthew Falconer

**October 15, 2009, Orlando, Florida.** Orange County Mayoral candidate Matthew Falconer met with former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich to talk about Matt's Contract with Orange County and the importance of reforming local government. Former speaker Gingrich signed the framed Contract with Orange County saying it is a "great concept" and posed for a photo with Matthew Falconer. Matthew and Speaker Gingrich discussed the importance of reforming local government and both pledged to work together to bring local issues national attention.



Speaker Gingrich is the founder of America Solutions, "a unique tri-partisan organization designed to rise above traditional gridlocked partisanship, to provide real, significant solutions to the most important issues facing our country" ([www.AmericanSolutions.com](http://www.AmericanSolutions.com)). Matthew Falconer will present his local government reform ideas to American Solutions and was pleased to present to Speaker Gingrich the first copy of Mr. Falconer's upcoming book "Building a Better Local Government."

With the support of true fiscal conservatives Newt Gingrich and Barry Goldwater, Jr., it was no surprise that a poll came out this week showing newcomer Matthew Falconer in a virtual tie for first place. After only three months on the scene, Matthew Falconer has jumped ahead of all but one incumbent in the polls.

It appears that lower taxes is an old idea that never goes out of style and proves Matthew Falconer can win over establishment candidates. In order to elect a candidate who will put "Taxpayer's First" I will need your support. Please consider a donation to our campaign and send this message to all of your friends.

-- MORE --

### **About Matthew Falconer**

Matthew Falconer is a candidate for Orange County (Florida) Mayor. He has been a resident of Orange County for fifteen years, but he has lifetime ties to the State of Florida. Thirty years ago, he moved to Florida for the first time to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona. In 1983 he was graduated from Embry-Riddle with degrees in Aeronautical Science and Business Management.

Like many people in Florida, Matthew moved his young family to the Orlando area in the 1990s to pursue a dream of building his own business. That business, Falcon Development, built and currently manages 17 commercial properties – most of which are in Central Florida.

In 2008, Matthew founded the Orange Country Taxpayer Review Board, in response to soaring taxes and fees that he felt were damaging the local economy. In the last year, more than 30 volunteers on the Review Board studied all 14 governments in Orange County and in a report issued in 2009, recommended over \$1 billion in annual savings that could be realized through consolidation of government services and other measures.

In 2009, Matthew announced his candidacy for Orange County Mayor. “I moved to Florida in 1995 to pursue the American Dream. And while I’ve worked hard to get where I am, I feel lucky to be in the position that I am today. I have raised my family here and I do not want to see them leave Florida to find opportunity in other States, like many young people are doing now. We need to correct the policy mistakes made in the past ten years to ensure a bright economic future for Florida,” said Matthew.

As a member of his community, Matthew is a former Trustee for St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Orlando, and has been a member of the Rotary and the League of Women Voters. He served on the Orange County Public Schools Transportation Task Force. He is currently on the Board of Directors for National Semi-Trailer Corporation (NST), the third largest trailer leasing company in the nation.

[www.MatthewFalconer.com](http://www.MatthewFalconer.com)

[Matthew@MatthewFalconer.com](mailto:Matthew@MatthewFalconer.com)