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**BOOST ISSUES PLEA TO MAYOR/CHAMBER:
BEFORE ELECTION DAY, WAIVE SECRECY – LET SUN SHINE IN!**

(Myrtle Beach, SC – October 29, 2009) ... BOOST spokesman Tom Herron issued one last plea for Myrtle Beach Mayor John Rhodes and Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Brant Branham to waive secrecy with regard to ethics investigations and campaign financing, stating the following:

"On Monday, BOOST called for the Myrtle Beach Chamber to waive its right to keep any ethics investigations secret. The Chamber has neither waived secrecy nor even responded to us. We've received dozens of calls from Myrtle Beach citizens thanking us for asking the questions. It's time to back-up their claims and let the sun shine in before voters head to the polls on Tuesday."

"We have real concerns about what Mayor Rhodes, Chairman Branham and their cronies have to hide. Why do they insist on keeping any ethics complaints secret? Is it because a complaint has been filed with allegations they want to keep secret until after the election?"

"There are lots of missing details, but only one overriding question," Herron said, "Where did this massive influx of money really come from? The Sun News report today of \$200,000 in spending for this election is low – way low. Funds raised or spent since October 1st have not yet been reported ... to say nothing of the tens of thousands of dollars being poured into vicious attack ads by mysterious so-called political action groups."

"I learned a long time ago that where there's smoke, there's fire," Herron said. "Why is the Chamber continuing to hide information about these massive campaign contributions? Where is attorney Shep Guyton? Why have the contributors not come forward to admit their donations?"

"BOOST renews its call for the Chamber and the incumbents up for reelection to waive secrecy with regard to ethics investigations. If the Chamber and Mayor Rhodes have nothing to hide, why have they circled the wagons? Why the continued secrecy and threats against any and all critics? Why do they keep shooting the messenger?"

"On Tuesday, the Chamber gave City Council an explanation of where it spent the first few dollars of almost a quarter-billion in tax money passed in May. Why not offer the same transparency about where it's Chairman got more than \$324,000 in campaign donations?"

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