John David Corey to run for council

Group 3 seat is held by council President Maggie Zeidman

John David Corey, 50, who has been on the town’s powerful Architectural Commission for about six years, announced his run for Group 3 in a news release Thursday.

Corey moved to Palm Beach in 2012. He lives in Midtown with his husband, Miguel Rosales, an architect and bridge designer.

Since moving to the island, Corey said he has made it a point to be active in civic life. A decade ago, growth in the town was slower as the country came out of the Great Recession, he said.

But now, with construction booming across Palm Beach, some residents feel that their quality of life is being threatened, he said.

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For 15 years, the nonprofit Guy Harvey Foundation has partnered with local and international organizations to conduct scientific research and host educational programs that teach about the importance of ocean conservation.

On Monday, the foundation’s name-sake will discuss those efforts as the guest speaker at the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce’s monthly breakfast meeting at The Breakers.

Guy Harvey, along with his daughter, Jessica, will share slides, discuss the foundation’s research, and talk about the marine science curriculum it has been rolling out in Florida.

Available through the Discovery Channel, the Guy Harvey Foundation website and teacher training programs, the curriculum includes discussions on coral reefs, open ocean fish species, mangroves, near-shore ecosystems, climate change and the effects of pollution, particularly plastic pollution.

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