

## **Jen Ahearn-Koch for Sarasota City Commission At-Large**

Jen Ahearn-Koch is currently serving her fifth year as a Sarasota City Commissioner At-Large (elected 2017). Jen served as Vice Mayor from 2018-2019 and Mayor from 2019-2020. She is an active member of the Florida League of Cities and has been honored with their “Home Rule Hero” award for three consecutive years. Jen is also currently serving her fifth year on the Utilities, Natural Resources, and Public Works Policy Committee as Vice Chair.

Jen’s roots in Sarasota run deep as her parents purchased a residence here in 1970. She and her mom eventually moved to Sarasota where she graduated from Cardinal Mooney High School. Jen went on to earn her Bachelor’s Degree in Internal Affairs at the American University in Paris and a Masters of International Affairs from Columbia University in New York City.

In 1996 Jen, her husband, and 2-year-old son settled in Sarasota permanently. Since then, Jen worked as the Art Director at the Asolo Theatre and in 2002, while pregnant with her second son, founded her own Marketing Company (JAK Consults) serving area local businesses and non-profits.

In addition to her extensive professional experience, Jen has dedicated countless hours to serving the needs of Sarasota residents. She first became active in her own neighborhood becoming President of the Tahiti Park Neighborhood Association. From there, she served as the neighborhood’s representative to the Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations (CCNA) as well as serving on the executive committee. In addition, Jen was also on the City of Sarasota’s Planning Board/Local Planning Agency for six years and volunteered for a number of local organizations like SOS Save our Tree Canopy.