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Business Voice Political Committee Announces Endorsements in Eight Local Races

Melbourne, FL: Business Voice Political Committee Board of Directors voted this month to support the following eight candidates:

Florida Senate

Senator Dorothy Hukill, District 14

Florida House

Rene "Coach P" Plasencia, District 50
Tyler Sirois, District 51
Thad Altman, District 52

County Commission

Chuck Nelson, District 2
Curt Smith, District 4

School Board

Misty Belford, District 1
Andy Ziegler, District 5

"The state legislature, the county commission and our local school board have an incredible impact on the local economy," states Kathryn Rudloff, Executive Director for the group. "Ensuring the Space Coast remains a great place to live, work and do business is our priority. That is why local job creators are excited to support these proven leaders who are committed to the long-term health and sustainability of our diverse regional economy."

These are the first endorsements to be announced by the Business Voice Political Committee after a rigorous review of the area races, including written candidate surveys and in-person interviews.

"These candidates are asking the voting public for a job. The business community takes very seriously the opportunity to interview candidates and consider their qualifications for the office they seek," states Rudloff. The group uses seven criteria to rate candidates before making a decision: presentation, experience, knowledge, campaign organization, ethics/integrity, service-minded, business-minded.

Business Voice will now work to support these candidates by communicating directly with voters why they feel they are the best qualified to serve.

"Now more than ever, we need elected leaders who can bring people together to find solutions for the tough problems we face," states Larry McIntyre, Chairman of Business Voice. "From restoring the Indian River Lagoon to keeping our children safe, we are committed to supporting candidates who are able to effectively govern and ensure that local and state government help, and not hinder, our regional economy."

Candidate interviews for Port Commission will continue later this month, and the group will continue to watch as the races not listed here continue to develop. For more information about Business Voice, visit www.businessvoicepac.com

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Business Voice solicits business from across Brevard County and the Central Florida Region to provide a consensus voice in political advocacy at the State, regional and local levels. Business Voice is operated on a non-partisan basis to promote pro-business candidates and a pro-business legislative agenda.