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Announces Endorsement of Charles Parker For School Board

Melbourne, FL: The non-partisan Business Voice Political Committee Board of Directors met after the August Primary and voted to support Charles Parker, for the non-partisan school board race, District 2.

Charles Parker, longtime resident and teacher within Brevard Public Schools, will face Cheryl McDougall, a social worker from Colorado who moved to Brevard in 2017.

“We commend both candidates for running for this important position and their positive, issue-based campaigns,” states Kathryn Rudloff, Executive Director of Business Voice. “However, we believe that Mr. Parker’s extensive experience within the district and community makes him the right choice for District 2.”

Charles Parker has lived in District 2 for 38 years. A former minister at Georgiana United Methodist Church on Merritt Island and writer for numerous local publications, Mr. Parker decided to dedicate his life to teaching in 2004. He has taught at Jefferson Middle School, and was instrumental in the growth of the daVinci Academy at Merritt Island High School. He also serves on the faculty of both Eastern Florida State College and Valencia College. Mr. Parker has a BA in Organizational Management and a Master of Divinity.

“In his role as Director of the daVinci Academy for Aerospace Technology at Merritt Island High School, Mr. Parker has led the district in efforts to partner with the business community to ensure students today are learning the skills they need to be successful tomorrow,” states Rudloff.

In District 5, the Business Voice Board had previously endorsed incumbent Andy Ziegler in the August Primary. However, Mr. Ziegler did not qualify for the General Election and the board has decided they will not be making an endorsement in the General Election race between Katye Campbell and Kelly Damerow.

Business Voice Political Committee is a non-partisan group, which includes a diverse assembly of business leaders from across the Space Coast region. Business Voice conducts a rigorous review of area races, including candidate surveys and in person interviews. The group works to support the campaigns of endorsed candidates and communicate directly with voters. They also publish the full list of endorsements as well as a voter guide for the 2018 Ballot Amendments at www.BusinessVoicePAC.com as a resource for voters, so they may decide for themselves how to vote.

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