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Business Voice Political Committee Endorses Ritch Workman and Brian Hodgers

Melbourne, FL: Business Voice Political Committee has weighed in on two of the more high profile legislative races taking place on the Space Coast this year. The Board of Directors voted to endorse State Representative Ritch Workman in his bid to move up to the Florida Senate, as well as Brian Hodgers, a small business owner who is running in House District 52, the seat that Workman has represented since 2008 and is vacating due to term limits.

“Ritch has been a phenomenal advocate in Tallahassee for Brevard and our local business community,” states the organization’s Chairman, Larry McIntyre. “He was able to take on big issues like mortgage reform, Florida’s outdated pension plan, and usher through the largest tax-cut package in Florida history. But he is not done working yet, and will continue to be an effective leader as he advances to the Florida Senate ”

Workman has served as Chairman of the powerful Finance and Tax committee as well as Chairman of House Rules, Calendar and Ethics committee. “Ritch is a leader who was able to bring people together and get real, meaningful reforms passed,” says Business Voice Legislative Committee Chairman J.B Kump.

With Workman termed out and running for the Senate, four candidates have thrown their hat into the ring to replace him. After an extensive interview process and candidate screenings, Business Voice members voted to endorse Brian Hodgers. McIntyre notes that “The business community is excited to support Brian Hodgers because of his enthusiasm, background and clear plans for representing the best interest of business in Tallahassee. He understands that heavy-handed government policies are a bottleneck for free enterprise and job creation. But he will also work for sensible policies to make sure we have reliable infrastructure and a highly trained workforce.”

Workman and Hodgers both began their careers working in family-owned small businesses, and both credit those experiences for shaping their legislative priorities. Kump says that perspective is what sets them apart. “Small businesses are the fastest growing segment of our economy and Workman and Hodgers understand that in order to enhance the quality of life for working families on the Space Coast, we need to get government out of the way of local job-creators.”

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