

Brevard County Overwhelming Supports Pro-Business Candidates in 2016

Melbourne, FL: The Business Voice Political Committee Board of Directors is pleased the voters of Brevard County overwhelming elected pro-business candidates for critical local and state offices. Eight of the nine candidates the group endorsed in the General Election were victorious. The group also celebrated passage of the 1/2 cent Sales Tax to fund the Save Our Lagoon Plan, which they supported as a critical need for our local economy.

"Voters in Brevard County understand that local government must help and not hinder local job creators," states Kathryn Rudloff, Executive Director for the group. "We look forward to working with the outstanding group of incoming leaders to ensure Brevard remains a great place to live, work and do business."

Business Voice members are committed to the health and growth of our region and actively campaigned to support candidates for State Senate, State House, County Commission, Port Canaveral and the School Board who demonstrated firm understanding of the impact their office has on the entire Space Coast economy. Those candidates included the following winners on November 8th:

Dorothy Hukill, for State Senate District 14; Debbie Mayfield for State Senate District 17. Rene "Coach P" Placensia for House District 50, Tom Goodson for House District 51, Randy Fine for House District 53, County Commission candidates Rita Pritchett in District 1 and Kristine Isnardi in District 5, and Tina Descovich for School Board in District 3.

One of the guiding principles of Business Voice is that smart growth and development should look at the region's long-term needs. Rudloff commented that "We are very grateful that over 62% of voters supported the initiative to fund Save Our Lagoon Plan locally. We can ask the State and Federal Government for help, but it is up to us to lead on this issue."

Business Voice is a diverse assembly of business leaders from across the Space Coast region, including 29 small businesses as well as some of the area's largest employers. Their full membership can be viewed at <u>www.businessvoicepac.com</u> The group is committed to supporting the most qualified candidates who will best serve the interests of the Space Coast region and local job creators.

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Business Voice engages businesses from across Brevard County and the Central Floride Begion to provide a cohesive 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.