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Florida Realtors® Political Advocacy Committee Supports Candidates for Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 20, 2016 – Today, Florida Realtors® PAC (Political Advocacy Committee) made its candidate endorsements for the 2016 election cycle.

There are more than 400 candidates that have qualified to run for the 160 seats in the Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate. The Florida Realtors PAC has announced an initial list of supported candidates in these races.

“We need a Legislature that focuses on making Florida a fair regulatory and low tax state that helps create and maintain a vibrant state economy and strong real estate market,” said Bill Furst, chair of the Florida Realtors PAC Trustees. “The goal of the Realtors PAC is to support candidates who promote policies that encourage homeownership and preserve the quality of life for our state.”

Candidates were evaluated on numerous factors, including their voting record on issues that are relevant to the real estate profession.

“Florida Realtors PAC has a long-standing reputation of supporting those legislators and candidates who advocate for private property rights, address real property issues and promote policies that ensure strong economic growth,” said Carrie O'Rourke, vice president of public policy for Florida Realtors®. “It's these lawmakers who help to ensure Florida continues to grow and prosper now and for future generations.”

Florida Realtors PAC candidates for the Florida House include:

District Candidate

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| 1 | Representative Clay Ingram (REP) |
| 2 | Frank White (REP) |
| 3 | Jayer Williamson (REP) |
| 4 | Mel Ponder (REP) |
| 5 | Representative Brad Drake (REP) |
| 6 | Representative Jay Trumbull (REP) |
| 8 | Brad Johnson (DEM) |
| 9 | Loranne Ausley (DEM) |

- 10 Representative Elizabeth Porter (REP)
- 11 Cord Byrd (REP)
- 12 Clay Yarborough (REP)
- 14 Terry Fields (DEM)
- 15 Representative Jay Fant (REP)
- 16 Dick Kravitz (REP)
- 18 Representative Travis Cummings (REP)
- 19 Leslie Dougher (REP)
- 21 Wenda Lewis (REP)
- 22 Representative Charlie Stone (REP)
- 24 Representative Paul Renner (REP)
- 27 Representative David Santiago (REP)
- 28 Representative Jason Brodeur (REP)
- 29 Representative Scott Plakon (REP)
- 30 Representative Bob Cortes (REP)
- 31 Representative Jennifer Sullivan (REP)
- 35 Representative Blaise Ingoglia (REP)
- 36 Representative Amanda Murphy (DEM)
- 39 Representative Neil Combee (REP)
- 40 Representative Colleen Burton (REP)
- 41 Sam Killebrew (REP)
- 42 Representative Mike LaRosa (REP)
- 43 Representative Ricardo Rangel (DEM)
- 45 Kelvin Larance Cobaris (DEM)
- 46 Representative Bruce H. Antone (DEM)
- 47 Representative Mike Miller (REP)
- 48 Alex Barrio (DEM)

- 49** Carlos Guillermo Smith (DEM)
- 50** Representative Rene “Coach P” Plasencia (REP)
- 51** Representative Tom Goodson (REP)
- 52** Brian Hodgers (REP)
- 53** Randy Fine (REP)
- 54** Lange Sykes (REP)
- 56** Representative Ben Albritton (REP)
- 58** Representative Daniel D. Raulerson (REP)
- 59** Representative Ross Spano (REP)
- 60** Rebecca Smith (REP)
- 61** Sean Michael Shaw (DEM)
- 63** Representative Shawn Harrison (REP)
- 65** Representative Chris Sprowls (REP)
- 66** Representative Larry Ahern (REP)
- 67** Representative Chris Latvala (REP)
- 68** Eric Matthew Lynn (DEM)
- 69** Representative Kathleen Peters (REP)
- 70** Wengay “Newt” Newton (DEM)
- 74** Representative Julio Gonzalez (REP)
- 76** Representative Ray Rodrigues (REP)
- 79** Representative Matt Caldwell (REP)
- 80** Byron Donalds (REP)
- 82** Representative Mary Lynn Magar (REP)
- 83** Representative Gayle Harrell (REP)
- 85** Andrew James Watt (REP)
- 86** Matt Willhite (DEM)
- 87** David Silvers (DEM)

- 88 Al Jacquet (DEM)
- 90 Representative Lori Berman (DEM)
- 91 Kelly Ann Skidmore (DEM)
- 92 Whitney Rawls (DEM)
- 93 Representative George Moraitis (REP)
- 95 Barrington Anthony Russell (DEM)
- 103 Representative Manny Diaz Jr. (REP)
- 104 Representative Richard “Rick” Stark (DEM)
- 105 Representative Carlos Trujillo (REP)
- 106 Bob Rommel (REP)
- 107 Representative Barbara A. Watson (DEM)
- 110 Representative Jose Oliva (REP)
- 111 Representative Bryan Avila (REP)
- 113 Representative David Richardson (DEM)
- 114 John D. Couriel (REP)
- 115 Representative Michael Bileca (REP)
- 116 Representative Jose Felix Diaz (REP)
- 119 Representative Jeanette M. Nunez (REP)
- 120 Representative Holly Raschein (REP)

Florida Realtors PAC candidates for the Florida Senate:

- | District | Candidate |
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| 1 | Doug Broxson (REP) |
| 3 | Senator Bill Montford (DEM) |
| 7 | Senator Travis Hutson (REP) |
| 11 | Randolph Bracy (DEM) |

- 13 Dean Asher (REP)
- 14 Senator Dorothy Hukill (REP)
- 15 Victor Torres (DEM)
- 16 Senator Jack Latvala (REP)
- 18 Dana Young (REP)
- 19 Edwin “Ed” Narain (DEM)
- 22 Senator Kelli Stargel (REP)
- 24 Senator Jeff Brandes (REP)
- 25 Senator Joe Negron (REP)
- 27 Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto (REP)
- 28 Matt Hudson (REP)
- 29 Kevin Rader (DEM)
- 30 Bobby Powell (DEM)
- 31 Senator Jeff Clemens (DEM)
- 34 Gary Farmer (DEM)
- 36 Senator Rene Garcia (REP)
- 39 Senator Anitere Flores (REP)

The Florida Realtors® also congratulates the following candidates that have been elected without opposition:

Florida House:

- | District | Candidate |
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| 7 | Representative Halsey Beshears (REP) |
| 17 | Representative Cyndi Stevenson (REP) |
| 20 | Representative Clovis Watson Jr. (DEM) |
| 32 | Representative Larry Metz (REP) |
| 33 | Don Hahnfeldt (REP) |

- 34 Ralph Massullo Jr. (REP)
- 37 Representative Richard Corcoran (REP)
- 38 Representative Danny Burgess (REP)
- 44 Representative Eric Eisnaugle (REP)
- 55 Representative Cary Pigman (REP)
- 57 Representative Jake Raburn (REP)
- 62 Representative Janet Cruz (DEM)
- 64 Representative James Grant (REP)
- 71 Representative Jim Boyd (REP)
- 75 Michael Grant (REP)
- 77 Representative Dane Eagle (REP)
- 78 Representative Heather Fitzenhagen (REP)
- 81 Joseph Abruzzo (DEM)
- 84 Representative Larry Lee Jr. (DEM)
- 89 Representative Bill Hager (REP)
- 94 Representative Bobby DuBose (DEM)
- 96 Representative Kristin Jacobs (DEM)
- 97 Representative Jared Moskowitz (DEM)
- 98 Representative Katie Edwards (DEM)
- 99 Representative Even Jenne (DEM)
- 100 Representative Joseph S. "Joe" Geller (DEM)
- 101 Representative Shevrin "Shev" Jones (DEM)
- 102 Representative Sharon Pritchett (DEM)
- 109 Representative Cynthia Stafford (DEM)
- 117 Representative Kionne McGhee (DEM)

Florida Senate:

District	Candidate
2	George Gainer (REP)
4	Senator Aaron Bean (REP)
5	Senator Rob Bradley (REP)
6	Senator Audrey Gibson (DEM)
9	Senator David Simmons (REP)
10	Senator Wilton Simpson (REP)
20	Senator Tom Lee (REP)
21	Senator Bill Galvano (REP)
26	Senator Denise Grimsley (REP)
32	Lauren Book (DEM)
33	Perry Thurston Jr. (DEM)
35	Senator Oscar Braynon II (DEM)

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