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**STARKEY ENDORSED BY PINELLAS FARM BUREAU and  
W. FRED PETTY, FORMER PINELLAS TAX COLLECTOR**

W. Fred Petty, Legislative Committee Chairman recently announced the Pinellas County Farm Bureau has endorsed Kathryn Starkey for election to the Florida House of Representatives, District 45. Mr. Petty, Pinellas County Tax Collector from 1993-2001, said "I would like to add my personal endorsement to your election to the House of Representatives" as well.

Kathryn Starkey said "I am honored to be endorsed by such a strong organization and by Mr. Petty personally. The Pinellas Farm Bureau means a lot to me and to our family for the role they play in the agricultural community. Mr. Petty's endorsement is extremely significant to me because Jay B. Starkey, our family patriarch, served as the Pinellas County Tax Collector from 1937 to 1949. I know this support will be a benefit as our campaign continues to build momentum and move forward."

Kathryn is a member of the third generation of the Starkey family that has consistently given their time and efforts to the community in many ways.

Kathryn has served as a member of the Pasco County School Board since 2004. She was appointed by both Governors Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist as a member of the Pinellas - Anclote River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Kathryn was instrumental in persuading Pasco County to enact an ordinance aimed at preserving the green space along our roadways following the appearance of new billboards and the destruction of century-old trees.

As a member of the Pasco County School Board, Kathryn has worked to reduce the budget, redirect funds to classrooms, improve career-oriented opportunities, and most importantly, improve educational outcomes for students. Kathryn was the driving force in making the Pasco County School Board budget available on line.

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