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**GOVERNOR BOB MARTINEZ ENDORSES KATHRYN STARKEY**

Kathryn Starkey is honored to announce the endorsement of her campaign for Florida House of Representatives, District 45 by Governor Bob Martinez.

In a statement from Governor Martinez, he said, "I support Kathryn Starkey for Florida House District 45 because of her outstanding public office record. Her experience on the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Pinellas Anclote River Basin Board and on the Pasco County School Board prepared her to deal with two of Florida's most important public policy challenges, environment and education."

"Governor Martinez's endorsement is significant to our campaign and our future success. This is a strong message to the citizens of the State of Florida and District 45 of the confidence he places in my abilities and I am honored and extremely thankful for his support" stated Starkey.

Kathryn has been instrumental in bringing Career Academies to Pasco County Schools, encouraging partnerships with local businesses to advance high school students to higher education or directly to the job force with workable, employable skills. Recently the economic impact of these partnerships and training programs became a reality with 1000 new jobs being offered through local business expansion in Pasco County.

When dozens of new billboards appeared practically over-night on Pasco roads and century-old trees were being destroyed, Kathryn persuaded the county to enact an ordinance aimed at preserving the green space along our roadways. Kathryn served on the SWFWMD Pinellas Anclote River Basin Board from 2002 through 2009 as she was appointed twice by Governor Jeb Bush.

Kathryn Starkey is a business woman and mother of four children who has lived in Pasco and Pinellas counties for over 20 years. Kathryn was elected to the Pasco County School Board in 2004 and re-elected without opposition in 2008. The Consortium of Florida Education Foundations honored Kathryn with the first Gold Star Recipient, School Board Member of the Year for the State of Florida in December of 2008.

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