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**Senator Gerald “Jerry” Rehm ENDORSES KATHRYN STARKEY**

Kathryn Starkey is honored to announce the endorsement of her campaign for Florida House of Representatives, District 45 by the Honorable Jerry Rehm, former Mayor of Dunedin.

Senator Rehm first served on the Dunedin City Commission from 1963 to 1964, as Mayor of Dunedin from 1965 to 1972, Florida State Senator from 1980 to 1984 and Florida State Representative from 1986 to 1990 and he has proudly endorsed Kathryn Starkey in her run for Florida House of Representatives, District 45.

As Mayor of Dunedin Rehm was widely known as the father of Caladesi Island State Park. He served the area for many years and continues to contribute to the unique flavor of Pinellas County with his widely acclaimed Florida Candy Factory, Inc.

Senator Rehm commented: “I wholeheartedly support Kathryn Starkey in her endeavor to become the next State Representative from District 45. I’ve personally dedicated a great deal of my life working to preserve wonderful pieces of Pinellas County land for the benefit of future generations. I know the Starkey family has contributed so much land for preservation and for the use and benefit of our citizens, and I believe in the generosity and the contributions they have made. I wholly support sending a member of this giving family to Tallahassee as I know she will be a benefit to the Legislature. Kathryn and her family have lived, worked and served in our community for many years. I strongly urge all the voters of District 45 to support Kathryn. She is the Representative we need in Tallahassee to continue the giving tradition established by her family.”

To Kathryn Starkey, service is more than being a name on a letterhead, it’s about getting things done.

Kathryn was appointed by both Governors Bush and Crist to help manage taxpayers’ funds as a member of the Pinellas - Anclote River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. In this role, she helped *reduce property taxes paid by local home and business owners*.

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*.

As a member of the Pasco County School Board, Kathryn has worked to cut fat out of the budget, redirect taxpayer funds to classrooms, improve career-oriented educational opportunities, and most importantly, *improve educational outcomes for students and bring jobs to our community*.

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