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ClearPAC Endorses Clearwater City Council Candidates

ClearPAC, the political action committee affiliated with the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber's Board of Directors recognizes the importance of voter selection of elected officials to the continuing success of local business. After interviews with Clearwater city council candidates, ClearPAC announced the endorsement of the following candidates for the local March 13 election. ClearPAC endorses:

City Council Seat 4, **David Allbritton**
City Council Seat 5, **Hoyt Hamilton**

Ray Ferrara, Chairman of ClearPAC, said, "Mr. Allbritton has demonstrated his commitment to the future of Clearwater by his long history of service on various boards and committees, and is dedicated to moving Clearwater forward. Mr. Hamilton's outstanding record of public service to this city and his commitment to new business development in downtown Clearwater while keeping a historical perspective will serve our citizens well."

The committee also noted that both candidates fully support the Imagine Clearwater project, which was approved by an overwhelming majority of Clearwater voters in last November's referendum. "A 75-25 split is more than just a mandate," said Ferrara. "This needs to happen. Our citizens are tired of waiting. We are pleased that both candidates recognize this, and are committed to ensuring that the Imagine Clearwater project gets done."

About Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1922, the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce set out with the vision to be the premier Voice of Business in the Clearwater region. Representing more than 1,000 member businesses, the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce (CRCC) is one of the largest chambers in the Bay area and has become a large and powerful voice for its members through its ability to partner with other agencies and advocate on behalf of business and its members. CRCC's mission is to enhance the business environment and promote economic health and growth in the Clearwater region. Visit <http://www.clearwaterflorida.org>.

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