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## **Fraternal Order of Police Endorses Bill Foster for Mayor of St. Petersburg**

**St. Petersburg, FL** – Mayoral candidate Bill Foster received his second nod from local law enforcement today, garnering an endorsement from the Fraternal Order of Police, Pinellas Lodge 43. The endorsement, coupled with his backing from the Sun Coast Police Benevolent Association, leaves little doubt as to which Mayoral candidate local cops believe will keep the citizens of St. Petersburg best protected.

Speaking to Foster about the endorsement, Pinellas FOB President Rachel Hughes said, “Our endorsement comes after exhaustive review and consideration of the positions and qualifications of you and your fellow candidates, as it relates to the many issues that impact law enforcement and the citizens of Saint Petersburg. Your recommendation for endorsement was met with a unanimous endorsement of the entire board of directors of Fraternal Order of Police, Pinellas Lodge 43.”

Asked for his thoughts on the endorsement, Foster stated, “Knowing full well that public safety is the number one issue of my fellow citizens, I am honored to have the support of our brave men and women in local law enforcement. These are the same people that we entrust our safety to, and I am grateful that they recognize my qualities and vision as the most sensible and effective candidate to reduce crime in our city.”

On his specific public safety plans, Foster added, “As I have outlined in my Foster Formula: we must work to eliminate the conditions that allow criminal activity to flourish; increase our number of sworn officers on the street; and implement new and improved community policing policies.”

To learn more about Bill Foster’s vision for the future of St. Petersburg, please visit the Bill Foster Campaign website at [www.BillFosterForMayor.com](http://www.BillFosterForMayor.com).