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St. Paul Area Chamber PAC Announces Pre-Primary Endorsements for East Metro Elections

(St. Paul, MN) -- The St. Paul Area Chamber Political Action Committee is pleased to announce its first round of endorsements for candidates for municipal office. Endorsed candidates are:

- Jimmy Francis, South St. Paul Mayor
- Liz Workman, Dakota County Commissioner - District 5

"The St. Paul Area Chamber PAC is proud to endorse South St. Paul Mayor Jimmy Francis and Dakota County Commissioner Liz Workman in their re-election campaigns. Both candidates are committed to fostering a business environment that will stimulate growth, attract investment, and create jobs across the East Metro area," said Marc Cove, chair of the PAC Board. "Their history of improving infrastructure, supporting small businesses, and developing our local workforce demonstrates their commitment to creating opportunities and driving sustainable growth. We urge others who are invested in the success of the East Metro to support Mayor Francis and Commissioner Workman in their primary and the general elections."

"Our endorsement process involves a thorough review by our PAC Board, which evaluates candidate questionnaires and virtual interviews. The Board then considers a range of factors including the candidates' track records, policy positions, and commitment to their community. We found that Mayor Francis and Commissioner Workman are well deserving of our endorsement due to their alignment with our values and their potential to advance the East Metro business environment," said B Kyle, treasurer of the PAC Board.

Among the PAC's decision-making criteria were the following principles:

- The PAC is non-partisan and will support candidates who meet the PAC's objectives, regardless of party affiliation;
- Any endorsed candidate must understand and support the concerns and interests of the East Metro business community;
- Any endorsed candidate must be electable; and
- The candidate's campaign position or previous voting record will be used as a determining factor.

The PAC urges anyone who is concerned about maintaining the East Metro's vibrant business community to vote for the endorsed candidates in the primary on August 13, 2024, and the general election on November 5, 2024.

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About the St. Paul Area Chamber Political Action Committee -- *The SPAC PAC is designed to identify, endorse, and support state and local candidates for office across the East Metro that support pro-business public policies. The SPAC PAC gives members of the business community access to and the ability to learn about candidates for city, county, and state offices. The SPAC PAC is a separate legal entity, independent of the St. Paul Area Chamber, and is registered with the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. More information can be found at <https://www.stpaulchamber.com/political-action-committee>.*

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