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Dear Member of the West Orange Chamber of Commerce,

The West Orange Political Alliance (W.O.P.A.) applauds your decision to join the West Orange Chamber of Commerce (WOCC), an award winning and most dynamic Chamber of Commerce in Central Florida. The WOCC facilitates many opportunities and provides many benefits to its members, yet cannot endorse political candidates.

Understanding this, many people within the WOCC and the West Orange community realized the need for a political voice for West Orange. This led to the formation of W.O.P.A., a non-profit, non-partisan organization for West Orange County. This organization focuses on issues, and primarily seeking out and endorsing candidates in county, school board and state offices that will further the business interests of West Orange County.

W.O.P.A. is recognized and approved by the Florida Division of Elections as a Political Committee. It originated as a Committee of Continuous Existence since 1997 and was reformed in 2013 as a Political Committee (PC/PAC) to comply with legislative changes and the Division of Elections. W.O.P.A., governed by a board of up to 24 individuals, represents businesses and the West Orange Chamber. The Chairman-elect and President of the WOCC serve as ex-officio members of the board and the Chamber Board of Directors appoints an additional four board members each year.

Since its formation, W.O.P.A. has endorsed, supported and assisted in the election of key proponents of business and West Orange County. Candidates seek us out and understand the value of our endorsements for the furtherance of their campaign efforts. We are proud of our track record which includes the election of notable West Orange County residents; **Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings, Sheriff John Mina, County Commissioners Scott Boyd, Betsy VanderLey and Victoria Siplin, Supervisor of Elections Bill Cowles, OCPS Board Members Pam Gould and Linda Kobert, OCPS Chairman Teresa Jacobs, Representatives Kamia Brown and Bruce Antone, and State Senator Randolph Bracy.**

In addition to supporting qualified and competent candidates, W.O.P.A. has taken on issues that have had the potential of creating economic disadvantages to our community. Most recently, we supported changes in the Orange County Charter that allow for non-partisan elections, term limits, and a more transparent initiative petition process. We were also victorious on our position to oppose the "paid sick leave" initiative that would have put Orange County at an economic disadvantage and added costs to employers of all sizes.



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We invite you to make a voluntary contribution to W.O.P.A. With this contribution, W.O.P.A. will continue our work, while you are working on your business, to protect your business interests. Together, speaking with one voice on behalf of West Orange County, we will continue to be recognized as an organization that protects and promotes our best interests.

Sincerely,

Camille Evans
Chairman

Become a part of this political voice made up of over 300 businesses with the focus on West Orange County. Joining W.O.P.A. is a smart decision and easy to do. Simply complete this form and send a \$25 check to W.O.P.A. 12184 West Colonial Drive, Winter Garden, FL 34787.

Requested voluntary contribution of at least \$25.00

Name _____ Occupation _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

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