



Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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Ginger Delegal
Florida Association of Counties
100 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Ginger,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, to support Marion County Commissioner and current Board Vice Chair, Carl Zalak, III's, candidacy for Second Vice President of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC).

Since his election in 2010, Vice Chair Zalak has demonstrated unwavering commitment to public service, fiscal responsibility, and collaborative leadership. Over the course of his tenure, he has been a strong advocate not only for Marion County, but also for the interests of counties throughout the state of Florida.

Vice Chair Zalak currently serves as Vice Chair of the FAC Finance, Tax and Administration Committee, and as a member of the Health, Safety and Justice Committee. These are only the most recent examples of his longstanding and active participation within the FAC. His long-standing involvement across legislative, environmental, and federal policy committees highlights his well-rounded expertise and unwavering dedication to the association's mission.

His knowledge of county governance, strategic thinking, and results-driven approach make him an ideal candidate for this leadership position. We are confident that he will continue to represent the values and priorities of Florida's counties with integrity and vision.

For these reasons, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners is proud to recommend Vice Chair Carl Zalak, III for your consideration as Second Vice President of the Florida Association of Counties.

I am available for questions, if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Bryant".

Kathy Bryant, Chairman
Marion County Commission

CC: Board of County Commissioners