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Commissioner Starkey Recognized as FAC Presidential Advocate

~~The distinction is awarded to officials who advocate for local issues in Tallahassee~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The [Florida Association of Counties](#) (FAC) is recognizing Pasco County Commissioner Kathryn Starkey as a Presidential Advocate for her work during the 2020 Legislative Session. Commissioner Starkey received the designation during the Association’s virtual Annual Business Meeting.

“As a local government official, I believe the effectiveness of FAC cannot be overstated,” said Commissioner Kathryn Starkey. “The organization does a great job at uniting local voices from across the state in Tallahassee, and I am honored to have contributed to this advocacy.”



The FAC Presidential Advocate recognition is given to county commissioners who have shown exceptional leadership in advocating with FAC during the 2020 session to advance the counties’ legislative agenda.

“It’s our duty as commissioners to stand up for our community, to fight to preserve the unique aspects of where we live, work, and play,” said FAC Immediate Past President and Leon County Commissioner Nick Maddox. “This responsibility is only heightened during the Legislative Session where hundreds of bills are heard that directly impact that quality of life.”

Commissioner Starkey has maintained involvement in FAC since she took office following her 2012 election to the District 3 Pasco County Commission Seat. She is the chair of the FAC Federal Policy Committee and is the District 20 Representative to the FAC Board of Directors. In addition to her work advocating at the state level, Commissioner Starkey helped lead FAC’s fall 2019 “Federal Fly-in,” which created channels of communication between local officials and federal policymakers in Washington, D.C., to discuss national issues, such as flood insurance.

For more than 85 years, the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) has represented the diverse interests of Florida’s counties, emphasizing the importance of protecting home rule – the concept that government closest to the people governs best. The Florida Association of Counties helps counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration.