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## **Oldsmar City Officials Endorse Ed Hooper**

**Oldsmar** –Ed Hooper, candidate for Florida Senate, received the endorsement of every elected official in the city of Oldsmar during an event at the Suegra Tequila Cantina restaurant in the Oldsmar Town Center this week. Among those in attendance were Oldsmar Mayor Doug Bevis, Vice Mayor Dan Saracki, and Council Member Eric Seidel, all of whom are endorsing Ed in his State Senate District 16 race.

Hooper, as a legislator in the Florida House of Representatives, helped the City of Oldsmar obtain funds for what is now a world class BMX racing track. Mayor Bevis had this to say, “Ed has always been a great friend of the city of Oldsmar. When the city was looking to build an Olympic style BMX track we spoke to everybody that we thought could help fund the project but it was Ed Hooper that secured the funding. The track has hosted riders from all over the world; including participants who trained and raced there leading up to the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. I look forward to working with Ed when he is in the Florida Senate; imagine what he can do for our area when he is fighting for us in Tallahassee!”

“My wife Paula and I support Ed Hooper for the Florida Senate. He has proven to be able to get things done for our community and we need his decency and common sense in the State Capitol,” added Vice Mayor Dan Saracki.

Hooper was excited to meet with the residents of Oldsmar and discuss his candidacy for the Florida Senate. “It will be an honor to serve the residents of Oldsmar. Your vision is my vision and that is to have a vibrant and prosperous Oldsmar to live and work.”

Councilman Eric Seidel said, “Ed Hooper fought for us the citizens of Oldsmar even though he was not our representative because he believed in the vision we had for our city. I am excited to have him as our next State Senator.”

Hooper has also received the endorsements from Oldsmar Council Members Jerry Beverland and Gabby McGee.

Ed Hooper was born in North Carolina and moved to Clearwater in 1972. He attended St. Petersburg Junior College where he studied fire science and emergency medicine studies. Hooper retired from the Clearwater Fire Department after 24 years of service. He was previously elected to the Clearwater City Council and spent eight years in the Florida House before retiring in 2014 due to term limits. Hooper, who currently spends his time as a consultant, has a long history of involvement in the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Pinellas, and the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee. He and his wife Lee live in Clearwater. They have four children and ten grandchildren. Florida Senate District 16 includes northern Pinellas County and southwestern Pasco County. Other recent endorsements include State Senators Jack Latvala, Jeff Brandes and Dana D Young, Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, and Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco.