



# **Fraternal Order of Police**

---

## **FLORIDA STATE LODGE**



January 19, 2010

Campaign to Elect Brian Blair  
P.O. Box 17428  
Tampa, Florida 33682

Dear Brian,

The Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police having reviewed your accomplishments and public record as a Hillsborough County Commissioner with our District 3 Director Gene Leonard is pleased to announce our official endorsement of your campaign for the Florida House of Representatives, District 47 seat.

Your continued strong support for national security and public safety has been demonstrated by your actions on behalf of law enforcement, fire and emergency responders. You have stated that public safety would be a “top priority” and you’ve kept your word.

Just as in Hillsborough County, the State of Florida has been affected by the current economic downturn. In light of budget reductions and property tax reform, fiscal responsibility continues to be imperative but should not adversely affect the men and women who daily provide for the public safety and keep our communities safe. We can not afford to short change public safety now and risk disaster. Innovative ideas and thinking outside the tax and spend mentality, encouraging the private sector to develop new and sustainable jobs is the way forward to get Florida moving again. Your stated goals and platform are a positive sign.

The commitment we know you share with our professional law enforcement officers from across Hillsborough County and the State of Florida is very much appreciated.

We consider Brian Blair a friend and offer our support for your campaign for the Florida House District 47 seat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Preston".

James W. Preston, President