

Florida Independent Party Endorses Adam Hattersley for Florida Chief Financial Officer

2022 Democratic Nominee for Florida Chief Financial Officer & State Fire Marshal

Hattersley is a Tampa Bay resident, former State Representative for the 59th House District in Hillsborough County from 2018-2020 and a Navy Iraq War Veteran Bronze Star recipient.

(Tampa, FL) – The Independent Party of Florida (IND) has announced its endorsement of Adam Hattersley for Chief Financial Officer. **Hattersley is taking on a political appointee and now five year incumbent who has overseen the collapse of Florida’s property insurance market, with Florida’s property insurance rate three times that of the national average.**

Florida is home to nearly 4 million independent non-affiliated voters, and in the past two decades, those registrations in Florida have increased from 16 percent of registered voters to 28 percent, an increase of about 2.4 million. **Those Independents outnumber registered Republicans in 5 counties** — Broward, Miami-Dade, Orange, Osceola and Palm Beach, and **they outnumber registered Democrats in 12 counties** — Bay, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Lee, Martin, Nassau, Okaloosa, Pasco, Santa Rosa and Walton.

“We believe that throughout his life, Adam Hattersley has demonstrated integrity, dedication to public service and advocacy for all Floridians, not just those of his party” Independent Party Chairman Ernest Bach stated. *“Independent and unaffiliated voters make up nearly a third of the entire electorate here in Florida, and will play a decisive role in this election, so I’m honored to have the endorsement of the Independent Party”* Hattersley said.

Adam is a Navy Veteran who volunteered for duty in Iraq and was an instructor at the US Naval Academy before successfully running in 2018 for a House District in Hillsborough County that had previously gone for Donald Trump, and flipping the seat for the first time in nearly two decades. *“This endorsement for the kind of elected official Independents seek comes after Hattersley has traveled to nearly all of Florida’s 67 counties over the last 8 months and received positive feedback,”* Bach said.

The Independent Party will be hosting a press conference with the candidates and more details of it’s endorsements on Friday October 28th at 5:30 PM prior to the FL NOW Annual State Conference at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Rd. Orlando, hosted by the National Organization of Women .

“Adam’s opponent Jimmy Patronis is probably the worst property insurance CFO in Florida history. A 7th property insurance company has been declared insolvent just this year and Jimmy Patronis took contributions from many of these same insurance companies, let them hike up rates to the highest in the country, and they’re still going bust and abandoning Floridians when they need them the most.” Bach added.

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