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LORANNE AUSLEY TO SEEK CFO SEAT
Begins campaign with notable endorsements.

Tallahassee, FL – With Florida at a crossroad, attorney and former lawmaker Loranne Ausley formally announced her intention to seek the statewide office of CFO. Flanked by some of Florida's top statewide leaders, Ausley enters the race with strong credentials and the backing of those who know what it takes to win statewide races.

“Throughout my years of service, I have always worked hard to ensure that our state invested wisely and that tax dollars were spent efficiently and responsibly. As the current Chair of the \$300 million per year Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, I am keenly aware of how important it is to invest in our state's future and bring affordable health insurance to the children of this state,” stated Ausley. She also added, “I want to carry on and expand the strong record of transparency and accountability started by our current CFO, Alex Sink.”

Offering strong early endorsements for Ausley's campaign are former Governor and U.S. Senator, Bob Graham as well as current U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, current CFO Alex Sink, and Congressmen Kendrick Meek.

Nelson, Sink, Graham and Meek added the following statements endorsing Ausley:

“As the senior U.S. Senator from Florida, I can tell you that Democrats are united behind Loranne. Just as important -- Floridians from all over the state are supporting her candidacy because she has the experience and record cutting waste and abuse we need in Tallahassee. And, I can think of no better person to take up this mantle than my good friend Loranne Ausley. She will be a fantastic CFO – and I plan on campaigning hard on her behalf.” -- U.S. Senator Bill Nelson

“I am so pleased that Loranne has decided to run and I am very proud to endorse her as our next CFO. Last year, I appointed Loranne to serve as the Chair of the Healthy Kids Corporation. From having worked with her, I saw first-hand her strong commitment to government accountability and her dedication to the job. I know she will be an outstanding CFO--someone Floridians can count on to help weed out wasteful government spending and be a consumer watchdog in Tallahassee.” – CFO, Alex Sink

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“I have known Lorraine for many years. I know her head and her heart and I know she will make an excellent CFO. Her passion for looking out for taxpayers, for public accountability will serve our state well. I strongly endorse her and will work hard to help her become our state’s next great leader.” – Former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham

“There can be no doubt that Lorraine brings serious credentials to this very serious statewide position. She is eminently qualified and her track record of standing up for consumers, fighting fraud and waste will serve us all well. I proudly endorse her candidacy.” -- U.S. Congressman and Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, Kendrick Meek

Ausley is a former lawmaker who earned a statewide reputation for being an effective advocate for taxpayers and children while working to improve transparency and accountability in government spending. She stated, “Floridians deserve a CFO who believes in accountability, transparency and responsibility – a CFO who will keep an eye on how our tax dollars are spent.”

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