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## **RESPECTED BUSINESSMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST, DAVID A. STRAZ, JR., ENDORSES BUCKHORN**

**TAMPA, FL** – Bob Buckhorn today announced that longtime community stalwart and successful businessman, David A. Straz, Jr., is supporting his candidacy for mayor of the City of Tampa. Mr. Straz is a well-known benefactor to the Tampa Bay community and recently served as the finance co-chair and treasurer for the Dick Greco campaign.

Mr. Straz cited Mr. Buckhorn's economic recovery plan as one of the main differentials in garnering his endorsement.

"It is clear to me that Mr. Buckhorn has a clear vision and detailed strategic plan to lead Tampa through this significant economic crisis," commented Mr. Straz. "Thoughtful and prepared, I believe he is most able to execute."

Mr. Straz also commented that Buckhorn's agenda includes very specific job creation elements as well as important strategies to strengthen our quality of life. "Tampa has always been a unique and diverse community with many perspectives and needs, and I believe that Mr. Buckhorn has the inherent talent, commitment and empathy find a healthy balance," said Mr. Straz.

"The confidence of one of Tampa's most beloved community leaders is truly humbling" said Buckhorn. "Mr. Straz has long held Tampa's best interests in his heart, and I will work tirelessly to continue his mission."

Mr. Straz has spent more than 30 years leading successful banking business interests and is a generous benefactor to the Tampa Bay community, serving on high profile boards at Tampa General Hospital and the University of Tampa. In 2009, he and his wife, Catherine Lowry Straz, provided the

largest individual philanthropic gift to a cultural institution in Tampa Bay history, now known as the David A. Straz, Jr. Performing Arts Center.

"Mr. Straz has accepted my request to chair the transition team," mentioned Mr. Buckhorn. "His years of budget and banking experience will be invaluable in helping me navigate the uncertain economic realities that we will face." Buckhorn added that he anticipates the transition will be completed within six weeks of taking office.

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