



**Press Release  
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**Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.  
2011 City of Tampa Municipal Endorsements**

**TAMPA, FL-** The Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), Board of Directors would like to congratulate Charlie Miranda, Frank Reddick and Mary Mulhern on their election wins last night. Our association looks forward to working with them to make Tampa a better place to work and live.

ABC is pleased to endorse the following candidates for the **City of Tampa**:

**Tampa Mayor: Bob Buckhorn-** Bob has a commitment to economic development and moving Tampa forward as a place open for business. Buckhorn would streamline regulation and draw on the business community for ideas on reducing bureaucracy. He will be aggressive about growing existing businesses and recruiting and nurturing new ones.

**Tampa City Council:**

**District 1: Mike Suarez-** Mike is a Tampa native with great passion for our community. He understands that small businesses drive our economy.

**District 3: Chris Hart-** Chris will bring leadership, experience, and sound principles to Tampa City Council.

**District 4: Harry Cohen-** Harry's approach to creating private sector jobs and attracting new industries to Tampa will serve our community well.

**District 7: Lisa Montelione-** Lisa's private sector experience and construction background will make her an effective council member.

**About ABC** -Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is a national association with 77 chapters representing 25,000 merit shop construction and construction-related firms with two million employees. ABC's membership represents all specialties within the U.S. construction industry and is comprised primarily of firms that perform work in the industrial and commercial sectors of the industry. The five Florida ABC Chapters have over 2,500 members; they make up Florida's largest merit shop commercial construction trade association. ABC's members employ more than 250,000 Floridians. ABC is considered "The Voice of Commercial Construction".

**ABC Florida Gulf Coast Chapter**

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