

SERVICE EMPLOYEES ENDORSE RICE IN ST. PETE COUNCIL RACE

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Darden Rice, who is running for re-election, was endorsed by the police and fire unions earlier this week.

ST. PETERSBURG – Darden Rice has gained the endorsement of the Service Employees International Union. The union represents St. Petersburg city workers.

“Darden Rice is a true champion for the working people of St. Petersburg,” said Alphonso Mayfield, president of SEIU Florida Public Services Union. “Her work on the wage theft program, fair hiring practices, and other pro-worker initiatives show that she talks the talk and walks the walk.

“SEIU members are strongly reaffirming support for her reelection to the City Council. Darden’s continued service, with her effective and creative leadership, is essential to optimizing the inclusivity, prosperity and sustainability of St. Petersburg. We’re excited to continue working with her for the next four years.”

Rice said, “I’m humbled to have the endorsement of the SEIU Florida. Our city employees do an amazing job and I join our residents in thanking them for the work they do. All workers can count on me to continue my advocacy and always stand up for our residents.”

Rice is campaigning for a second term to the District 4 seat on the St. Pete council. She has received endorsements from the St. Petersburg Association of Firefighters and the Sun Coast Police Benevolent Association.

Rice, 46, is chair of the City Council and has served as president of the St. Pete League of Women Voters of St. Pete for the past three years. She served on the St. Pete Charter Review Commission and as chair of the Waterfront Subcommittee. She is co-founder of the Pinellas Living Green Expo and past Florida director of Gulf Restoration Network.

St. Petersburg has an eight-member council, each of whom serves a four-year term. Qualifying starts 8 a.m. June 8 and ends 5p.m. June 23. The primary is Aug. 29. The general election is Nov. 7.

For information about Darden Rice, go to [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) or votedardenrice.com.

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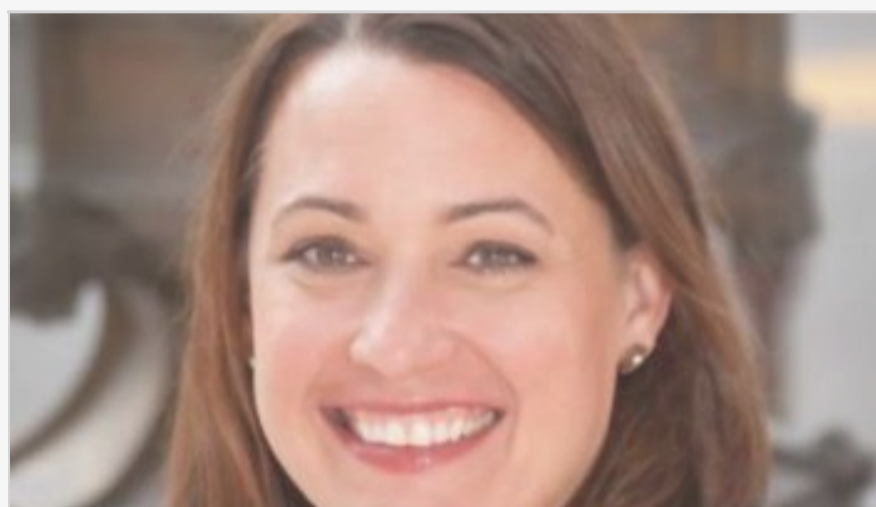
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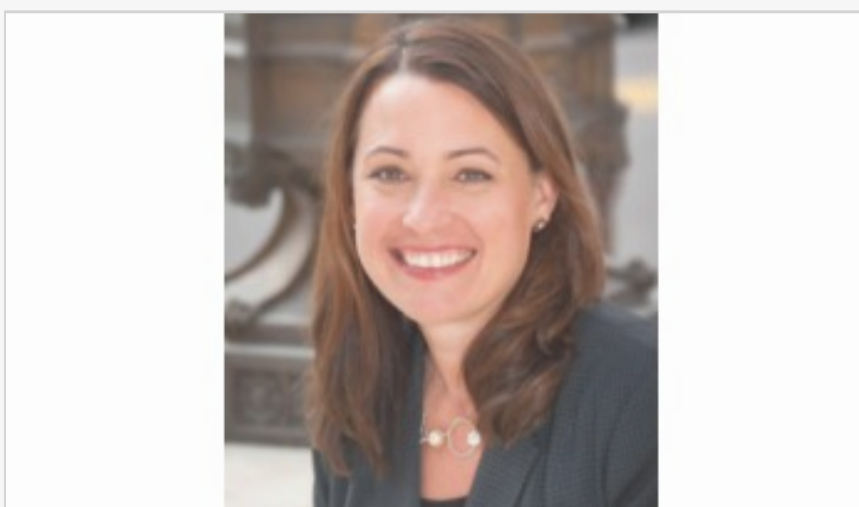
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