PRESS RELEASE

**Dr. Hazel Buggs**

**Announces her candidacy for MAYOR OF MELBOURNE and issues the following statement:**

**As the next Mayor of Melbourne, I am committed to creating a safe, progressive and inclusive city that will provide:**

1. **Community safety to ensure Melbourne remains a place where the citizens can live, work and enjoy comfortably.**
2. **Environmental Stewardship to continue to help protect the Indian River Lagoon and ensure we have clean quality and quantity of water.**
3. **Monitor and maintain city roads and our infrastructure.**
4. **Support small businesses by addressing the concerns of local business owners.**
5. **Public Engagement with the citizens to address their concerns and needs.**
6. **Job Training and Employment to secure job opportunities for those reentering society.**
7. **Promote initiatives to curtail crime in our communities.**
8. **Foster economic growth with an efficient cost-effective city budget.**
9. **Prioritizing the needs and wellbeing of senior citizens.**
10. **Homelessness and Affordable Housing for the homeless and addressing affordable housing needs.**

**I am more than a candidate. I am a transformative leader with over 35 years of public service with a proven track record of energizing and uniting communities. My vision for Melbourne is one of inclusivity, progress and shared prosperity. I believe I am the leader Melbourne needs to navigate the challenges of today and build a brighter future for tomorrow.**

**Join me in my campaign to become the next Mayor of Melbourne. Together, we can create a city that honors its past, address its present challenges, and embraces a prosperous future for all.**

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