



STATEMENT RE: THFD PAC ENDORSEMENT

Today, I learned that our local Firefighter PAC has chosen to endorse my opponent. **Yet, let me assure you, this setback has not left me disheartened in the least. In fact, it has only fueled my determination further.**

In the face of this endorsement, I have been profoundly moved by the outpouring of support from numerous firefighters of all ranks. Their calls have been a testament to the belief that transcends politics—our shared commitment to the safety and well-being of our community. **Many have offered to start a group in support of the campaign called Firefighters for Sakbun.** I look forward to their added support and energy during the campaign.

Irrespective of this endorsement, my pledge remains steadfast: as your Mayor, I will continue the fight to ensure that our public safety departments are equipped to respond swiftly and securely to all calls. It's time to turn the page on the status quo that has lingered for far too long. We've all seen the headlines and heard the promises echoed year after year come election season. But let's be honest, empty rhetoric without tangible solutions only hinders progress. **In 16 years, the administration has failed to deliver on the construction of an East Side Firehouse. An incoming casino and growing commercial corridor will suffer from a lack pragmatic and proactive governance.** Current plans for ambulance upkeep and purchases have created a budget that simply failed on delivering the department a fourth ambulance in rotation.

My vision for the department is clear. As Mayor, I will dedicate the necessary resources to bolster our fire department's recruitment program. It's time to put an end to the cycle of understaffing that leads to mandatory overtime and places undue strain on our dedicated firefighters. We must address the increased demands placed upon our department with a proactive approach. We must partner with local universities to explore the creation of tuition benefits for our city employees and their children. We will use tax increment financing funds to build an East Side Firehouse. **These solutions are some of the many reasons why my campaign received more votes for an endorsement than any previous challenger to the current Mayor.**

Today, I stand undeterred and more resolute than ever. Challenges like these only embolden my commitment to our city's future. Together, we can transcend the obstacles in our path, for the betterment of every resident, every family, and every neighborhood.

Thank you for your unwavering support. The road ahead may be tough, but I am ready and prepared to meet it head-on, driven by the belief in the boundless potential of our great city.

With gratitude and determination,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BS", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brandon Sakbun