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Greater Bakersfield Chamber PAC announces endorsement for Assembly District 32 Special Primary Election

Bakersfield, Calif. (Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025) – The Greater Bakersfield Chamber's Political Action Committee (BAKPAC) announced its endorsement of Stan Ellis for the California Assembly District 32 seat in the upcoming Tuesday, Feb. 25, Special Primary Election.

A businessman and longtime Kern County resident, Ellis has experience in multiple industries, including oil, environmental sustainability, quantum technology and cybersecurity. He began his career in 1975 as a mud engineer in the local oil sector before founding West Coast Mud in 1981. He later established Global Environmental; a company focused on minimizing waste from oil refineries.

"BAKPAC supports candidates who align with the economic and business priorities of the Bakersfield business community," said BAKPAC Chair Dana Brennan. "After a robust application and interview process, we believe Stan Ellis is well-positioned to advocate for policies that support economic growth and industry development in the Greater Bakersfield region."

The Chamber's Chair of the Board, Deanna Blaise added, "Our endorsement process evaluates candidates based on their experience and vision for Bakersfield. After a thorough review, we determined that Ellis brings relevant expertise in key industries important to our region."

The special election will determine the top two candidates who will then advance to a runoff election on Tuesday, April 29.

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ABOUT THE GREATER BAKERSFIELD CHAMBER POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Greater Bakersfield Chamber Political Action Committee (BAKPAC) was formed in 1999. Each election cycle, BAKPAC endorses and supports business-friendly candidates for state and local office. All BAKPAC funds are separate from funds of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber. BAKPAC has a separate governing board, which does include some ex officio representation from the Greater Bakersfield Chamber's Board of Directors. BAKPAC may also support issues with funding. The Bakersfield Chamber's Political Action Committee is a state political action committee, FPPC #1352944.

ABOUT THE GREATER BAKERSFIELD CHAMBER

The Greater Bakersfield Chamber is the region's leading business membership, networking and advocacy organization, representing the interests of more than 1,100 members and more than 70,000 local jobs. Focused on creating a thriving local economy and improving the quality of life for every resident of Greater Bakersfield, the organization promotes economic vitality, facilitates networking and business development opportunities, and advocates for public policies that support quality jobs and inclusive growth. The Chamber guides Bakersfield toward a better and brighter future. Founded in 1920, the Chamber is driven by the belief that our community thrives when businesses prosper. To learn more, visit bakochamber.com.