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**Phoenix City Councilman Jim Waring Endorses Frank Riggs
for Superintendent of Public Instruction**

Cave Creek, AZ (May 1, 2017) -- Phoenix District 2 City Councilman and former Arizona State Senator Jim Waring today endorsed Frank Riggs, Republican candidate for Arizona State Superintendent of Public Instruction, saying, "Frank Riggs has the proven executive leadership experience and ability to lead our state's schools at a critical time for K-12 education. He's been a leader in education at every level, from school board president to U.S. Congressman and Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, to CEO of a national education nonprofit and Community Development Financial Institution dedicated to helping charter schools with significant numbers of low-income students with their facility financing and development needs."

Waring continued, "I met Frank when I was serving in the State Senate and he was working to establish Arizona Connections Academy (ACA), a statewide on-line school that offers personalized learning to its students. Frank's leadership as the founding board president of ACA was instrumental in its success." Waring, a former U.S. Senate aide, added, "I admire Frank's service in Congress where he was a leader on education issues, writing federal charter school and special education laws and winning recognition as the National Head Start Legislator of the Year."

Waring, also a former Vice-Mayor of Phoenix, concluded, "As an advocate for veterans and law enforcement in the State Legislature and on the Phoenix City Council, I also admire Frank's service to country and community as an Army veteran and former police officer. The depth and breath of his experience uniquely qualify him for the critically important job as our state's schools chief."

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