



## **Chris Messina Announces Candidacy for Orange County Mayor** *A Vision for Innovation, Integrity, and Community*

Orlando, FL, May 21, 2025 -- Tech entrepreneur, devoted family man, and education philanthropist Chris Messina has officially announced his candidacy for Mayor of Orange County, Florida. A community leader with a track record of leadership and public service, Messina is stepping forward once again to bring innovative solutions and bold leadership to one of Florida's fastest-growing counties.

"I'm running for Mayor because I believe Orange County deserves a future that's both prosperous and principled," said Messina. "We need leadership that understands technology, supports local families, protects our freedoms, and puts the people first, ahead of politics." With faith, family, and freedom as my foundation, I'm ready to serve Orange County with the same passion and purpose that has guided my life and career."

Messina, who ran for the mayoral seat in 2022, has built a successful career in the tech sector as a founder and CEO of several medtech businesses. He has served on multiple boards, including as a founding director of MassMedic, an industry consortium that grew New England's medical device industry. Messina's entrepreneurial background gives him a unique perspective on how to attract high-paying employers to Orange County, modernize county government, and ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

Always engaged in helping his community, Chris received the Dean's Award for Community Service upon his graduation from the Harvard Business School. He also was a Rotary Fellow at the University of Sydney studying city design. At Rutgers University he earned a B.S. Economics and a Masters in City Planning, an area of expertise important to the administration of Orange County's rapid growth.

As a husband and father, Messina is deeply invested in the future of the region's families and children. After Chris and his wife Julie's son was born with a disability, they co-founded the 3-21 Foundation, a non-profit that supports families with special needs. They have three children, two in college at Florida universities. Their youngest attends an Orange County Christian school, where Chris serves as a volunteer football coach.

As Orange County Mayor, Messina will focus on quality jobs, safe neighborhoods, healthy children, responsible growth, and a transparent county government that stewards its residents' money wisely. The campaign invites all residents—regardless of party affiliation—to join a movement focused on an Orange County where children, families and businesses thrive. "With faith, family, and freedom as my foundation, I'm ready to serve Orange County with the same passion and purpose that has guided my life and career," he said. ###

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