

# P R E S S R E L E A S E

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## Vice-Mayor Leslie Waters Returns from Jordan

Waters Conducts Communications Workshop for Jordanian Local Government Officials

Leslie Waters, former State Representative and currently serving as Vice-Mayor on the Seminole City Council, recently conducted a “*Better Coalition Building and Better Advocacy through Better Communications*” Workshop with 24 Jordanian elected women officials. Workshop attendees were many of Jordan’s most professional and instrumental community activists, who currently are serving on the front line of Jordanian democracy.

The training was held in Amman, the capitol of Jordan. The workshop emphasized how to be effective communicators, how to build coalitions with community leaders, how to advocate issues to other levels of government, and how to strengthen effectiveness in their municipalities.

Waters took with her recent copies of the National League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities publications, and the City of Seminole Community Newsletter as American examples of coverage of civic information that would be helpful to participants with their approach to good governance at the municipal level.

She also took copies of the Seminole Beacon to demonstrate how an American newspaper has a strong focus on city government issues.

IRI, an organization based in Washington DC, and focusing on enhancing democracy worldwide, has sent Waters on other assignments since 2004 to work with elected officials, political parties, political activists in Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, and earlier in 2010 to North Africa to work with Egyptian candidates running for Parliament.

Councilor Waters said she “was honored and proud to have had the opportunity to work with such hard working public servants, all working for a better Jordan.”

Representative Leslie Waters, Speaker Pro-Tempore (1998-2006)

Vice Mayor, City of Seminole (2010)

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