

“A CAMPAIGN CHAT WITH LESLIE WATERS”

CANDIDATE FOR SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL

Election - March 10, 2009

How many years have you lived in the area?

I was born and raised in Pinellas County and have lived in the same home for the past 30 years. Al Waters, my husband of 32 years, and I live in Seminole Lake Estates, at the intersection of Park and Starkey.

What is your educational background?

I attended local schools – Gulfport Elementary, Disston Junior High School, Boca Ciega High School, and St. Petersburg Junior College, until I went off to Florida State University where I earned a Bachelor and Masters Degrees. Since then I have received a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) Certificate. I am also a Supreme Court Certified Mediator.

What would you bring to City Council that would benefit the citizens of Seminole?

A great 31 year business career (with Allstate Insurance Company, and with my own government relations consulting firm), 8 successful years in The Florida Legislature, decades of community experience, and knowledge of key issues of importance to the people of Seminole.

What are your priorities for the City of Seminole?

To assure fiscally prudent decisions concerning the **budget** of the City

Help to oversee the rebuilding of all 4 **fire stations** that service 80,000 citizens including citizens in the City of Seminole, and citizens of unincorporated Seminole.

Help to assure that an **Emergency Operations Center** is built for the safety and security of citizens during bad weather events. Also to encourage homeowners to hurricane-proof their homes; and to be conscientious about **hurricane preparedness**.

To assure the **Business Corridors** and future commercial construction meet approved architectural guidelines

Continue the current interest toward providing a **Senior Recreation Center**.

To help find a home for the **Seminole Historical Society**.

To assure the city has a current **Drainage Master Plan**.

To have a major part in the future redevelopment of the **Seminole Mall** area.

To have open and frequent **communications** with citizens, encouraging input before key votes, and not after.

How is your campaign progressing?

Since January 4, friends and I have walked door-to-door to 2000 homes, condos and apartments. I also personally visited 50 Seminole businesses.

Campaign mailers "LESLIE WATERS' WAVE OF BETTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT" were mailed to thousands of voters who had requested a Vote-by-Mail ballot.

The Ambrosia Spa, on Seminole Boulevard, hosted a successful fundraiser for me on January 15, and I participated in a Candidate's Forum at Seminole Gardens.

In February I plan to assemble and distribute 250 campaign yard signs; hold another fundraiser at Wahoo's on the Island, and initiate phone banking activities. I also have numerous "Meet and Greet" events to attend, and a radio interview to discuss my campaign and government issues in general.

How are the citizens of Seminole responding to your campaign for City Council?

The citizens of Seminole have enthusiastically responded to my candidacy. They recognize my business, legislative and community experience can be of great value to Council. The citizens of Seminole can be assured that I am listening to them, and working hard to earn their vote and their confidence in my ability to serve on the Seminole City Council.

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