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LESLIE WATERS MAKES SPLASH IN LOCAL ELECTION

Republican wins in Non-Partisan Local Government Race

Leslie Waters, who served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1998-2006, and termed out as the Speaker Pro-Tempore, won her race for the Seminole City Council, on March 10, 2009.

This non-partisan election, drew 3,973 voters who cast 1,152 (29%) for Leslie Waters to be one of the top two vote getters for two positions on the City Council. This position pays \$5,500, and is for a 3-year term.

Leslie Waters, served for 4 years on the Republican Party of Florida Board, the Pinellas Country Republican Executive Committee and numerous Republican clubs throughout Pinellas County. She was supported by scores of Republican volunteers working hard to get her elected to the Seminole City Council, with the long term strategy of returning to The Florida Legislature in the State Senate in 2012. She is currently the sole proprietor of her own government relations consulting firm.

Taking nothing for granted, Leslie Waters waged an aggressive political grassroots campaign. She and her Republican friends walked door-to-door to over 2,000 homes in two months, visited with 50 local business owners, and coordinated two fundraisers, assembled and distributed 250 yard signs, activated phone banking, conducted radio interviews, sign waving before and on election day, and attended numerous "Meet and Greets."

The City of Seminole has 18,000 citizens within 4.5 square mile city limits. The City's fiscal health is good, dealing with a \$16 million budget with \$4 million in reserves. Close attention to fiscal issues will be of primary concern as she joins the Council.

"I look forward to serving the citizen of Seminole once again," says Leslie Waters, "I am honored at the faith the citizens have put in me."

When asked how victory felt after not being on the ballot since 2004, Leslie replied, "A Campaign Victory at anytime is sweet, exciting and humbling."

She will be sworn-in to the Seminole City Council on Tuesday, March 24, with her father Bill Sampson of Gulfport, and her husband, Al Waters, in attendance.