

2008 Election Update

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As we all know by now, the elections of 2008 proved to be historic! For the first time in our history, an African-American was elected President. The ever-contentious State of Florida changed colors from Red to Blue in the Presidential Election. The Democrats swept the U.S. House and Senate. But, despite this Democratic wave, the Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate remained decisively Republican. The House Republican majority picked up one seat and lost a seat; a seat that was never truly Republican as it was held by a Democrat who switched parties to become a Republican. The new numbers for the State House are 76 Republicans and 44 Democrats; the Senate remains 26 Republicans and 14 Democrats.

As a service to our clients and friends, we have prepared this profile of new Members elected to the Florida House and the Florida Senate including their photos and a short description about their background. Please take a few minutes to get to know our new legislators. We hope you find this information useful as we prepare for the start of the Regular Session of the Florida Legislature on March 3rd, 2009.

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FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 5: Brad Drake–Republican, DeFuniak Springs



Representative Brad Drake is a lifelong resident of Northwest Florida. He is a former Legislative Assistant to Rep. Don Brown and Board Chair for Crimestoppers of Walton County. He is also a member of the 1st Baptist Church of DeFuniak Springs, the National Rifle Association and the DeFuniak Springs Kiwanis Club. Mr. Drake attended the University of Florida, Warrington College of Business, and the Florida State University as a Legislative Intern. Mr. Drake also has a long history of family involvement in Florida state and local politics.

DISTRICT 8: Alan Williams-Democrat, Tallahassee



Representative Alan Williams was born in Tallahassee and has lived in Tallahassee for the past 32 years. Mr. Williams served as an aide to the Mayor of Tallahassee and served on the Mayors Task Force to End Homelessness. He graduated with a Masters in Business Administration from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and is also a graduate of Leadership Tallahassee. In 2003, Representative Williams was featured in Ebony Magazine in the “Twenty Future Leaders under 30” edition. He is married with two children.

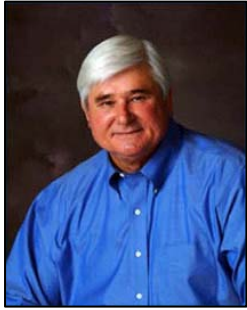
DISTRICT 9: Michelle R. Vasilinda-Democrat, Tallahassee



Representative Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda is a teacher and attorney. She attended New College in Sarasota and then the University of Florida, College of Law. Ms. Rehwinkel is also a member of the Tallahassee Women Lawyers Board of Directors, the Capitol Tiger Bay Club of Tallahassee and Leadership Tallahassee Class XXIII. Representative Vasilinda has served as a board member on many organizations such as the Leon High School Foundation, P.A.C.E. Center for Girls and Common Cause.

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DISTRICT 10: Leonard L. Bemby-Democrat, Greenville



Representative Bemby attended North Florida Community College and Florida State University. Mr. Bemby is a member of the Florida Manufactured Housing Association, a past member of Habitat for Humanity, and current member of the Madison County Development Council. He attended North Florida Community College and Florida State University. Mr. Bemby enjoys spending time with his family which consists of his wife Susan, 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

DISTRICT 12: Janet Adkins-Republican, Fernandina Beach



Representative Janet Adkins is a current member of the Nassau County School Board and the Republican State Committee woman for Nassau County. She serves on the Nassau County Drug, Alcohol and Crime Coalition. Mrs. Adkins earned an MBA in Business Administration in 1990 and a BS in Computer Information Science from the University of North Florida in 1987, Magna cum laude.

DISTRICT 14: Mia Jones-Democrat, Jacksonville



Representative Mia Jones served on the Jacksonville City Council for 2 terms. Ms. Jones has served as Council Liaison to the Water Sewer Expansion Authority, the Victim Assistance Advisory Board, the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission and on the Election Canvassing Board during the Presidential Election of 2004. In 2007, Ms. Jones began serving her second term as the 2nd Vice President for the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. She Chaired the Florida League of Cities Home Rule Administration Council and was a member of the League's 2005 & 2006 Legislative Committee. Also in 2005 she went on to become an Alumnus of the XXIV Class of Leadership Florida.

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DISTRICT 17: Lake Ray-Republican, Jacksonville



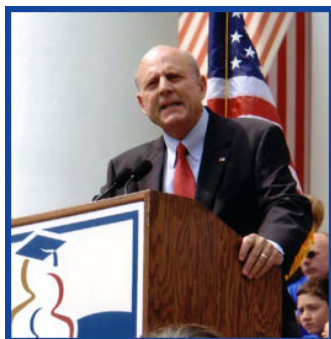
Representative Lake Ray is a former two term member of the Jacksonville City Council. While on the Council, Mr. Ray chaired the Transportation, Environment and Energy Committee, the Jacksonville Waterways Commission, the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and as Council Liaison to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and the Jacksonville Electric Authority & Sister Cities. Mr. Ray is an eighth generation Floridian. He earned an Associates Degree from St. Johns River Jr. College and holds a degree in engineering from the University of Florida. He is currently a professional engineer. Mr. Ray and his wife Brenda have three sons. Their son, Lake is on active duty in the United States Army Special Forces and will be deployed to Afghanistan in January 2009.

DISTRICT 18: “Doc” Renuart-Republican, Ponte Vedra Beach



Representative Doc Renuart was born, raised, and educated in Florida. He has an active practice of internal medicine in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Dr. Renuart earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida and his osteopathic medical degree from Nova Southeastern University. Upon moving to the Jacksonville area in 1991, he completed his internal medicine residency in 1994 with the University of Florida at Shands Jacksonville. Dr. Renuart has served over 18 years with the Florida Army National Guard as a physician and is a veteran of three tours in the Global War on Terrorism. He is past Chief Medical Officer for the Florida Army National Guard. Dr. Renuart is also on the executive board for the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association. He lives in Ponte Vedra Beach with his wife of 19 years, Jackie, and his three children.

DISTRICT 19: Mike Weinstein-Republican, Jacksonville



Representative Mike Weinstein has 25 years of financial and management experience. Mr. Weinstein has devoted much of his leadership and expertise to the public particularly serving as head of Take Stock for Children. Before becoming head of Take Stock for Children, Mr. Weinstein served as the President and CEO of the Jacksonville Super Bowl Host Committee. In 1996, he was appointed by Mayor John Delaney to serve as executive director of the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission, an agency with 12 divisions dedicated to economic development.

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DISTRICT 21: Charles Van Zant-Republican, Palatka



Representative Charles Van Zant attended Stetson University, and later received his Bachelors Degree in Architecture from the University of Florida. His Master of Divinity Degree is from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Van Zant received his Doctorate of Theology from Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Havana, Cuba. Mr. Van Zant is now a school teacher and past school board member. Mr. Van Zant's primary focus during his campaign was rebuilding the economy. Palatka, which is at the heart of District 21, was recently named by Forbes magazine as the nation's second most vulnerable town to the economic downturn. He supports gun rights and preserving the Rodman Reservoir.

DISTRICT 27: Dwayne Taylor-Democrat, Daytona Beach



Representative Dwayne Taylor is a former firefighter and novelist. Mr. Taylor served as a City Commissioner for Daytona Beach from 2003-2008. He graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in Public Administration.

DISTRICT 30: Ritch Workman-Republican, Melbourne



Representative Ritch Workman has a bachelor's degree in real estate and urban analysis from Appalachian State University. Prior to graduating, he served in the Army National Guard, was promoted to Captain and served as a Battery Commander. Since graduating from college, Mr. Workman has worked for his family business, Workman Mortgage Company. During his campaign, Mr. Workman stressed his small business roots and reiterated that he was a free market candidate that believes that government should concentrate on basic government functions like roads, police, fire, and allow the free market to work.

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DISTRICT 31: John Tobia-Republican, Satellite Beach



Representative John Tobia's campaign focused on lowering taxes and reforming the insurance industry. He graduated with honors from the University of Florida where he majored in political science and minored in English. Upon graduation, he continued coursework at UF and was awarded a master's degree in political science. Mr. Tobia currently teaches State and Local Politics and American Federal Government. He is a licensed real estate

agent and mortgage broker and is in the process of finishing a doctorate in education from the University of Central Florida.

DISTRICT 32: Steve Crisafulli-Republican, Merritt Island



Representative Steve Crisafulli is a fourth generation resident of Brevard. Mr. Crisafulli is a graduate of Brevard Community College and the University of Central Florida. As past President of the Brevard County Farm Bureau, Mr. Crisafulli understands this important industry. By being a small business owner, Mr. Crisafulli also understands the challenges of making a payroll, paying taxes and insurance premiums.

DISTRICT 40: Eric "E" Eisnaugle-Republican, Orlando



Representative Eric Eisnaugle serves of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. He also served as a law clerk for the White House Counsel's Office and the Florida Governor, General Counsel's Office. Mr. Eisnaugle attended Vanderbilt University Law School and Florida Southern College, where he received his bachelors in Business Administration and Economics. He remains very active in the community, serving on the Board of Directors of the Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida.

He is a current member of the South Orange Chamber of Commerce and West Orange Chamber Government Affairs Committee.

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DISTRICT 37: Scott Plakon-Republican, Longwood



Representative Plakon is originally from Rochester, New York. He attended Stetson University and graduated in 1981 and started a publishing company with a friend, publishing telephone directories for Florida Universities. After his first foray into publishing, he joined a local firm and had a successful career in the securities industry. He later served as chief operating officer at another publishing company and in early 1996, after only 3 years, that Central Florida Company started to trade on the NASDAQ National Stock Market. In 1998, he founded the Nationwide Publishing Company, Inc., printing in over 20 states. He is a member of the National Federation of Independent Businesses and The Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Plakon is married with six children.

DISTRICT 42: Marlene O'Toole-Republican, The Villages



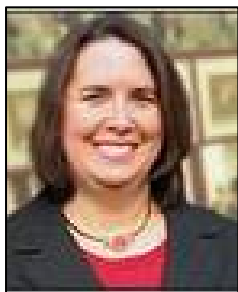
Representative Marlene O' Toole began her career as IBM's Regional Manager for the South. She managed an annual budget of \$25.5 million and a multi-site operation of over 800 employees. Mrs. O' Toole serves on the Lake County Republican Executive Committee and is a board member of the United Way. Representative O'Toole spends most of her time as a volunteer at the Beverly Shores School and Rimes Elementary Student Reading Programs. She and her husband Ed live in Lady Lake and are the proud parents of 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson.

DISTRICT 56: Rachel Burgin-Republican, Tampa



Representative Rachel Burgin is a lifelong Hillsborough County resident. Ms. Burgin was a former aide to former State Representative Trey Traviesa. She is now involved with the Hillsborough County Republican Executive Committee and the Plant City Federated Republican Women. She is the State Liaison to the Brandon Community Advantage Center and a volunteer at the Plant City Pregnancy Care Center.

DISTRICT 64: Kelli Stargel-Republican, Lakeland



Representative Kelli Stargel manages a string of rental properties. She was appointed by former Speaker of the House Marco Rubio to serve on the Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives. She was also appointed to the University of South Florida Department of Education Advisory Board. Ms. Stargel is also a board member of the The Well of Central Florida, an abuse shelter for women, and is the current president of the Republican Women's Club. Her husband, John Stargel, is a former State Representative and current judge.

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DISTRICT 65: John Wood-Republican, Haines City



Representative John Wood was born in Polk County and spent his youth in Winter Haven. Mr. Wood attended Georgia Tech, the University of Florida, and then graduated from Columbia University in 1974, where he received a B.A. in Economics. He went on to earn a J.D. from Florida State University in 1977. As a builder, real estate attorney, and local businessman, Representative Wood has established a thriving development business in Winter Haven. Mr. Wood is a member of the Winter Haven and Haines City Chamber of Commerce, East Polk County Association of Realtors, Polk County Builders Association, the Florida

Association of Realtors, Florida Bar, Lakeland Bar Association and the Florida Homebuilders Association.

DISTRICT 71: Ken Roberson-Republican, Port Charlotte



Representative Ken Roberson was born in Bradenton, Florida in 1943. He was educated in Florida's public school system. His grandfather, J. C. Kennerly, was an owner and operator of a grocery store in East Bradenton and was also a citrus grower. Representative Roberson moved to Charlotte County in 1975 and founded the Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory. Mr. Roberson has two sons and six grandchildren.

DISTRICT 76: Tom Grady-Republican, Naples



Representative Grady moved to Naples 25 years ago to begin practicing law. In 1979, he served as an intern for the Florida House of Representatives and was the editor of the Eclipse, the newsletter for the FSU Republicans while an undergraduate at Florida State University. Mr. Grady graduated Summa Cum Laude from FSU and went on to Law School at Duke University, where he graduated with distinction. Mr. Grady specializes in the areas of Securities and Complex Commercial Litigation. He is an alumnus of the 1990 class of Leadership Collier and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for NCH Healthcare System. He is also the past Chairman

and current member of the Board of Directors for the Youth Development Foundation and, co-chaired the Governor's Family Literacy Initiative Celebration of Reading. He is married with two children.

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DISTRICT 78: Kevin Rader-Democrat, Boynton Beach



Representative Kevin Rader is a business owner. Mr. Rader participates in a variety of public service and philanthropic activities. In addition to being a member of B'nai Torah Congregation, where his wife, Amy, is a Rabbi, he is active in the South Palm Beach County Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Anti Defamation League (ADL) and the American Israel Political Action Committee (AIPAC). Mr. Rader is a sponsor and coach for I9, the Boca Raton Youth Athletic Association, and has volunteered in local charities, including the Caring Kitchen of Delray Beach, the SOS Children's Village in Coconut Creek and the Jewish Association for

Residential Care (JARC). He has been active with many Democratic campaigns both locally, statewide and nationally. In 1992, he worked on the Clinton/Gore campaign, and continued to work on President Clinton's inauguration.

DISTRICT 79: Mike Horner-Republican, Kissimmee



Representative Mike Horner is a 5th generation Floridian. He is a conservative Republican who believes in small, fair and accountable government. He has served as President of the Kissimmee/Osceola Chamber of Commerce for ten years. Representative-Elect Horner is married to Abby and they have a son, Lawson. From 1990-1994, Mr. Horner served in key Senate legislative staff positions supporting important Central Florida legislative initiatives. As Chamber President he has worked actively with local and state elected officials on programs to

secure benefits for the Kissimmee region. Mr. Horner has served on various civic boards, including Community Vision, Good Samaritan Village, Osceola Education Foundation, Osceola Regional Medical Center, Community Health Improvement Council, Good Samaritan Retirement Village and the Osceola Republican Executive Committee.

DISTRICT 80: Debbie Mayfield-Republican, Vero Beach



Representative Debbie Mayfield is native Floridian, having grown up in Pensacola. She owns and operates a mortgage brokerage company. Before starting her business, Mrs. Mayfield worked in banking for institutions including Barnett Bank, First National Bank & Trust, and Harris Trust Bank. Married for 31 years, she has three boys all of whom attend public school. Mrs. Mayfield currently sits on the Indian River County Economic Development Council and has previously served on the City of Vero Beach Finance Committee. She is also a member of the Junior League of Indian River County, where she served as the Vice President of Finance and the United Way of Indian River County as the Funds Distribution Chairman.

Mrs. Mayfield has been a member of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, Republican Women Aware, Republican Executive Committee of Indian River County, Indian River County of Realtors, National Mortgage Brokers Association, and the Florida Mortgage Brokers Association.

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DISTRICT 81: Adam Fetterman-Democrat, Port St. Lucie



Representative Adam Fetterman currently serves as General Counsel to St. Lucie County Sheriff. Mr. Fetterman also serves as President-Elect of the Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County. He grew up in South Florida, where by the age of 14, he held a job at Publix as a bag boy and worked alongside his parents at their small law firm. As an honors graduate of Palm Beach Gardens High School, Mr. Fetterman attended Brandeis University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology. He then attended the University of Miami, School of Law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the University of Miami Business Law Journal. Representative Fetterman and his wife Mindi returned to Port St. Lucie to start a family and in 2005 their son Noah joined the family.

DISTRICT 85: Joseph Abruzzo- Democrat, Wellington



Representative Joseph Abruzzo is involved with the Palm Beach County Consumer Affairs Hearing Board City of Boca Raton. He is also a member of Congressman John Conyers' Universal Health Care Conference and the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. Abruzzo is involved with many organizations such as the United South County Democratic Club, Democratic Club of Greater Boynton, Mid County Democratic Club, Lake Worth West Democratic Club, and he is a current member of the Voters Coalition.

DISTRICT 88: Mark Pafford-Democrat, West Palm Beach



Representative Mark Pafford is a third generation Floridian, born and raised in South Florida and educated in Florida's public school system in North Miami. He earned his AA degree from Miami-Dade Community College in 1986, and in 1988, received a Bachelor of Public Administration Degree from Florida International University in North Miami. After a year of post-baccalaureate study in Public Administration at FIU, he and his family relocated to Palm Beach County in the early 1990s. After working with the Florida Legislature and the then the Alzheimer's Association and Area Agency on Aging for 11 years, he serves as the Director of Leadership Giving for The

Lord's Place, a private, not-for-profit organization assisting homeless men, women and children. Representative Pafford is married and has two children, a daughter and a son.

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DISTRICT 92: Gwyn Clarke-Reed-Democrat, Deerfield Beach



Representative Gwyn Clarke Reed was born in the Frog Alley neighborhood of Delray Beach and has been a teacher in the public schools of New York and Florida. Ms. Clarke-Reed holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Science from Brooklyn College and a Masters Degree in Education from Adelphi University. Her legislative interests include education, youth development, economic revitalization and citizen advocacy. Representative Clarke-Reed served 12 years on the Deerfield Beach City Commission, serving as the Vice-Mayor during her first year. In 2002, she also served as President of the Broward League of Cities. She also served on the Board of Directors and in leadership roles for both the Florida League of Cities and the National League of Cities. She is involved with the Boys and Girls Club, the Kiwanis Club, the American Cancer Society, the Greater Deerfield Beach Democratic Club, the American Association of University Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Broward Teachers Union-Retirees.

DISTRICT 94: Hazelle Rogers-Democrat, Lauderdale Lakes



Representative Rogers has been a city commissioner for the City of Lauderdale Lakes since 1996. She is the Past President of the Broward League of Cities and is active in the Florida and National League of Cities. Ms. Rogers is very active in her community and has extensive experience serving on numerous local community boards and organizations. She is a founding member of the Lauderdale Lakes Community Council. Representative Rogers has an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and a Bachelor's Degree in Management. She is local consultant, Realtor and mortgage broker. She has been married for 34 years.

DISTRICT 106: Richard Steinberg- Democrat, Miami Beach



Representative Richard L. Steinberg is a former city commissioner for Miami Beach. He attended the University of Florida, College of Business and the University of Miami, School of Law. He also earned a Masters in Business Administration. Mr. Steinberg is active in several Bar Associations and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami. Mr. Steinberg served as President and Legislative Chairman of the Miami Dade League of Cities, as a former Government Liaison on the Board of Governors for the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce and as a governing board member for the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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DISTRICT 109: James Bush III-Democrat, Miami



Representative James Bush III is a native Floridian, having been born in Panama City, Florida. He is a teacher by trade. He received a BS from Bethune Cookman College in 1979 and an MS in Educational Administration and Supervision from Nova University in 1984. Mr. Bush served in the Florida Legislature from 1992 until 2000, representing District 109. He was an Associate Minister with Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Brownsville. Representative Bush is also a Board Member of Community Action Agency (CAA), a former Democratic Executive Committeeman (1984-92), former Chair of the Florida Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence, and a member of the United Teachers of Dade.

DISTRICT 110: Esteban Bovo- Republican, Hialeah



Representative Esteban Bovo has served on the City of Hialeah Council for the last 10 years, the last two years as Council President. During that time he has worked hard to lower property taxes and eliminated wasteful spending. He helped create after school care programs such as e-libraries and reading corners and established new police and fire sub-stations. Mr. Bovo is on the Board of Directors for the Bay of Pig's Museum and library, and is a member of the Lions Club.

DISTRICT 111: Erik Fresen-Republican, Coral Gables



Representative Erik Fresen was born and raised in the District he will now represent. Mr. Fresen is a Land Use Specialist and is a former Legislative Aide to Former State Representative Renier Diaz de la Portilla. Mr. Fresen is the Chair to the Educational Facilities Benefit District and is a member of the Miami-Dade Schools Blue Ribbon Committee on Workforce Housing. Mr. Fresen promises to implement significant education reform and tax relief for Florida families. Mr. Fresen is married with twin sons.

DISTRICT 118: Dwight Bullard-Democrat, Miami



Representative Dwight Bullard is a 27-year resident of District 118, having been raised in the community of Richmond Heights. He attended Miami-Dade County Public Schools and is a proud graduate of Florida A & M University, where he received a bachelors of science in history in 1999. Mr. Bullard is currently in his tenth year of teaching in Miami-Dade County. Notably, he has spent the last fifteen years watching both of his parents represent District 118.

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DISTRICT 9: Andy Gardiner-Republican, Orlando



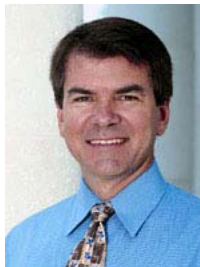
Senator Andy Gardiner served the Florida House of Representatives for 8 years prior to running for Senator Dan Webster's Senate seat, after Senator Webster was term limited. District 9 encompasses parts of Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Under House Speaker Allan Bense, Mr. Gardiner served as Majority Leader and under House Speaker Marco Rubio, Mr. Gardiner Chaired a 13 member Select Committee on Autism and Developmental Disorders. Mr. Gardiner attended Stetson University, where he received his bachelors in Political Science and Psychology. Among his various accolades, Mr. Gardiner is also involved with many committees and boards such as the Orange County Republican Executive Committee, Orange County Young Republicans, Orlando Marine Institute, and the Valencia Community College Foundation.

DISTRICT 23: Nancy C. Detert-Republican, Sarasota



Senator Nancy Detert is a former State Representative for District 70 in Sarasota. In 2006, Ms. Detert was termed out of office and will now replace Senator Carlton in District 23. While serving in the House, Ms. Detert was an effective legislator and was ranked by *The Miami Herald* as one of the Top 25 State Legislators for her "sound policy objectives and behind the scenes work". She is involved with Big Brother and Big Sisters.

DISTRICT 24: Thad Altman-Republican, Melbourne



Senator Thad Altman is a former Florida State Representative for District 30 and has lived in Central East Florida for over 50 years. Mr. Altman graduated from Brevard Community College, played baseball at the University of Houston and earned a bachelor's degree from Rollins College in 1987. During his tenure in the House of Representatives, Thad Altman served as Chair of the Committee on Education Innovation and Career Preparation, and Vice Chair of the Committee on Space and Technology. Senator Altman also serves as a Director on the Board of Space Florida and on the Workforce Florida Board of Directors. Mr. Altman is a contractor and lives in Melbourne with his wife and their three children.

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DISTRICT 29: Chris Smith-Democrat, Ft. Lauderdale



Senator Christopher Smith is a native Floridian who spent his formative years actively involved in the Fort Lauderdale Branch of the NAACP Youth Council, ascending to the position of president. Senator Smith attended Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU) in Charlotte, North Carolina and then earned a Juris Doctor at the Florida State University College of Law. In 1998, he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives for District 93, where he served on many committees including Utilities and Telecommunications Committee, Elections and Crime and Punishment. He also served as the Democratic House Leader and Democratic Leader Pro Tempore. Currently, Mr. Smith practices law in the areas of civil trial, municipal law and civil rights litigation. Mr. Smith is married with two children.

DISTRICT 31: Eleanor Sobel-Democrat, Hallandale Beach



Senator Eleanor Sobel is a former Vice Mayor of the city of Hollywood, former Florida State Representative and current Broward County School Board Member. She is the President of Emrelle Preventive Skin Care Company, a community activist and a former school teacher. Ms. Sobel has served as President of the Hills Democratic Club, a member of the Hollywood Art and Culture Center and on the National Council of Jewish Women. She has also served on the Board of Directors for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation for America Florida Chapter. She attended Brooklyn College, City University of New York and Columbia University.

DISTRICT 35: Dan Gelber-Democrat, Miami Beach



Senator Dan Gelber is a native Floridian, born in Miami Beach where he lives with his family to this day. Mr. Gelber is a former federal prosecutor and a former Florida State Representative where he served as the Democratic Leader for the last two years. He graduated *cum laude* from Tufts University and earned his law degree from the University of Florida, College of Law. Mr. Gelber has also been Chairman of 'Do the Write Thing' and co-founded the Camp Fiesta Summer Oncology Camp, where he is still an active volunteer. He has also served as President for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami.

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DISTRICT 37: Garrett Richter-Republican, Naples



Senator Garrett Richter, originally from Pennsylvania, is a former Florida State Representative. He served in the U.S. Army, Won the Vietnam Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, and was a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserves. Mr. Richter has also served as a Board Member for the Economic Development Council and the Florida Bankers Association. He attended the University of Pittsburgh, where he received his bachelor's degree and then attended The Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Richter is also the Founder and CEO of First National Bank of Florida.

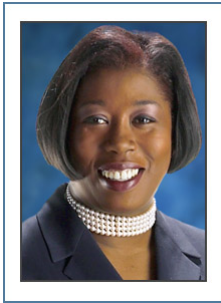
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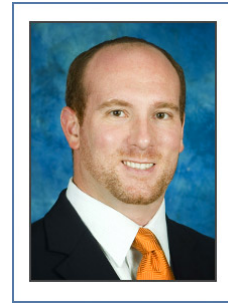
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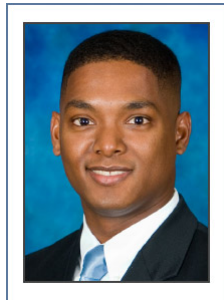
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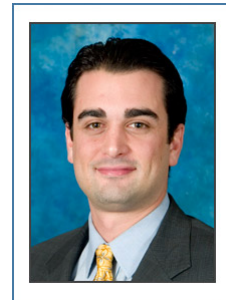
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