

LESLIE WATERS



STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE MAYOR, CITY OF SEMINOLE

Born and raised in St. Petersburg/Gulfport, Pinellas County, Florida

Graduated from Florida State University, B.S., M.S.; Supreme Court Certified Mediator

Senior Professional in Human Resource (SPHR) Certification

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY – (1971-2000); Human Resources,
Corporate, Government Relations, and Strategic Marketing Management

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE – (1998-2006); House of Representatives;
Chairman – House Insurance Committee; Chairman – House Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations; Co-Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Hurricane Insurance; Speaker Pro-Tempore (2004-2006)

CITY OF SEMINOLE - Councilor (Elected 2009), Vice-Mayor (2 yrs.); Interim-Mayor (5 mos.), Mayor (Present)
Suncoast League of Cities; Pinellas County Mayors' Council; Florida League of Mayors Board of Directors

LESLIE WATERS GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – (Since 2006); Experienced Washington DC & Tallahassee
Lobbyist; Facilitator of “good government” motivational programs: “*How to Advocate Your Government*,” “*Know Your Government – From City Hall to the Halls of Congress*” and “*Campaigning to Win*” Workshops; “*One-On-One Campaign Coaching*” for Judicial, Municipal & Legislative Candidates; “*Listen-up: How to Improve Your Communication Skills*;”

INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE (IRI), Washington DC

International Democracy Consultant

Indonesia (2004) – “*How to be Effective Members of Parliament*”

Burmese Political Exiles in India/Thailand (2006) – “*Team Building and Dispute Resolution*”

Sri Lanka (2007) – “*How to Advocate Your Government*”

Casablanca, Morocco & Cairo, Egypt - (2010, 2011) – “*Campaign Workshops*,” *Egyptian Women running for Parliament*

Amman, Jordan (2010) - “*How to Be Effective Local Government Officials*”

Juba, Sudan (2010) – “*How to Develop a Gender-Sensitive Legislative Agenda in Southern Sudan*”

Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo in 2010 & Banja Luka in 2011) – “*Effective Communications, Coalition Building*”

Somaliland, East Africa (2013) – “*Being Effective Mayors, Councilors and Political Party Leaders*”

On the Women’s Democracy Network Council, an initiative of IRI, 2013 & 2014

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG (USFSP)

Adjunct Political Science Professor (2010-2012)

ECKERD COLLEGE, St. Petersburg, Florida

Adjunct Political Science Professor (2013, 2014)

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST - current involvement with: PEMHS Mental Health Board; VFW-A #9272
Pinellas County Urban League Board & PCUL Guild; Pinellas County Farm Bureau Board, Pinellas County Sheriff’s
Advisory Board; Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce; Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce
Largo-Mid-Pinellas Chamber of Commerce – “*Inspire Award*,” 2010
St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce – Finalist “*Women with Vision Award 2012*”
Girl Scouts of West Central Florida – Woman of Distinction, 2014

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