

Pulse in Tallahassee

Florida State Representative Tina Polsky, District 81
Committee Week #1, September 16-20, 2019
Committee Week #2, October 14-18, 2019

Dear Friends,

The preparations for the 2020 Legislative Session officially began last month with our first Committee Week and continued this month with our second of six committee weeks.

I am extremely excited to announce that I have filed my first two bills for consideration.

- **HB 91, Holocaust Education Act of 2020**—This bill updates the original 1994 Holocaust Education Act by strengthening requirements, having the Department of Education create curriculum standards, and requiring charter schools and private schools accepting government vouchers to participate in this education.
- **HJR 95, Representation of Women** —This bill would mandate that any abortion law brought forth by the legislature may only be approved if half of the members of each chamber are women.



Rep. Polsky & members of the Small County Coalition after receiving the Legislative Recognition award

My staff and I are working diligently to file my remaining four bills, which will include a safe storage of guns bill and a medical marijuana employment protection bill.

On the Horizon

During these early committee weeks, state agencies, non-profit organizations, trade associations, and other interested groups make presentations to different committees. These presentations offer us some insight into what will likely be considered during the legislative session. Thus far, we have seen presentations on several interesting topics including, the State's long term financial outlook, teacher compensation, and gun reform.



Rep. Polsky and colleagues at a press conference for HB 263, Breast Cancer Coverage Bill

During the first committee week, the Florida Senate held a Gun Reform Workshop, where they discussed certain gun reform legislation. I was very excited to see the Senate take this crucial first step towards common sense gun reform. The second committee week brought us discussions on the legalization of recreational marijuana; experts from Colorado presented their experience and expertise to the Health and Human Services Committee and the Health Quality Subcommittee.

I am so excited to see that the Legislature is interested in discussing these important topics, and I am hopeful that we will see some movement on these issues during the upcoming Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

Representative Tina Polsky



Rep. Polsky and Rabbi Oreichman offering a prayer for Sukkot

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