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# Frankly Speaking...



## **Congresswoman Frankel Appointed to House Appropriations Committee**

Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21) was appointed to the powerful House Committee on Appropriations, the body that writes the laws that direct federal funding.

“In the new Democratic majority, I am honored to have an extraordinary opportunity to advocate for south Floridians at the highest level of government advancing investments in health care, education, better infrastructure and global peace.”

The Congresswoman’s service has well positioned her for this new assignment. As a former State Representative and Mayor of West Palm Beach, Congresswoman Frankel brings valuable insight into the needs of local and state government. Now in her fourth term, she previously served on the Foreign Affairs and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees, as well as Chairing the Democratic Women’s Working Group.

Congresswoman Frankel will serve on the following subcommittees:

- *Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies*
- *Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies*
- *State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs*



Rep. Frankel at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast

## **Congresswoman Frankel Attends Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Scholarship Breakfast**

The Congresswoman was honored to once again offer some words at the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast. She of course thanked Edith Bush and her hard-working committee that does such a remarkable job each year. The Congresswoman commended all students who participated in the essay contest and offered some words of reflection on Dr. King's legacy and how we need to use his teachings in everyday life. As Dr. King said, "*Injustice anywhere is a threat to injustice everywhere.*"

## **Congresswoman Frankel Hosted Roundtable with Constituents and Local Organizations Suffering from the Government Shutdown**

The Congresswoman hosted a roundtable during the government shutdown to hear from constituents and local organizations that have been harmed by the shutdown, the longest government shutdown in our nation's history.

800,000 federal workers were either furloughed or forced to work without paychecks, including 13,000 Floridians. This impacted the safety of our airports, the quality of our food and the security of our borders. The stories that the Congresswoman heard were heartbreaking and put a face to this horrific action.

Finally, and thankfully, on January 25<sup>th</sup> the shutdown ended. "For 35 days, the country has heard heartbreaking stories from Americans impacted by the irresponsible and unnecessary Trump shutdown. I thank our government workers for continuing to work through adversity. I look forward to working in a bipartisan way on smart border security and initiatives that are for the people," stated Congresswoman Frankel.



Rep. Frankel listening to constituents and local organizations as they share with her how they were firsthand being harmed by the government shutdown.

## **IRS IS BACK & TAX SEASON IS HERE**

For those in need, you can receive tax preparation assistance at several county wide sites. All options are supported by IRS certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers. Sites are handicap accessible and are open Monday, Jan. 28 through Monday, April 15 unless

otherwise noted. The website for actual locations in Palm Beach County is [TaxesFiledFree.org](https://taxesfiled.free.org) or you can visit the United Way of Palm Beach County site at <https://unitedwaypb.org/taxes/>

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