

The Polsky Pulse

Florida State Representative Tina Polsky, District 81
February 2019

Dear Friends,

January has been a really busy month for District 81. I have seen a new Cabinet inaugurated, travelled to Tallahassee for two committee weeks, and heard from my constituents at Palm Beach County's Legislative Delegation meetings and workshops.

My colleagues and I have participated in two committee weeks, where we began our work for the 2019 Legislative Session. Throughout our committees, we have received presentations from State Agencies aimed to educate the Legislators on the purview of each agency and their plans for the next fiscal year. We have also begun hearing bills in our committees; this is just the beginning of the work as we consider the hundreds of bills filed for the 2019 Legislative Session.



Rep. Polsky speaking at the Jewish Federation Legislative Send-off.



Rep. Polsky and her colleagues at the Inauguration of Nikki Fried.

In the month of January, State Representatives were required to file two of their six bills for consideration. I am extremely excited to put forth the following two bills:

- **House Bill 121, Instructional Personnel Salaries**— This bill would require a minimum salary of \$50,000 for teachers throughout Florida.
- **House Bill 353, Housing Trust Funds**— This bill would require that any sweep of the Affordable Housing Trust funds be repaid in 5 years and that a report be created to indicate what the swept funds were used for.

The remainder of my bills must be filed by the beginning of the legislative session on March 5. I am working diligently to craft legislation that will benefit all Floridians and the constituents of District 81!

In an effort to keep you abreast of what is going on in Tallahassee throughout the Legislative session, I will be publishing a weekly legislative update, *Pulse of Tallahassee*.



Rep. Polsky in her Tallahassee Office.

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This update will be designed to keep you informed on what's gaining traction, what's stalling, and what is being discussed in the State Capitol. Please sign up to receive this update by sending me an email with the subject "Pulse of Tallahassee Subscription."

While I am in Tallahassee, I want you to know that both my Boca Raton and Belle Glade offices will be open and fully operational. As your State Legislator, my number one priority is making sure that you are taken care of. If you are experiencing any issues please reach out to my offices and my staff will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



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Implementation of Amendment 4

Starting on January 9, 2019, Amendment 4, Restoration of Rights, went into effect. This ballot initiative allows for the automatic restoration of the right to vote for people with a felony conviction upon completion of their sentences, with the exclusion of those convicted of murder or sexual offenses.



The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections has begun the process of registering those who qualify to vote. To get more information on how to register or if you, a family member or friend qualify to have your rights restored, reach out to the Supervisor of Elections office, (561) 656-6200 or www.pbcelections.org.