## **SLOSBERG REPORT**

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### The Team

Customer service is important and my team is here for you. Don't hesitate to contact us for help.

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### **Constituents Services**

Our office provides assistance with State Agencies such as: Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Dept. of Insurance -Fraud, Discrimination, Senior Resources, Road Safety, Notary, Health Care and more...

### **Making Florida Peaceful and Safer**

I am requesting a special session of the Legislature to address the serious, ongoing fears created by recreational discharge of firearms in residential areas of our state. In some areas, target practice and negligent shooting create a near-constant state of anxiety for neighboring families. Before headlines take over about a tragic death, needless injuries, or simply the severe mental anguish experienced by nearby residents, the Legislature should act swiftly and responsibly.

Emily Slopby

Representative Emily Slosberg, District 91

Happy Labor



# Day!



Rosh Hashanah will be Monday Sept. 30 to Tuesday October 1. Le Shana Tovah! May you have a peaceful, joyous New Year.

## Watch Out for Hurricanes!

Meteorologists recently warned that chances of hurricane activity in Florida increased with the fading of El Nino – so it's more important than ever to refresh your supplies, go over your familiy's hurricane plan and review the "Official Palm Beach County Hurricane Planning Guide" at <u>www.readypbc.com</u>, and the Red Cross booklet written for seniors by seniors at <u>www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/seniors.html</u>

- □ Sufficient water and non-perishable food.
- **D** Fresh batteries, cash, medicine.
- □ Insurance and emergency contact information.



Meanwhile, in response to the deaths of 8 nursing home residents after a power failure during Hurriane Irma in 2017, Florida regulators issued emergency rules requiring nursing homes and assisted living facilities to maintain backup generators and fuel in case of a power failure. The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs announced that facilities failing to implement an

emergency power plan would have to pay sanctions of up to \$1,000 a day, along with facing revocation of their license to operate in Florida. Nevertheless, it isn't

clear that all nursing homes and assisted living facilities have the required equipment. If you have loved ones in a Florida nursing facility, take time to contact the administrator to ask if back-up generators and fuel are in place.





Legislative Assistant Jack Anderson

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Intern Linda Cherry

## We're Here for You!

Only a small fraction of law-making and other legislative work is actually done on the floor during Florida's legislative sessions, but our team works year-round doing issue research, planning and study sessions, town hall meetings, discussions with voters, workshops, backgrounders, public forums and meetings with federal, state and local officials.

The District 91 staff supporting Rep. Slosberg is headed by legislative assistant Jack Anderson, who comes from Orlando where he previously worked at a public affairs firm managing communications responsibilities. With legislative committee weeks starting in late-September, and a new legislative session beginning in January, Jack will split his time between our district office in Delray Beach and legislative offices in Tallahassee. District Secretary Ed Sol works from our district office. He is a retired optometrist and a veteran coordinator of assistance for District 91 constituents who have questions , problems and ideas. Administrative Assistant Juanita Gomez is a senior at Florida Atlantic University, and she handles information technology and a variety of support responsibilities. Intern Linda Cherry was formerly a newspaper reporter and corporate communications professional. She manages our newsletter and other communications



work. Our whole team is dedicated to working for District 91 and its constituents. Whether you need help navigating government services, have ideas about state laws and policies, or have questions, problems or suggestions, don't hesitate to call on us at 561-496-5940.

## Remember . . . 9/11

Traditionally, a moment of silence is observed at 8:46 a.m. on September 11, to recognize the first 9/11 attack in 2001. Besides resulting in about 3,000 immediate deaths, as well as injuries and toxic exposures for thousands more, 9/11 led to events that have changed the course of life throughout the United States and the world. An era of continuing wars started, along with increased surveillance, expanded intelligence-gathering, and stricter security checks at airports and ports of entry. Immigration became an ongoing focus of attention and U.S. deportations more than doubled. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, so

young persons aren't likely to have any personal memories of 9/11, or a time when America was not at war, or a commercial airline flight that didn't include full-body scans and shoe removal for most passengers. And that's all the more reason to observe a moment of silence . . . and remember 9/11.

# Don't Be a Victim

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department makes car theft prevention and the arrest of thieves an ongoing priority. Arrests are up, and South Florida saw a slight decline in car thefts last year but South Florida still experienced the most thefts in the state, a total of more than 20,000 in 2018, or an average of 55 for every day of the year.

Be theft smart. The tips below won't prevent all car thefts, but they'll make them less likely.

• Keep your vehicle locked at all times, even while driving.

- When parked, never leave your keys in the **car**.
- Never leave your car running and unattended.
- Avoid leaving valuables inside your **vehicle** where passersby can see them.