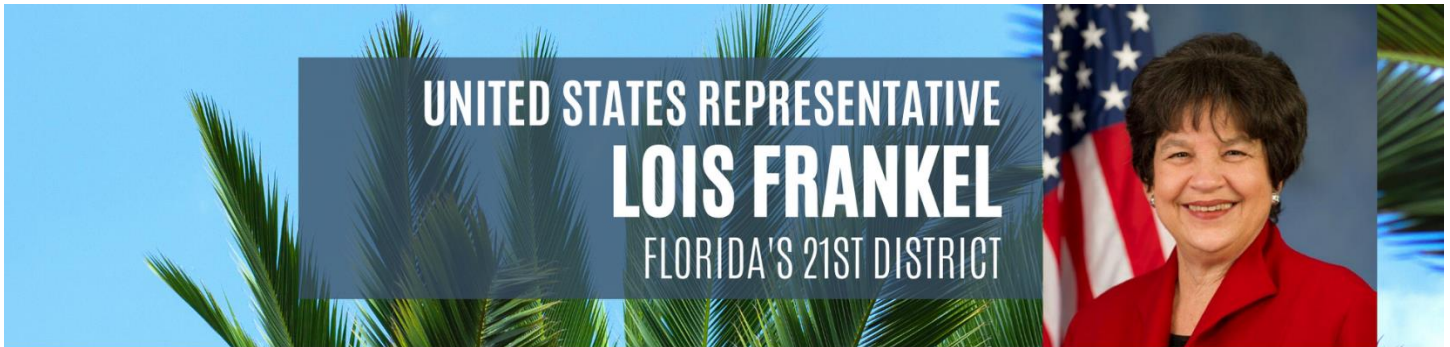


March 2020

Frankly Speaking...



Rep. Frankel Holds Affordable Housing Roundtable with Local Leaders



As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Frankel hosted a roundtable to discuss affordable housing and homelessness. Around 1,400 people in Palm Beach County were identified as homeless in a 2019 count, up almost 100 from the previous year. The county's population has grown 12 percent in the past 10 years, and available affordable housing units have not kept pace.

Rep. Frankel was joined by local mayors, elected officials, housing experts and advocates.

2020 U.S. Census Information

The 2020 U.S. Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.

By mid-March, households around the nation will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 U.S. Census. You will have three options for responding: **ONLINE BY PHONE BY MAIL**

Who Should you Count?

If you are filling out the census for your home, you should count everyone who is living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes any friends or family members who are living and sleeping there most of the time.

Who is Required to Respond?

Everyone living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) is **required by law** to be counted in the 2020 Census.

Privacy

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. Every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

The Census Bureau **will not** send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census. During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau **will never ask**: your Social Security number, your bank account or credit card numbers, money or donations. Further, the Census Bureau **will not contact** you on behalf of a political party.

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Rep. Frankel Questions Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar on Title X Funding



Washington, D.C. – On Wednesday, Rep. Lois Frankel (FL-21), member of the House Appropriations Committee, questioned Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar on the Trump administration’s cruel Title X gag rule during a subcommittee hearing on the department’s Fiscal Year 2021 budget request.

During the hearing, Rep. Frankel asked Secretary Azar a series of questions on the administration’s gag rule, which prevents organizations that receive federal Title X funding from counseling women on abortion options or providing referrals to abortion services.

Below is an excerpt from Rep. Frankel’s questioning:

“Rep Frankel: *Who should decide whether or not someone brings a child into this world? Who is the best, should someone have to call the governor, or call you, or call me?*

Secretary Azar: *So with regard to Title X, we are enforcing the Title X law which by Congress prohibits referral for abortion as a method of family planning and our final rule actually was upheld even by—*

Frankel: *Well abortion is a medical service that is legal. It's legal, is that correct?*

Azar: *The Congress decides where Federal money may be used in connection with abortion. And so the federal the statute and Title X prohibits referral to programs in which—*

Frankel: *I do understand that, and as a result of what is called a gag rule, which means providers cannot give their patients all the information they need to make important decisions, you have lost the biggest provider in the country, which is called Planned Parenthood.*

For video of Rep. Frankel’s questions during the hearing, click [here](#).

Please Join My Staff for In District Office Hour

Monday, March 9 10:30am-11:30am West Boynton Beach Library
9451 Jog Road, Boynton Beach

Thursday, March 12 6:00PM – 7:00PM Carolyn Simms Center
225 NW 12th Avenue Boynton Beach

If you have problems with a federal agency or have questions about the census, stop by. My staff will be there to do their best to assist you.

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You can see legislation I have sponsored on my website at <https://frankel.house.gov/legislation/sponsoredbills.htm>

You may contact my district office at (561) 998-9045

I look forward to meeting you, hearing from you and serving you.