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October 2023

Friends and Neighbors:

We hope you're doing well !

Office Updates

Beginning in October, I will begin traveling to Tallahassee for committee weeks. During committee weeks I will be attending presentations on bills and receiving other presentations from key stakeholders in our state. The Florida Legislature meets in session every year for sixty consecutive days. A regular session of the legislature shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each even-numbered year.

Constituent Services

You may not know, but we have two offices to serve our constituents. Our main office is in Boynton Beach and our satellite office is located in Belle Glade. Some of the issues our office may help you with include unemployment, food stamps, Medicaid, DMV-related matters and many other areas handled by state agencies. Please do not hesitate to reach out to either office. We will be sure to assist you and point you in the right direction.

To schedule an appointment with a caseworker in Boynton Beach, please call my office at 561.292.6014. Our Belle Glade office is managed by Brenda Bryant. Office hours in Belle Glade are held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00am-3:00pm. Please call Brenda at 561.873.5090 to schedule directly.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Berman" followed by a horizontal flourish line.

Lori Berman



SENATOR BERMAN'S 2024 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS



Appropriations Committee on
Agriculture, Environment, and General
Government, Vice Chair

AGRICULTURE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

EDUCATION PRE-K12

FINANCE & TAX

FISCAL POLICY

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON
RESILIENCY**

These are my committee assignments for the 2024 Legislative Session. I am honored to serve as the Vice Chair on the Appropriations committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government. Please keep in mind all committee meetings are able to be viewed in real time on the Florida Channel!



Purchase Assistance Funding Available for First-Time Homebuyers

Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Development (HED) announces the availability of HOME Investments Partnership First-Time Homebuyer Program funds.

Funding will provide up to \$100,000 to assist income eligible applicants with acquiring their first home (including acquisition, acquisition/rehabilitation, new construction, down payment and closing costs) that will be used as their principal place of residence.

The online application portal will open on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023 at 8 a.m. and close on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (or until 50 applications have been submitted). Applications must be submitted online, and will be processed on a first submitted, first qualified, first served basis, subject to funding availability. Eligible applicants can apply by visiting the website at <https://pbcgov.com/HED>.

Note: Additional program information and required documents needed are also located on the website.

Mandatory: Before submitting an application, ALL applicants are required to attend one of the Virtual Mandatory Orientations noted below:

- Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at 10 a.m. or Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, at 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, at 10 a.m. or Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, at 2 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at 10 a.m. or Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, at 2 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at 10 a.m. or Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023 at 2 p.m.

The Mandatory Orientation Meeting WebEx link is:

<https://pbc-gov.webex.com/pbc-gov/j.php?MTID=m0590f8a5e00bc24c0aa2ef4cef5256a8>

(or) dial 904-900-2303 to join by phone
Meeting number (access code) 2319 194 0251 – Password: QQxcQa7Bw23

For additional information, contact:
Mortgage and Housing Investments Division at 561-233-3600
Antoinette Prescott at 561-233-3606 or via email at HEDverify@pbcgov.org.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots: Information from the PBC Supervisor of Elections

If you received a Vote-by-Mail ballot in 2022 and you have not renewed your request since November 9th, your mail ballot request has expired. New Florida Laws require voters who are interested in voting by mail to request a new mail ballot after each General Election cycle.

If you want to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the 2024 elections, you will need to complete a new [request](#).

There are three upcoming elections in 2024 in which voters will have an opportunity to cast their ballot, including a Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) on March 19th, a Primary Election on August 20th, and the General Election on November 5th. The Presidential Preference Primary on March 19th will coincide with local municipal elections. If you want to vote by mail for any of these elections, please request your mail ballot today.

THE PALM BEACHES
You're Invited



Are you hiring?

The Palm Beaches Hospitality & Tourism Job Fair

Discover The Palm Beaches is partnering with CareerSource Palm Beach County to host our 2nd annual The Palm Beaches Hospitality & Tourism Job Fair. With a robust marketing and advertising campaign to attract potential job applicants this not to miss event will attract potential job applicants of all skill levels!

New for this year the Job Fair will include workshops on:

- Resume Writing
- Soft Skills
- Why a Career in Hospitality and Tourism is Right for you!

When: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Hilton Palm Beach Airport

If you are interested in participating in this FREE event, please complete our registration link below.

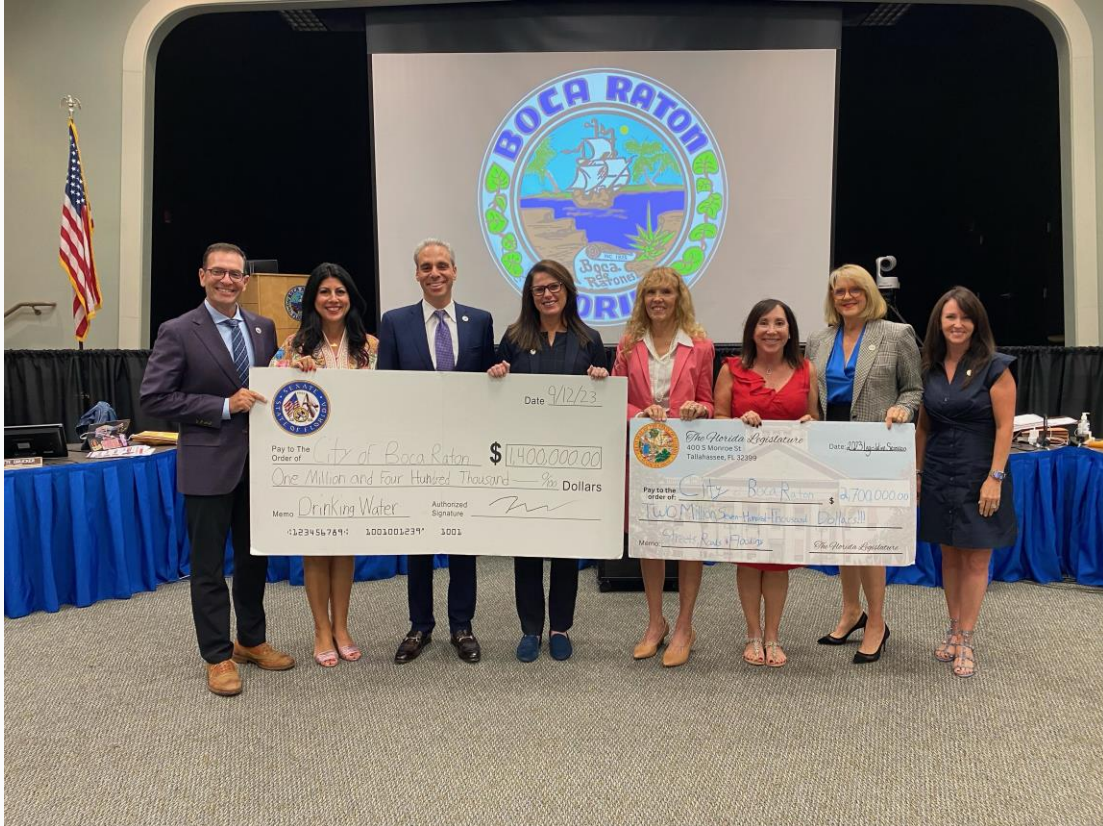
[Register Here \[marketing.thepalmbeaches.com\]](https://marketing.thepalmbeaches.com)



early detection save lives
OCTOBER
BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS VISIT
WWW.NATIONALBREASTCANCER.ORG





Thrilled to have been able to present this Appropriation check to the city of Boca Raton! These funds will help improve drinking water in District 26.

Attending events around district 26:





This

month, I attended several events around Senate District 26 and had the pleasure to attend many tours.



PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

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PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE AND WORKSHOPS

2023-2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair and Public Hearing

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Gordon and Patricia Gray Auditorium
Loggerhead Marinelife Center
14200 U.S. Highway 1
Juno Beach, FL 33408

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Local Bill and Public Hearing

Wednesday, November 1, 2023
Greenacres Community Center
501 Swain Blvd
Greenacres, FL 33463

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Public Hearing

Thursday, November 30, 2023
Belle Glade Library and Civic Center
725 NW 4th St
Belle Glade, FL 33430

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

WORKSHOPS

Joint Meeting with the Palm Beach County League of Cities

October 27, 2023
Intracoastal Park Clubhouse
2240 N. Federal Highway,
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Joint Meeting with the Palm Beach County School Board

November 1, 2023
Greenacres Community Center
501 Swain Blvd
Greenacres, FL 33463

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Joint Meeting with the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

October 23, 2023
Clayton E Hutchinson Agricultural Center
559 North Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

This schedule is subject to change.

Anyone interested in addressing the Legislative Delegation at a Public Hearing should call the Delegation Office at 561-355-2406 or email VNowlan@pbcgov.org or GMercado@pbcgov.org.



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