



District 34 Legislative Update

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Helpful Information



A Message From State Senator Gary Farmer Florida Senate Democratic Leader

While many of us had hoped to put these troubled times behind us when we said goodbye to 2020, the truth is that 2021 has been off to quite a difficult start. Between Donald Trump's attempts to overthrow democracy and rising COVID infection levels within our communities, there is certainly plenty about which we should all be concerned.

The good news is that I truly believe that the light at the end of the tunnel is within sight. Within days Joe Biden will be President in the Oval Office. For the first time in four years we will be able to say with confidence that the President of the United States has our best interests at heart. Everyday more and more Floridians are getting vaccinated, and despite a difficult vaccine rollout here in Florida, we can soon look forward to better coordination on the federal level that will put science before politics.

To all of you who are suffering as a result of COVID-19 I offer my heartfelt pledge to do everything in my power to help you and your families. To those who have courageously put their lives on hold to fight this deadly disease, I and the rest of our community owe you a great debt of gratitude.

Committee Weeks

- Week of January 11th
- Week of January 25th
- Week of February 1st
- Week of February 8th
- Week of February 15th

Session Dates

- March 2nd
Legislature Convenes
- April 30th
Last Day of Regular Session

Holding Donald Trump Accountable

We watched in horror as a band of thugs stormed the Capitol in an attempt to destroy our previously unbroken tradition of a peaceful transfer of power. Leading this criminal mob was President Donald J. Trump. Following this repugnant display of sedition by a sitting president, Donald Trump was rightfully impeached by the House of Representatives for incitement of insurrection.

Donald Trump's treacherous actions are not only a violation of federal law and an affront to the Constitution, but they clearly violated our state statutes as well. By intentionally stoking the flames before and during the siege in D.C. Donald Trump incited insurrection, advocated for the overthrow of our government, and attempted to subvert the U.S. Constitution and functions of Congress. Each of those offenses are violations of Florida law.

The people of Broward County deserve accountability from all of their public servants, and as such I have sent a letter to Florida's Attorney General Ashley Moody requesting a full investigation into Donald Trump's violation of Florida's laws, and for his prosecution to the fullest extent of the law. While I sent this letter on behalf of our district, if you agree with me I would encourage you to contact both our Attorney General and the US Dept. of Justice to request their action on this matter.

Vaccine Information

In recent weeks doses of both the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines were distributed by the Florida Dept. of Health and received here in Broward. Due to an overwhelming demand, appointments have been filling up soon after becoming available. Please monitor the sites below to stay up to date with the eligibility criteria and available appointments as they are frequently changing.

- BrowardCovidVaccine.com
- BrowardHealth.org/pages/being-healthy-vaccine
- MHS.net/patients-visitors/coronavirus-disease

Highlighted Bill

I proudly filed a bill (SB 664) to legalize the use and possession of marijuana for adults over the age of 21 in Florida. While no issue facing our state has a single easy solution, I believe that the legalization of recreational marijuana will help to confront many of the most serious problems facing Florida today. This bill will free thousands of Floridians from the vicious cycle of our criminal justice system, while simultaneously providing an avenue through which our state, county, and local governments will be able to successfully navigate the unprecedented budget crisis resulting from COVID-19.

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