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Dear Residents,

Greetings from Tallahassee! As we officially wrap up week one of the 2024 Legislative Session, I'm excited to share that the momentum is strong, and my commitment to serving the residents of Florida remains unwavering. Having spent months on research and preparation, I am prepared to collaborate with my esteemed colleagues in the Senate and House to address the issues of the State of Florida.

Looking ahead, I am eager to continue this collaborative effort to ensure that all residents in the state of Florida can enjoy a high quality of life. As we navigate through the 60-day Session, the team of District 32 is dedicated to keeping you well-informed. During the 2024 Legislative Session, expect weekly updates delivered straight to your inbox, providing insights into our progress and key developments.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent you, and I am confident that, together with my colleagues, we can make a positive impact on the lives of Floridians. Stay tuned for further updates and thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of shaping a better future for our great state!

First Day with Family!

On the Opening Day of the Florida 2024 Legislative Session, my heart was filled with joy to be able to experience the day with my daughter and granddaughter, Shennette and Kyla! Seeing their faces added an extra layer of happiness to the occasion, and I couldn't have asked for a better way to share such a special day. It was a moment of

pure joy, and I felt grateful for the opportunity to begin the Legislative Session surrounded by the love of my family.







First Day Selfies!





Committee Assignments

In the Florida Legislature, committees are established to vote on and propose solutions for the benefit of Florida's residents. These committees are tailored to specific issues and are named based on their intended purpose.

I am pleased to share that I have been appointed to several significant committees within the Florida Legislature, including the roles of Vice Chair on the Community Affairs Committee and membership in the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government, Education Pre-K -12, Fiscal Policy, Health Policy, Regulated Industries, Rules, and the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute and make a positive impact in these important areas, and I eagerly look forward to the meaningful work ahead. Please see below for more information on my assigned committees for the 2024 Legislative Session.

Committee Assignments for the 2024 Legislative Session



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- CA Community Affairs (Vice Chair): This committee is responsible for a broad range of issues relating to local governments.

 Appropriations on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government: This
- committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on the state budget for agriculture, environment, and general government programs
- **Education Pre-K 12:** This committee is responsible for overseeing the state's education policies and programs for children from pre-k to 12th grade.
- **Fiscal Policy:** This committee is responsible for reviewing and analyzing Florida's fiscal policies and making recommendations to the Senate.
- **HP Health Policy:** This committee is responsible for reviewing and proposing legislation related to health care policy in Florida.
- **RI**Regulated Industries: This committee is responsible for maintaining a review of the work of state agencies concerned with their subject areas and the performance of the functions of government within each area.
- **RC** Rules: This committee is responsible for reviewing all proposed bills to ensure that they follow the guidelines of the State.
- **JAPC**Joint Administrative Procedures: This committee is responsible for ensuring that the rules adopted by the executive branch agencies do not create new law, and stay within the authority specifically delegated by the legislature.



After putting in months of groundwork, I've been actively working with my colleagues in the Senate and House to represent your interests. From advocating for enhanced healthcare services to pushing for comprehensive education reforms, our focus is on driving meaningful change and addressing the core concerns that matter most to our community. Please see below for more information on all of the bills I have filed for the 2024 legislative Session.

Legislation Update: Current List of Filed Bills



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SB62	Resident Status for Tuition: This bill changes the requirements for a person to be considered a resident for tuition purposes to include time spent in certain correctional institutions.
SB64	Landlords & Tenants: This bill limits rent increases in certain circumstances and clarifies that a landlord can still terminate the rental agreement even if a partial payment is made.
SB252	Psychiatric Therapy: This bill defines electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) and psychosurgical procedure requiring only physicians perform them and prohibits procedures on minors.
SB350	Cold Case Murders: This bill allows local agencies to work on cold cases if they have the resources or turn them over to the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement if they can't work the case.
SB354	Task Force on Missing & Murdered African-American Women: This bill establishes the Task Force within the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement to address and reduce violence against African-American women and girls.
SB372	State Certified Doulas: This bill defines a "state-certified doula" and requires the Dept. of Health to create certification requirements, best practices, a public registry, and a list of entities with approved education/training for doulas.
SB374	Human Trafficking: This bill revises the term "coercion" and authorizes the prosecution of specified offenses under the RICO Act. It requires several state agencies to establish awareness training programs and partnerships.
SB386	Affordable Housing Parking Requirements: The bill requires counties and municipalities to reduce parking requirements for certain developments if specific conditions are met. The concept of this bill is now in SB 328.
SB1426	Sale of Rabbits: This bill is designed to help curtail the growing wild rabbit population by requiring better accountability for rabbits sold by pet stores and prohibits the sale of rabbits during the months of March and April.
SB1446	Access to Contraception: This bill's primary purpose is to establish and protect the right to access contraception in the state of Florida.
SB1460	Child Support and Time-sharing Resulting from Unwanted Pregnancies: This bill sets the guidelines for pregnancies resulting from rape, incest or human trafficking if the victim is unable to receive an abortion.
SB1462	Reduction in Black Female and Women's Maternal Mortality Grant Program: This bill establishes the Reduction in Black Female and Women's Maternal Mortality Grant Program and aims reduce Black female and women's maternal mortality.
SB1610	Financial Accountability in Publicly Funded Education: This bill establishes universal standards for the use of public funds in the education system.
SB1688	Career-themed Courses: This bill requires school districts to inform middle school students and parents of career and technical education opportunities.



Week One Wins!

As the 2024 Legislative Session unfolds, Affordable Housing remains a top priority for Senate President Kathleen Passidomo (R-Collier County). During Week One, the concept of our proposed legislation, <u>SB</u> 386, Affordable Housing Parking Requirements, has been incorporated into the <u>SB</u> 328, Affordable Housing, spearheaded by Senator Calatayud (R-Miami Dade County). Excitingly, my amendment has passed through the Community Affairs committee, securing its place in the Affordable Housing bill that builds upon the Live Local Act from the 2023 Session! I am determined to drive positive change and tackle crucial community issues, including affordable housing.

In addition, with this progress, I want to extend more appreciation to **President Kathleen Passidomo (R-Collier County)** for providing the remarkable opportunity to co-introduce <u>SB 7000</u>, Deregulation of Public Schools/Instructional, Administrative, and Support Personnel, <u>SB 7002</u>, Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight, and <u>SB 7004</u>, Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education Choice. Pushing policy forward in order to benefit students and teachers is a commitment I have been faithful to since I was a School Board member. Another huge thank you also goes to **Senator Calatayud (R-Miami Dade County)** and **Senator Hutson (R-Volusia County)** for their ongoing dedication to ensuring a seamless introduction of this crucial legislation. Together, we're shaping a more equitable educational landscape in Florida!









From the Senate Floor

While on the Senate floor, my role as a Florida State Senator is dynamic and impactful. I actively engage in debates, passionately introduce and discuss bills, and advocate for the needs of my constituents. Every vote cast is a commitment to the betterment of Florida, and through collaborative efforts with fellow legislators, we address statewide issues and shape meaningful legislation. Serving on the Senate floor is not just a duty; it's a personal commitment to the well-being and progress of our beloved state.

This week, during the session, I had the opportunity to co-introduce <u>SB 7000</u>, Deregulation of Public Schools/Instructional, Administrative, and Support Personnel, <u>SB 7002</u>, Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight, and <u>SB 7004</u>, Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education Choice with **Senator Calatayud (R-Miami Dade County)** and **Senator Hutson (R-Volusia County)**. Additionally, I had the privilege of supporting SR 336 and SR 630, state resolutions that recognize Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami/Inter Miami CF and the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial, respectively.

As a Broward County elected Senator and native, I find it gratifying to witness the remarkable achievements of Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami/Inter Miami CF. It's inspiring to see a local entity making significant strides and contributing to the community's pride. Moreover, as a former Lady Rattlerette for Florida A&M University's Women's Basketball team, acknowledging the Bicentennial for Tallahassee-Leon County on the Senate Floor was truly incredible. Transitioning from a student living in Tallahassee to now traveling here as a Florida State Senator not only reflects my personal growth but also highlights the opportunities and development that Tallahassee provides.







Tuesday Talks Are Back!

I am delighted to bring back the much-anticipated Tuesday Talks, where we can connect, share ideas, and talk legislative updates. Mark your calendars grab your favorite cup of coffee and join me virtually via Facebook every Tuesday starting January 9, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.!

fine Live from the Florida Capitol:

I'll be hosting live sessions every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., directly from Florida Capitol! Explore firsthand the updates, news, and insights that shape the ongoing legislative process affecting our community.

Coffee Companion:

Make it a ritual! Grab your favorite cup of coffee, settle into a comfortable space, and let's engage in meaningful conversations about the issues that matter most to us.

Mark Your Calendar:

Starting January 10, 2023, and every Tuesday during the 2024 Session, join me at 8:30 a.m. to stay informed, connected, and actively involved in the discourse shaping our community's future.

Wirtual Gathering on Facebook:

Connect with me on my Facebook at Rosalind Osgood to participate in this informative series.

Your presence and engagement are invaluable as we embark on this journey empowerment. I look forward to having you join me for Tuesday Talks, where your voice matters!



Wishing you a Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

Warm Regards,

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