



Inner City Youth Golfers' Incorporated

Press Release

“Rep. Taylor Announces Her 2010 County Commission Candidacy”

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Riviera Beach (USA), July 1, 2009: Florida District 84 Representative, Priscilla Taylor, D-West Palm Beach, announced at high noon, June 25, 2009 that “after much consideration and encouragement from my family, friends, and supporters, I have made the decision not to seek re-election to the Florida House of Representatives. Instead, I am excited and honored to officially declare myself a Democratic candidate for the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners, District 7” seat which is vacant. Florida Governor Charlie Crist interviewed those individuals considered on his short list more than two months ago but has not announced his choice for the seat. Taylor was on the short list then but has only been told that “the Governor is only following normal procedures.

Some accounts indicated that “Crist is not expected to name an appointee to the seat this week. Taylor stated, “While I have the utmost respect for Gov. Crist and I do hope certainly that I am the governor’s choice, I see no reason to wait on the governor’s decision to launch my campaign.” Whoever gets the appointment must run for the office in 2010. She vowed to “continue listening to as many persons as possible in the coming weeks and to run a grassroots campaign.”

Family, friends, business executives, supporters, Senior County/City Staffers; politicians to include Florida State Senator Chris Smith; State Representative Maria Sachs; Palm Beach County District 6 Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria; West Palm Beach Mayor Lois Frankel, Councilman Ike Robinson; Port of Palm Beach District Commissioners Edward R. Oppel, Blair J. Ciklin, George E. Mastics; C. David Goodlett; Dennis Grady; Representatives from Senators Nelson and Martinez’s office and former County Commissioner Addie Greene; Edith C. Bush; Clewis Wright, Jr. among others who packed the 12th floor conference room of the Palm Beach County building.

“It’s a great, great day for Palm Beach County but a sad day for Tallahassee,” Senator Smith said. Several others from Riviera Beach, Delray, Lake Worth, West Palm and the Glades were overheard saying that “her collective ten years of working in the trenches at the State and local levels for the good of all of the people gives her the kind of problem solving experience and understanding that their Commissioner should have.” Mayor Frankel essentially stated that “Priscilla will not have to learn on the job – she is experienced!”

Taylor’s House seat is likely to attract a slew of candidates, including at least two people who attended Taylor’s announcement: Delray Beach City Commissioner Mack Bernard and former Democratic state Rep. James Henry “Hank” Harper, Jr.

Ms. Taylor served admirably as the Chairwoman, Port of Palm Beach District Commission and subsequently elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2004 to present. She was Democratic Whip 2004-2006. She also served on the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, National Advisory Board of Inner City Youth Golfers’, Inc. and Workforce Development Board to name a few. Representative Taylor resides in West Palm Beach, Florida. She is the owner of PT Insurance Agency. Representative Taylor has a BS from Barry University and an M.B.A. from Palm Beach Atlantic University. Priscilla has two children Vita and Sean. She is a member of Grace Episcopal Church, West Palm Beach. She loves to read and jog in her leisure time and has pledged to learn how to play golf with ICYG.



Photo by Esmeralda H. Knowles, Cutline: Palm Beach County Caucus of Black Elected Officials show their support for Taylor.