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Fifty Women Leaders Endorse Lisa Lesperance for Florida House

MIAMI-DADE – Lisa Lesperance, Democratic candidate for Florida House of Representatives in District 117, today released the names of 50 prominent women endorsing her campaign.

“I’m humbled and honored to have the support of these prominent and influential women,” Lesperance said. “It’s a great sign that our campaign is growing and word is getting out about the leadership we need in Tallahassee.”

These early endorsements are highlighted by elected officials including Pinecrest Mayor and former State Representative Cindy Lerner, Miami Beach Mayor Mattie Herrera Bower, Miami-Dade Commissioner Katy Sorenson and State Senator Nan Rich. Other prominent endorsers include former State Representatives Elaine Bloom and Annie Betancourt, political leaders Irene Korge and Annette Taddeo, three members of the Miami-Dade Commission for Women as well as business leaders, doctors and attorneys.

Lesperance is an attorney in private practice in south Miami-Dade and the leading Democratic fundraiser in District 117.

The 50 endorsers are:

Hon. Katy Sorenson
Miami-Dade Commissioner

Julie Simon
Community leader
Public relations

Hon. Cindy Lerner
Mayor, Pinecrest
Fmr. State Rep.

Hon. Elaine Bloom
Former State Rep.

Irene Korge
Community leader

Hon. Dorothy Thomson
Fmr. Mayor, Coral Gables

Grissell Gomez, DDS
Dentist

Hon. Nan Rich
Florida Senator

Alicia Jacobo
Accountant

Hon. Evelyn Greer, Esq.
Fmr. Mayor, Pinecrest
Fmr. School Board Member

Rita Echevarria-Salgueiro, DDS
Endodontist

Christina Ramirez
Educator, Belen Jesuit



Dr. Bick Simpson
Psychologist

Hon. Valerie Newman
Commissioner, South Miami

Hon. Betsy Kaplan
Fmr. School Board Member

Hon. Daisy Black
Commissioner, El Portal
Vice-Chair, Miami-Dade Dem. Party

Sunny Goldin, Esq.
Attorney

Hon. Maria Anderson
Commissioner, Coral Gables

Bonnie Daniels, Esq.
Attorney

Ellis Robinson
Community leader

Dr. Shirley Merlin West
Community leader
Fmr. Pres. Democratic POWER

Myra Perez-Damera, Esq.
Pres. M-D Dem Hispanic Caucus
Attorney

Annette Taddeo
Dem. Nominee, Cong. Dist 18
Fmr. Chair, M-D Women's
Chamber of Commerce

June Valdivia
Retired
National Gold Star Mothers

Hon. Mattie Herrera Bower
Mayor, City of Miami Beach

Minda Hammersmith, Esq.
Attorney

America Schroh-Tavarez
Pres. Latin-American Dem. Caucus

Carmen Briceno, DMD
Orthodontist

Jacqueline Woodward, Esq.
Attorney

Barbara Schwartz
Member, Miami-Dade Commission
for Women

Livia Dreize, Esq.
Attorney

Maria Olivera, DVM
Business Owner
South Miami Animal Hospital

Carol Horkowitz-Tsaoussis, DMD
Prosthodontist

Elaine Klein, DDS
Dentist

Dr. Judy Gentle
Chiropractor

Lauren Jo Wood
Chief, M-D Fire Rescue Battalion

Hon. Annie Betancourt
Fmr. State Representative

Denise Martinez-Scanziani, Esq.
Attorney

Maria Roberts
Member, Miami-Dade Commission
for Women



Wendy Sejour

Secretary, Democracy for
America Miami

Diana Shinaberry

Member, Miami-Dade Commission
for Women

Hon. Valerie Hickey Patton

Fmr. Mayor, West Miami

Barbara Jorgenson

Community leader, retired

Maria Hofbauer

Air Traffic Support Specialist

Shaloma Shawmut-Lessner

Community leader, volunteer
National Women's Political Caucus

Irene Marron-Tarrazzi, DDS

Periodontist

Nicole Sandler

Air America Radio Host

Florence Moss

Pres. Miami-Dade Young Democrats

Carol Barnette Wright

Retired Professor
Miami-Dade College

Mireya Kilmon

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