



## Media Advisory

Punta Gorda, [September 21, 2023] - The City of Punta Gorda is delighted to announce Mayor Lynne Matthews' appointment as a distinguished member of the 2023-2024 Advocacy Committee for the Florida League of Cities (FLC). This prestigious committee plays a pivotal role in garnering support among the League's membership and the state Legislature for the legislative priorities adopted by FLC members. Additionally, the Advocacy Committee is tasked with direct engagement with state elected officials to champion the FLC Legislative Action agenda and other critical issues, while also providing strategic guidance for the League's lobbying efforts.

Mayor Matthews, who has faithfully represented District Four on the Punta Gorda City Council since 2016, brings a wealth of experience in cultivating robust relationships with federal and state delegations. She possesses immense knowledge of how legislative proposals can impact municipal operations. Her involvement with this esteemed committee provides a vital platform for Mayor Matthews to advocate for the concerns facing the City of Punta Gorda.

Among the responsibilities entrusted to Mayor Matthews within this committee are promptly responding to at least five FLC legislative alerts, nurturing strong ties with members of our state and federal legislative delegation, holding biannual meetings with legislative delegation members to promote the FLC Legislative Action agenda and maintain these critical relationships, and serving as a Legislative Key Contact while championing Home Rule through civic organizations.

Mayor Matthews expressed her sentiments on this appointment: "It is a great honor to be chosen to serve on a committee with such a profound impact on our community. I am deeply passionate about legislative advocacy and fully committed to preserving and enhancing our relationships with our state and federal delegations. Furthermore, I eagerly look forward to engaging with fellow city leaders to better understand their challenges and opportunities."

The City of Punta Gorda takes immense pride in Mayor Matthews' appointment to the 2023-2024 Advocacy Committee. Her unwavering dedication to serving the community and her willingness to undertake this pivotal role further underscore our city's commitment to legislative advocacy and Home Rule in Punta Gorda.

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